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Jesus, My Shepherd.

Jesus my Shepherd is,
'Twas He that loved my soul,
'Twas He that washed me in His blood,
'Twas He that made me whole,
'Twas He that sought the lost,
That found the wandering sheep;
'Twas He that brought me to the fold,
'Tis He that still doth keep.

Divine Purposes.

In the Gospel for the twelfth Sunday after Trinity we find recorded the narrative of the miraculous healing of a deaf-mute, who was brought to Jesus, and whom Jesus healed of his affliction by pronouncing His Ephphatha. Was it perchance that Jesus came all the way from the coast of the Mediterranean Sea, where Tyre and Sidon were situated, to the sea of Galilee to meet this deaf-mute? Was it perchance that this unfortunate man's friends were waiting for Jesus, and took the man to Jesus, asking Him to put His hands upon him? Was it perchance that Jesus did not accede to their wishes, but that He went about curing this man in His own way, and that He took him aside from the multitude to deal with him alone? Was it perchance that this man was afflicted with a malady which no one but Jesus could heal? No, there was a divine plan and purpose to everything that is recorded in our Gospel, and the final plan was that the glory of Jesus, the almighty, the eternal Son of God, should be revealed, revealed also to you, deaf reader. For also this Gospel has been recorded in Mark 7 for the purpose of showing you that Christ is the friend and Savior also of the deaf.

The Lord could certainly have healed this man from his bodily and spiritual affliction by His simple word and will, as He did upon other occasions. But why does He make use of the

sign-language? Doubtless, to make him understand that a cure was to be attempted. At the same time to direct His thoughts to heaven. He was first made to understand that the only effective help, not only for the mortal body, but also for the immortal soul, the only effective help against sin and all its dire consequences, on account of which Jesus sighed, is to be expected from above, from the Father of light.

The Lord prepared a universal never-failing remedy for the disease of our souls, for our sinfulness and incapacity to enter eternal life. "I am the Lord that healeth thee," says God. And what is His remedy? Did He not send His beloved Son Jesus Christ into this world to fulfill for us, in our place, all the commandments of the divine law, and pay the penalty for our sins by His painful suffering and bitter death upon the cross? Is not Christ, then, the propitiation for our sins,—your sins, my sins, yea, for the sins of the whole world? It is this perfect, spotless righteousness of Jesus, which you must appropriate to yourself and make your own by faith. Though your body may be diseased or afflicted, your soul by faith shall be made hale and sound. For this greatest blessing you should ever be grateful and join the people in our Gospel saying: "He hath done all things well."

As this man's deafness from early childhood, though at that time it seemed a calamity and misfortune worse than at the present time, was a blessing in disguise, a blessing for himself, for his parents, for his friends, for the spectators, even for you, dear reader, so God's ultimate purpose in afflicting you is a good purpose, aiming at your soul's salvation and the glorification of God. And you have all reason to say with the psalmist: "Bless the Lord, O my soul: and all that is within me, bless His holy name. Bless the Lord, O my soul, and forget not all His benefits: who forgiveth all thine iniquities;

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who healeth all thy diseases; who redeemeth thy life from destruction; who crowneth thee with kindness and tender mercies."

A Grand Change.

Have you ever carefully thought over this matter, my deaf friend, what a grand and glorious change is in store for you on the great day of Christ's coming, when you, here a Christian, shall then be glorified and made perfect? Perhaps for a lifetime your ears have been deaf to the sweet and harmonious sounds that human voice and skill can produce. You have no true conception of sound, much less a correct idea of the noble and beautiful strains which reach the human ear. Or, having lost your hearing in the course of time, you have but a faint remembrance of the desirability to possess this sense. Do not be annoyed. "We know that all things work together for good to them that love God," Rom. 8,28. How much grander, how much sweeter will be the change for you on that day, when He, the Lord, who "maketh both the deaf to hear and the dumb to speak," will put you in full possession of your senses, when you are to hear the grand and melodious anthems of the angelic host, when you will be able to join the heavenly choir and sing praises for evermore to your Lord and Savior, who was moved by His unspeakable grace to redeem you with His holy blood. Great, indescribably great are the blessings which Christ has in store for those of you who are faithful to the end. Think this over!

QUARTERLY RECEIPTS.—The following collections and contributions were received during the quarter ending June 30, 1909 (incomplete): By Rev. N. Jensen: Omaha \$12.29; Kansas City \$3.80. By Rev. A. Reinke,

Chicago: Voting members \$9.50, Sunday collections \$25.07, Ladies' Aid Society \$10.00. By Rev. J. Salvner: Minneapolis \$26.15; St. Paul \$5.85; La Crosse \$2.26; Winona \$1.10; Stillwater \$1.27. By Rev. C. Schubkegel: St. Louis \$3.35; Hannibal \$2.65. By Rev. T. Wangerin: Milwaukee, monthly contributions \$28.75, Sunday collections \$13.41; Racine \$3.45; Sheboygan \$2.95; Oshkosh \$1.95.

"Every man shall give as he is able, according to the blessing of the Lord thy God which he hath given thee." Deut. 16, 17.

Chicago Mission.

REV. A. REINKE, PASTOR.

1. Mr. Henry Jacobsen, one of our voting members who had found employment in Clovis, New Mexico, about 2 years ago, has returned into our midst. He intends again to reside and find employment in our metropolis, Chicago. We were certainly glad to hear of his return and every one gave him a hearty welcome after the services of July 11th.

2. Saturday, July 17th, the 5th annual picnic was given by our deaf congregation at Ashland Grove, corner Ashland Ave. and Addison Sts. It was a very agreeable sight to see so many old and new faces of deaf at this celebration. Far more pleasing would it be to see such interest displayed in our Sunday services by their regular attendance on the part of so many deaf. More than at any previous picnic of ours were our hearing friends and well-wishers represented, though they hardly outnumbered the deaf present who totaled well over a hundred.—

3. During the month of August our pastor intends to be absent from Chicago. In the meantime lay readers will officiate as his substitute at the regular Sunday services.

Milwaukee Mission.

REV. T. WANGERIN, PASTOR.

On Sunday, July 18, our congregation celebrated its eighth annual picnic at Neu-mueller's Park, under the most favorable circumstances. It was a fine day. The arrangements made by the committee in charge were perfect. The morning services, held at the chapel, were attended also by many outsiders from Chicago, Racine, Kenosha, Water-

town, Sheboygan and Oshkosh, who had come to spend the day with us. At the park the usual large crowd of hearing and deaf enjoyed themselves to the best of their ability, taking part in prize contests and other games. Music was furnished by the band of Holy Ghost Lutheran Church. The kitchen was well managed by the ladies of the congregation. Everybody seemed to have a good time, for it was late in the evening before the committee could prepare to go home, tired and exhausted from its hard labor.—

Pastor Wangerin held the second service with the deaf of Merrill, Wis., on Sunday evening, July 25, at Emmanuel Lutheran Church on the West Side. It was a combined service. There were 13 deaf present, while the large church was filled with hearing spectators who had come to see how the deaf worship their Maker. In the address following the sermon Rev. Wangerin briefly spoke on the present status of our mission and practically demonstrated the benefits of the sign-language.

The congregation at Luxemburg, Wis., will celebrate its mission festival on the second Sunday in August. Rev. Wangerin will conduct the evening services speaking on our Mission among the Deaf. The collection will be added to our mission fund.

Minneapolis Mission.

REV. J. L. SALVNER, PASTOR.

Victor Joseph, son of Mr. and Mrs. V. Trost, was baptized on the 8th of May. "Except a man be born of water and of the Spirit, he cannot enter into the kingdom of God." John 3, 6.—

The school-children of Trinity Lutheran Church at Minneapolis who so often have remembered our Deaf Mission have taken up a collection also for our Deaf School at North Detroit, amounting to \$2.67. May our Savior reward them!—

From June 30 until July 5 the Minnesota Association of the Deaf held its biennial convention in the assembly hall of the Court House at Minneapolis. Many deaf from all parts of the state and a large number from other states attended. On the morning of July 4th Pastor Salvner preached in the hall to about 175 deaf. Before the sermon Mrs. Dane recited "America." The sermon was based on Eph. 2, 8, 9.,

the theme being "By Grace are ye Saved through Faith." The pastor showed from the text that our salvation in no manner depends upon our works or merit, but solely upon the grace of God. Freely by His grace through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus our Heavenly Father offers us forgiveness of sin, life, and salvation, and invites us to accept this precious gift, or in other words to believe the sweet Gospel. "Believe on the Lord Jesus Christ, and thou shalt be saved." Acts. 16, 31. After the sermon three deaf ladies rendered in signs the beautiful hymn "Jesus sinners doth receive." The collection taken up in this service amounted to \$7.94. May God bless the seed of His holy Word which has been sowed into the hearts of so many deaf that it may bear fruit unto eternal life!

Kansas City, Mo., Mission.

REV. N. F. JENSEN, PASTOR.

Kansas City: On Wednesday, June 23, we had the pleasure to unite in marriage Mr. Hans Stahr of Kansas City and Miss Emily Engelhorn of St. Louis, Mo., and Mr. Ed. McArtor of Monett, Mo., and Miss Clara Waters of Kansas City. Mr. and Mrs. Stahr will remain in Kansas City and will be confirmed in the near future, but Mr. and Mrs. McArtor will make their future home in Monett, Mo. God with His love and blessings be with them throughout their married life while they live up to the words of Joshua: "But as for me and my house, we will serve the Lord."—

Sunday evening, July 11, a large audience had assembled in the church of our hearing congregation in Jefferson City, Mo. Your missionary had promised them a lecture on our mission and was due to arrive in Jefferson City at 6:25 P. M. But on account of high water and floods we did not arrive till 10 P. M. By that time the congregation had grown tired of waiting and had gone home. However, we quickly made arrangements for a service on Monday evening and to our great pleasure there were almost as many people there as on Sunday evening, which shows the interest of our hearing friends in our mission. A handsome collection and promises of future support were the outcome of this service. Perhaps it will be of interest to state that the train taking us back to Kansas City was just

16 hours late, 10 of which were spent on a lonely side-track.—

Council Bluffs, Ia.: On Sunday, June 27, your missionary visited the Iowa School for the Deaf ministering to our Lutheran pupils (two of whom received the Lord's Supper) and also preaching to the upper grade pupils of the school. The new street car line to the school is almost finished and will be put in operation Aug. 1. This will help us in our work at the school. Till now we were always compelled to walk three miles to the school.

St. Louis Mission.

REV. C. SCHUBKEGEL, PASTOR.

All friends of our Mission for the Deaf and especially all who formerly labored here in this mission, will surely rejoice to hear that for the first time since the beginning of our mission in this city the Sacrament of the Lord's Supper was recently administered to several deaf. On June 27th three deaf partook of the Holy Supper and another, who could not attend the first time, on July 11th. Two of these communicants are former pupils of our Lutheran School for the Deaf at North Detroit, Mich.—

Quite a number of our deaf friends here have declared their willingness to be instructed in God's Word, but owing to the present hot weather, the most of them will not begin their study before next fall.—

The attendance at the services for the deaf here is sometimes small, and your missionary would surely feel quite discouraged if he had not God's Word to comfort him, which tells us that Christ's Church on earth has always been and will always remain a little flock, and that Christ, our Lord, Himself had only a few followers when He ascended into heaven. But God's Word also assures us that His Word shall not return unto Him void but shall accomplish that which He pleases and it shall prosper in the thing whereto He sent it. Therefore we cheerfully preach the pure Gospel of Christ, though at times but few come to our services, with the divine assurance that our preaching shall not be in vain. We ask all of our regular attendants to join us in doing all we can to induce others to attend our services.—

Pursuant to an urgent call by the deaf of Hannibal, Mo., your missionary preached

in that city for the first time on the evening of May 23, to twelve deaf. After the sermon the missionary was requested to come there once a month which he promised to do.—

SERVICES FOR THE DEAF.

CHICAGO, ILL.

Congregation of Our Savior, Crystal St., near North Hoyne Ave., Northwest Side. Services every Sunday, at 3:30 P. M., by Rev. Arth. Reinke, 145 Crystal St., Chicago, Ill.

ST. LOUIS, MO.

Lutheran Emmaus Church, cor. Jefferson Ave. and Armand Pl. Services every second and fourth Sunday of the month, by Rev. C. Schubkegel, 4165 A Pleasant St., St. Louis, Mo.

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. A. Boll, c. o. Carlton, Toledo, O.

FINDLAY, O.

Services in the homes of the deaf by special appointment, by Rev. A. Boll.

LIMA, O.

Services the second Sunday of the month in the church, corner Kibby and Jackson Sts., at 2:30 P. M., by Rev. A. Boll.

CLEVELAND, O.

Services by special appointment, by Rev. A. Boll.

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. A. Boll.

INDIANAPOLIS, IND.

Services the fourth Sunday of the month, at 8 P. M., in the church, corner Ohio and North East Sts., by Rev. A. Boll.

PERU, IND.

Services by special appointment, by Rev. A. Boll.

LOUISVILLE, KY.

Congregation of Our Savior for the Deaf. Services the fourth Sunday of the month, at 2:30 P. M., in the church, E. Broadway and Underhill Sts., by Rev. A. Boll.

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. A. Boll.

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.

Trinity Lutheran Church, corner Wabasha and Tilton 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 Y. M. C. A. Hall, 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.

ELKHART, IND.

Trinity Congregation's Schoolhouse. Services by special appointment, by Rev. Th. Claus, 119 Clinton St., Hammond, Ind.

SOUTH BEND, IND.

St. Paul's Congregation's Schoolhouse. Services by special appointment, by Rev. Th. Claus.

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. 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.

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.

Services every four weeks at the homes of the deaf, at 7:30 P. M., by Rev. T. Wangerin.

OSHKOSH, WIS.

Services every four weeks, 226 Bowen St., at 7:30 P. M., by Rev. T. Wangerin.

NEENAH, WIS.

Services by special appointment, by Rev. T. Wangerin

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. Gielow, Supt., North Detroit, Mich.