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Love That Passeth Knowledge.

Higher than the highest heaven,
Deeper than the deepest hell,
Is God's love to guilty sinners,
Who, through disobedience, fell.
Why love them so?
I do not know:
Redeeming love, and it alone,
Can break a heart as hard as stone.

Purer than the purest fountain,
Wider than the widest sea,
Sweeter than the sweetest music,
Is God's love in Christ to me.

Why love me so?
I do not know:
I only know
That nothing less than love Divine
Could save this sinful soul of mine.

Stronger than all evil powers
Is the fortress of our faith.
"Our life is hid with Christ in God."
In Him we'll triumph over death.
Why love us so?
I do not know:
I only know
That for His boundless love to me
I'll praise Him through eternity.

Swifter than the swiftest seraph
Ever flew from realms above,
Swifter than the lightning flashes,
Is God's swifter wing of love.

"Before I called
He answered me."
He loves me so.
But why? I'll know when I have lived
Throughout the countless years of God.

—Selected.

Preparing a Place for Us.

A teacher spoke to the smallest children in the Sunday school about Jesus, who died on the cross for our sins, rose from the dead, and went up to heaven, where He now is. The question was then put to the class: "What is He doing there now?" A little girl, not more than five years old, answered, "Teacher, He's making the place **tidy** for us." She no doubt thought of the words of Christ: "I go to prepare a place for you."

The Foretaste of Everlasting Life.

In the year 1622, a fierce persecution arose in Japan against the Christian religion and its confessors. In the town of Firando, thirty-seven were executed, among whom was a little boy between six and seven years of age, who hastened to death with such manifestations of joy, and singing Christian psalms in the Japanese language, as to cause unbounded wonder at this firmness in one so tender in years.

In the year 1627, on the 8th of February, in a hamlet near the city of Nagasaki, twelve persons were seized and violently martyred, having been burned in different parts of their bodies with red-hot iron, and afterwards beaten to death. What was most remarkable in this execution was that a six-year-old child stood these tests of faith with unwavering firmness.

In 1651, in the town of Diarbekr, in Mesopotamia, an Armenian Christian child of ten or twelve years, on an unjust charge, was flayed alive by the Turks. On the first day the skin was removed from half of the back, and he was permitted in this condition to pass the night, that they might resume the work on the following day, and continue the poor child's torture the longer. In the meantime,

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the Mohammedans endeavored to persuade the boy that, by the acceptance of their faith, he might escape martyrdom. His mother also came to her poor son, and besought him, with many tears, by means of the confession of the doctrine of the Turks, to save his life. Yet no entreaties could cause his firmness to waver, but he said with great boldness that thus far he had willingly suffered all this pain, that he was ready also to suffer more, and that all this did not give him so much trouble, as that his own mother should tempt him to deny his Saviour. All that followed he suffered with great patience, until the Pasha of the place, moved with pity, cut off his head, and thus freed him from all suffering.

I maintain that no one can deny that the firmness of such weak and tender children, under such fearful ordeals, and the sweet joy which they found in bitter death, cannot be explained otherwise than by a power from on high, and a supernatural confidence, which is properly to be called a **foretaste of everlasting life**.—Christian Scriver.

Thankfulness.

If God refused us for a time the use of His creatures; if He once withheld the sun from shining, at another time imprisoned the air, or, again, dried up the water, or quenched the fire, then we would indeed eagerly give all our money, and everything we possessed, to have once more the use of these creatures. But because He lavishes His gifts and riches on us so freely and so abundantly, we claim them as a right. Thus the unspeakably great abundance of His countless benefits hinders and darkens our faith.

If God were to say to the pope, the emperor, kings, princess, bishops, doctors, rich merchants, burghers, and farmers. "Thou shalt die this very day, unless thou givest Me a hundred thousand florins," every one would say, "Yes, with all my heart, if I may only live."

But now we are such thankless creatures, that we scarce sing Him thanks for the many and great benefits which we daily receive abundantly from His pure goodness and mercy.

Nevertheless, the gracious Father is not estranged by this, but is ever doing us good. If He stinted His gifts, instead of lavishing and showering them on us, we should thank Him more. For instance: If we were all born with one leg or foot, and only in our seventh year received the second leg; at fourteen one hand, at twenty a second, we might recognize more the worth of the gifts for a time withheld, and be more thankful.

We are so shamefully perverse that we are unthankful for our present gifts and goods, and only think of little deficiencies. Let every one go home and count the gifts which he has; he will find far more gifts than deficiencies; and let him thank God for them.—Luther.

The Bible is as full of promises as the sky is of stars, and the night of sorrow brings them out in all their glory.

Among Our Deaf.

Minneapolis.—We again received several donations for our church fund. Mr. Fred Heine, Craig, Mo., sent us \$1.00; Mrs. P. Bienert, of Lansing, 50 cents; and "Little Arnold" of Saginaw, gave us one hundred pennies. A hearty "Thank you" to all. God willing, we shall begin to build this spring. We have not all the money necessary, but we hope our friends will continue to send in their donations for this purpose, so that we soon can worship our Savior in a little church of our own.

Another interesting service was held with eight deaf from Lake City and Red Wing, in the German Lutheran Church at Red Wing. At 7:30 p. m. a communion service was held with the deaf, four of whom partook of the

Lord's Supper. Rev. Wm. Baumann thereupon preached a Lenten sermon to his congregation, which was interpreted to the deaf by Pastor Salvner. Rev. Salvner will now be able to preach more frequently in these cities, since Rev. T. M. Wangerin will henceforth minister to the spiritual needs of the deaf in La Crosse.

On the 19th of March, 16 deaf ladies met at the home of Rev. and Mrs. Salvner and organized a Ladies' Aid Society. The following officers were elected: Miss Edna Hansen, Pres.; Mrs. Edw. Bauer, Vice-Pres.; Mrs. C. H. Fels, Sec.; Mrs. Albert Ekberg, Treas. They intend to meet once a month to create and help increase the interest in our work among the deaf. May God's blessing rest upon their efforts.

St. Joseph, Mich.—About four months ago, the pastor received a postcard from a deaf lady, Mrs. A. Porter, stating that she desired the missionary to bring her a catechism the next time he came to St. Joseph and to make arrangements to instruct her in the Word of God. The fact is that arrangements had been made for a long time and this card was the result of many hours of earnest conversation and instruction in which she had become convinced of the truth which she expected more minutely to find in the catechism. Ever since the missionary has preached at St. Joseph, since June 1913, she has shown great interest in the Word, and she was the first and only one so far to declare her intention of becoming a member of the Lutheran Church. Her course of instruction was a brief one; March the third she was graduated with highest honor, as we have every reason to hope. Her pastor did not speak the blessing on the day of confirmation and it did not occur in the church where she had been a regular interested listener, but it took place at Mercy Hospital and her Savior Himself blessed her, for on that day she died after an operation for appendicitis. A week before she took sick her eyes were bright as we spoke of "I believe in forgiveness of sin, the resurrection of the body and life everlasting." She was almost fifty-five years old. She was buried on March 5th at Royalton, Mich. The pastor was not there at the time of her funeral, but a brief memorial service for her was arranged

for at the time of his next visit, March 18, in which he addressed the mutes and also the congregation which nobly not only permits the mutes the free use of the church every month, but expressly has the missionary come to St. Joseph to preach to the deaf of that vicinity and pays his expenses. The work of the Mission here has already more than paid itself, the Word of the Lord has prospered in the thing whereto He sent it. O deaf and hearing friends and fellow laborers, isn't the Word and the Work of the Lord glorious! "Therefore, my beloved brethern, be ye steadfast, immovable, always abounding in the work of the Lord, forasmuch as ye know that your labor is not in vain in the Lord!"

Chicago.—Virginia Eloise Knudtson, the infant of Emil Knudtson and Florence, nee Hill, was baptized into the communion of Jesus on Feb. 28.

February 20, 1890, Mr. Jos. Heinold was married to Miss Dora Schoof, both of the North Detroit Institution. Last Feb. 20 a number of deaf and hearing friends celebrated the silver jubilee anniversary of their wedding with them. The pastor delivered a brief address. May God grant them many more happy years!

A belated announcement might be of interest to many of our former North Detroit deaf. The mother of Miss Anna Fraedrich departed this life after a lingering illness November 19, 1914. She was buried Nov. 23 by Rev. Werfelmann, her pastor, the missionary delivering an address in the sign and English languages.

The hall below the church is now getting the long-contemplated improvements; the drainage problem is being solved, some more excavating done and a new floor laid.

Detroit.—We were sorry to learn from Rev. A. H. Kuntz the corresponding secretary of our board that the missionaries for the deaf will not meet in Detroit, in June, according to their resolutions passed in Chicago, last spring, but by special request of the Board will convene in Minneapolis next September. Our congregation had hoped to receive much encouragement and genuine pleasure from the personal reports of the missionaries regarding their efforts, successes and struggles in their various fields. Still we feel that the Board's reasons for requesting

the missionaries to meet in Minneapolis are very good and shall be satisfied to wait a year or two for the pleasure of meeting them for a conference here in Detroit. Probably by that time our fund for the purchasing of a permanent church home will be well under way and we may appreciate a convention of this kind more than ever.

At present we are collecting money among ourselves for improving the chapel, which a local congregation has turned over to us for our exclusive use. The building needs paint inside and outside. To make our temporary home here more agreeable and homelike we shall also need chairs and carpets. This will keep us busy for some time to come.

We are glad to note that frequently new faces are appearing at our meetings, and that the old members are showing more interest and enthusiasm in their weekly meetings than ever before.

SERVICES FOR THE DEAF.

SAN FRANCISCO AND OAKLAND, CAL.

Services on the third Sunday of the month. San Francisco: St. Paul's Lutheran Church, Eddy and Gough Sts., 7:45 p. m. Oakland: Zions Lutheran Church, 12th and Myrtle Sts., 3 p. m. Rev. N. F. Jensen, 1319 12th St., Oakland, Cal.

LOS ANGELES, CAL.

Services at Trinity Lutheran Church, W. 18th and Cherry Sts., every last Sunday of the month, at 3 p. m., by Rev. N. F. Jensen.

PORTLAND, OREGON.

Services at Trinity Lutheran Church, Williams St. and Graham Ave., every second Sunday of the month, at 3 p. m., by Rev. N. F. Jensen.

SEATTLE, WASH.

Services at Trinity Lutheran Church, 22nd Ave and E. Union St., every first Sunday of the month, 3 p. m., by Rev. N. F. Jensen.

TACOMA, WASH.

Services at Y. W. C. A., first Sunday of month, at 11 a. m., by Rev. N. F. Jensen.

SPOKANE, WASH.

Services by special appointment, by Rev. N. F. Jensen.

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 Tuesday of each month, by Rev. N. Uhlig.

ST. JOSEPH, MICH.

Services Thursday following the third Tuesday 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 Grace Church, cor. Garrison and St. Louis Ave. 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, 476 Lyncastle Ave.

MINNEAPOLIS, MINN.

Y. M. C. A. Building. Services every Sunday, at 11 a. m., by Rev. J. Salvner, 2418 N. Emerson Ave., 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 first and third Sunday of the month, at 3 p. m., by Rev. L. Jagels, 2020 Spence Ave., Kansas City, Kans.

OMAHA, NEBR.

Services at Lutheran Church, corner 25th and Evans Sts., every last Sunday of the month, at 3 p. m., by Rev. N. F. Jensen.

SIOUX CITY, IA., TOPEKA AND WICHITA, KANS.

Services by special appointment by Rev. L. Jagels.

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.

TROIT, 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. Gielor-Supt., North Detroit, Mich.