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Forsake Us Not.

"Forsake us not—O Lord! be near
Thy Church, when low'ring clouds appear;
That heav'nly light, Thy Word divine,
Continue in our midst to shine.

"While sin and death around we see,
Oh! grant that we may constant be,
And pure retain, till life is spent,
Thy precious Word and Sacrament.

"Dear Savior! help—Thy Church uphold;
For we are sluggish, thoughtless, cold—
Endue Thy Word with power and grace,
And spread its truth in ev'ry place."

Reformation Day.

The 31st of October is Reformation Day. It is a day of joy and thanksgiving. It reminds us of the great blessings which God bestowed upon His Church through His servant Dr. Martin Luther.

The greatest of these many blessings is the knowledge of the way of salvation by grace through faith in Jesus, the Savior of sinners.

This true way of salvation is clearly revealed in the Bible, and the Bible existed before Luther's time. But during the dark reign of popery God's blessed Book was hidden from the people. Even those who claimed to be the teachers of the church had mostly never seen it, much less had they ever read it. They did not teach and preach God's Word, but man's word; not the comforting Gospel of Christ, but the false doctrines of the pope and his priests, which could give the troubled heart no peace and no comfort. Jesus was preached, not as the loving Savior who invites all heavy-laden sinners to come unto Him for rest, but as the

severe and cruel Judge from whom sinners must flee. Luther says that he trembled and was frightened whenever he heard the name of Jesus. The anxious sinner was not told to trust in the finished work of Christ for salvation, but he was told to trust in his own words, in his prayers to the saints, and in the mass said by the priests. He was told to rely, not on the righteousness of Christ, which alone avails in the sight of God, but on man's righteousness, which, as the prophet says, is but "filthy rags." Thus the people were led, not in the true way of salvation, but into the ways in which they must be lost.

Luther himself passed through much agony before he found the true way of salvation. He went the way the Romish church told him to go, and tried to merit salvation by his own works and to get to heaven by his own righteousness. But he found no peace until God opened to him the Bible, from which he learned that sinners are saved, not by their own works and holiness, but by grace through faith in Christ, the only Savior. By faith in the Gospel he found peace, and rest, and happiness; and this Gospel he made known to the people and defended it against all its enemies. He became God's messenger, "having the everlasting Gospel to preach unto them that dwell on the earth, and to every nation, and kindred, and tongue, and people." In all his preaching and writing it was his aim to make plain the Gospel way to salvation by grace through faith in Jesus. In this Gospel light many thousands, who had been groping in the darkness of popery, rejoiced and gave thanks unto God for His great mercy.

We still have the Gospel, which is "the power of God unto salvation to every one that

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believeth," and well may we on Reformation Day, rejoice and thank God for restoring to His Church the pure Gospel through His servant Dr. Martin Luther. And if that Gospel is precious to us, let us, like Luther earnestly labor for the spread of that Gospel, so that others also may be brought into the true way of salvation by faith in the Gospel of Jesus.

The Fortress Still Stands.

A Roman Catholic Duke of high distinction accompanied Emperor Charles V to Germany in 1547. He heard the Lutherans sing, "A mighty fortress is our God," and mockingly said, "I'll blow up their mighty fortress, or I will die." The story goes that on the third day after he unexpectedly died.

The fortress still stands.

Back to Her Church.

In an African village an aged widow was on her dying bed. She was restless and very much troubled because in her youth she had left the Lutheran church and joined the Catholics. Her husband had compelled her to attend the Romish services regularly. But when she became a widow she could no longer bear to worship the saints and the Virgin Mary, and refused to do so. The black Catholic priest then cursed her, and the Catholic children would no longer have anything to do with her. In her great trouble the poor widow sent for the Lutheran missionary. As he sat beside her bed, she said, "Let me die in my dear Lutheran church. I believe that I am saved only through the blood of my Savior." The missionary comforted her and received her back into the Lutheran church. With great joy she partook of the Lord's Supper for the forgiveness of her sins, and the next day she peacefully fell asleep in Jesus.

AMONG OUR DEAF.

Chicago.—We regret to report that Mr. and Mrs. John Krejci have left Chicago. They have moved to Mrs. Krejci's parents at Boone, Ia., where he will help his aged father-in-law take care of his farm. Mr. Krejci was one of the class that was confirmed this year. Though taken from a place where the Word of God is regularly preached to the deaf they have Jesus and His written Word with them through which they have communication with their Savior.

Miss Leona Hull, a member of our Minneapolis deaf-mute congregation, who was in Chicago for a few weeks on a visit, attended our services. Before leaving her home her pastor had fitted her out with the local pastor's address as well as that of the church. We wish, in calling attention to this point, to impress upon the mind the importance of taking along upon a journey the church directory of our missions which is printed on the fourth page of "The Deaf Lutheran" so that you may readily look up the missionaries or the churches or else can drop a postal to the pastor asking to be directed to the services.

Other out-of-town visitors of our services were Mrs. Chas. Morris of Kansas, Ill., and Mrs. J. Fuller of Elkhart, Ind.

On September 5, Mr. Ph. Hoehn and Miss Alice Grahlmann were joined in holy wedlock by the pastor. Both are members of the church.

The annual picnic of our congregation which took place the latter part of August afforded all a very agreeable afternoon. Many deaf were there and made the acquaintance of a great number of hearing Lutheran friends who attended. Incidentally a profit of \$335 was recorded.

In the September meeting of the congregation it was decided to decorate the interior of the church and improve the damp basement of the church by waterproofing the walls and replacing the floor. These improvements will cost between \$500 and \$600. The proceeds from our picnic stand us in good stead.

September 17 Pastor Uhlig's home was brightened by the arrival of a healthy baby boy.

South Bend, Ind.—The 20th day of September was an eventful day for the Ev-Luth. Deaf-

mute Congregation of our Redeemer. Of late this congregation numbered five communicant members. But it was a joyful occasion when on the above mentioned day nine adult deaf were confirmed in the Lutheran church in the presence of twenty other deaf and a number of hearing people. For many months these people had diligently studied the Bible from our Lutheran catechism. Two of the nine were also baptized, Mr. Vernon Sosomen and Mrs. Charles Flair. The others are Mr. and Mrs. John M. Arnot, Mr. Charles Flair, Mrs. Frances Martindale, Mrs. Amanda Lower of Elkhart, Ind., Miss Edith Flair, and Miss Margaret Ort of Mishawaka, Ind. It certainly was touching to see in this row of nine four venerable heads of gray ranging in age from 60 to 74 years. And all gave proof of their love for Jesus and His Word and the Lutheran Church. The address was based upon Genesis 15, 8. The service was concluded by the celebration of the Lord's Supper, of which fourteen partook. O Lord, let us be Thine forever!

St. Louis, Mo.—Lowell Arthur Crabtree, born Jan. 7th, 1901, was baptized Sept. 2d by Pastor C. Schubkegel.

This boy and Edward Hemminghaus, both of whom have been instructed in the Christian doctrine for more than a year, and Walter Hemminghaus, who was confirmed here about two years ago, left this city on Sept. 9th to enter the State School for the deaf at Fulton, Mo. We hope that by the grace of God they will always believe and cling to the One thing needful, Christ and His word.

In our service of August 23d we were pleased to meet Mr. Ed. Luchow of Detroit, Mich., who was confirmed here five years ago.—Our congregation received a new communicant member in the person of Miss Esther Kraft, a former pupil of our Lutheran school for the deaf in North Detroit, Mich., who is now residing here with her sister, Mrs. Bruns.

Kansas City, Mo.—Mr. J. H. Marksburg, an old resident of Kansas City, died on Sept. 3d after a long illness and was buried on Sept. 5th, services being conducted by Rev. N. Jensen. A large number of friends and relatives were present at the services conducted in the home of the deceased. Mr. Marksburg attended services quite frequently and we hope that in these

services he learned to know and believe in Him of whom St. Paul says: "Christ died for all, that they which live should not henceforth live unto themselves, but unto Him which died for them, and rose again," II Cor. 5, 15.

At the annual mission festival of our hearing congregation at Luverne, Ia., held on Aug. 30th, Rev. Jensen presented the cause of our mission to a large audience and interested them in our work among the deaf. Twelve subscribers were won for the Deaf Lutheran and a part of the collection donated to our mission.

On Sept. 13th Rev. Jensen made his semi-annual trip to Canton, Kansas, preaching to nine deaf in the church of Rev. H. Hellmann. The deaf of this part of the state live isolated, but several times a year they agree on a meeting place and have Rev. Jensen come to preach to them so as to hear an occasional sermon preached in the sign-language. Some of our deaf friends come twenty-five miles to attend this service. The next service will be held soon after New Year.

Minneapolis.—Every month a neat little sum is added to our church fund. Also during the last month our fund was not forgotten. Mr. and Mrs. E. Bauer gave an ice cream social at their home on the 22nd of August. Although it was a stormy night, the affair netted our fund the goodly sum of \$19.15. We also acknowledge with thanks the receipt of \$1.00 for our mission and \$1.00 for our fund from Mr. E. Dahius. We received also \$2.00 for our mission from Mr. G. H. Lindhorst of St. Louis who paid us a pleasant visit. Hearty thanks!

All our friends are hereby requested to make a note of our new address: 2418 Emerson Ave. No., Minneapolis.

Winona.—On the 30th of August, the 12th Sunday after Trinity, Pastor Salvner preached in the interest of our mission, to St. Martin's Congregation of Winona, of which Rev. A. Sauer is pastor. Mr. Hanson and Mrs. Sievers, members of our deaf mission in Winona, with their pastor rendered in signs the hymn "Rock of Ages" while the choir of the congregation sang it. The collection for our work in Minneapolis amounted to \$57.19. We also secured nine new subscribers. Our services are held every month in the vestry of St. Martin's Congregation and whenever he preaches there, Pas-

tor Salvner enjoys the kind hospitality of Rev. and Mrs. Sauer. We herewith extend our hearty thanks to all and hope they will continue to remember us and our work among the deaf in their daily prayers. On this Sunday, Mr. Jens Hansen, president of Grace Congregation, conducted reading services at Minneapolis, which were attended by about 35 deaf.

Rochester.—On the 6th of September, Rev. J. Salvner attended the mission festival of our congregation at Rochester of which Rev. M. Weinhold is pastor. In the evening a lecture on our work was given. A part of the collection will be given for our mission to the deaf. We received four new subscriptions and \$6.75 for our church fund: \$5.00 from Mr. E. H. Maass and \$1.75 from Rev. P. Becker of Canada. A hearty "Thank you" to pastor, congregation, and all kind givers!—While the pastor was in Rochester, Mr. A. Dahms, a student of Concordia College, held services with the deaf at Minneapolis and at St. Paul. Mr. Dahms takes a lively interest in our work and is continually improving in the use of signs. We hope that some day we shall see him enter this our mission, so that by the preaching of the gospel many more deaf will come unto the knowledge of the truth and become heirs of eternal life.

SERVICES FOR THE DEAF.

CHICAGO, ILL.

Congregation of Our Savior, Crystal St., near North Hoyne Ave., Northwest Side. Services every Sunday, at 10:30 a. m. Oral Sunday School, 9:30 a. m., by Rev. N. P. Uhlig, 1431 N. Fairfield Ave., Chicago, Ill.

SOUTH BEND, IND.

Services the 3rd Wednesday of each month, by Rev. N. Uhlig.

ST. JOSEPH, MICH.

Services Thursday following the third Wednesday of every month at the German-Lutheran Church, by Rev. N. Uhlig.

NEW YORK, N. Y.

Services every Sunday at 3 p. m., St. Mathew's Lutheran Church, Elizabeth and Broome Sts., by Rev. A. Boll, 315 Fenimore, Brooklyn, N. Y.

ST. LOUIS, MO.

Lutheran Zions School, 20th and Benton Sts. Services every second and fourth Sunday of the month, by the Rev. C. Schubkegel, 4218a Maffit Ave., St. Louis, Mo.

ST. CHARLES, MO.

Services every first Sunday of the month by Rev. C. Schubkegel.

INDIANAPOLIS, IND.

Services by special appointment, in the church, corner Ohio and North East Sts., by Rev. C. Schubkegel.

EVANSVILLE, IND.

Services by special appointment, by Rev. C. Schubkegel.

LOUISVILLE, KY.

Congregation of Our Savior for the Deaf. Services by special appointment, by Rev. C. Schubkegel.

TOLEDO, O.

Trinity Lutheran Mission for the Deaf. Services in church, corner Vance and Ewing Sts., the first Sunday of the month, at 2:30 p. m., by Rev. O. Schroeder.

FINDLAY, O.

Services in the homes of the deaf by special appointment, by Rev. O. Schroeder.

LIMA, O.

Services the second Sunday of the month in the church, corner Kibby and Jackson Sts., at 2:30 p. m., by Rev. O. Schroeder.

CLEVELAND, O.

Services by special appointment, by Rev. O. Schroeder.

FORT WAYNE, IND.

St. John's Lutheran Congregation for the Deaf. Services the second Sunday of the month in St. Paul's Chapel, corner Barr and Madison Sts., at 7 p. m., by Rev. O. Schroeder.

PERU, IND.

Services by special appointment, by Rev. O. Schroeder.

DETROIT, MICH.

Services for the deaf the third Sunday of the month, at 3 p. m., in the church, corner Gratiot and Rivard Sts., by Rev. O. Schroeder, 224 Fisher Ave.

MINNEAPOLIS, MINN.

Y. M. C. A. Building. Services every Sunday, at 11 a. m., by Rev. J. Salvner, 2115 9th Ave. S., Minneapolis, Minn.

ST. PAUL, MINN.

St. John's Lutheran Church, corner Hope and Margaret Sts. Services every Sunday, excepting the last Sunday of the month, at 3:30 p. m., by Rev. J. Salvner.

STILLWATER, MINN.

Salem Lutheran Church, corner 4th and Oak Sts. Services the last Sunday of the month, at 3:30 p. m., by Rev. J. Salvner.

WINONA, MINN.

Services on the Tuesday preceding the third Wednesday of every month in the St. Martin's Lutheran Church, at 8:15 p. m., by Rev. J. Salvner.

LA CROSSE, WIS.

Services every third Wednesday of the month in the Y. M. C. A. Hall, at 8 p. m., by Rev. J. Salvner.

KANSAS CITY, MO.

Services at Lutheran Church, 16th and Cherry Sts., every Sunday except last Sunday of the month, at 3 p. m., by Rev. N. F. Jensen, 1400 Tracy Ave.

OMAHA, NEBR.

Services at Lutheran Church, corner 28th and Parker Sts., every last Sunday of the month, at 3 p. m., by Rev. N. F. Jensen.

MILWAUKEE, WIS.

Emmanuel Chapel for the Deaf, 1711 Meinecke Ave. Divine services every Sunday, at 10 a. m., by Rev. T. Wangerin, 1711 Meinecke Ave.

Oral Sunday School from 9 to 10 a. m.

RACINE, WIS.

Services every last Sunday of the month, at 2:30 p. m., corner Kewaunee and North Erie Sts., by Rev. T. Wangerin.

SHEBOYGAN, WIS.

Monthly services the 3rd Tuesday at St. Mark's Church, at 7:30 p. m., by Rev. T. Wangerin.

OSHKOSH, WIS.

Monthly services the 2nd Wednesday, 226 Bowen St., at 7:30 p. m., by Rev. T. Wangerin.

WAUSAU and MERRILL, WIS.

Services by special appointment, by Rev. T. Wangerin.

SEATTLE, WASH.

Services every first Sunday of the month at 3 p. m. in Trinity Lutheran Church, corner E. Union St. and 22nd Ave., by Rev. Oscar Fedder, 2116 E. Union St.

TACOMA, WASH.

Services every third Sunday of the month at 3 p. m. in Zion Lutheran Church, corner 16th St. S. & L St., by Rev. Oscar Fedder.

LUTHERAN SCHOOL FOR THE DEAF, NORTH DETROIT, MICH.

The object of this school is to give its pupils a thorough Christian and common education. The regular course of instruction occupies from 7 to 8 years. Children are admitted from the age of 8 years on. Full information and application blanks may be obtained from, Rev. Wm. Gleason, North Detroit, Mich.