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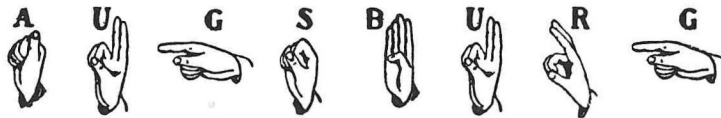
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THE AUGSBURG CONFESSION TEACHES

OF ORIGINAL SIN

That since the fall of Adam, all men begotten in the natural way are born with sin, that is, without the fear of God, without trust in God, and that this disease, or vice of origin, is truly sin, even now condemning and bringing eternal death upon those not born again through baptism and the Holy Ghost.

OF THE SON OF GOD

That the Son of God did assume the human nature so that there are two natures, the divine and the human, that He might reconcile the Father unto us, and be a sacrifice, not only for original guilt, but also for all actual sins of men.

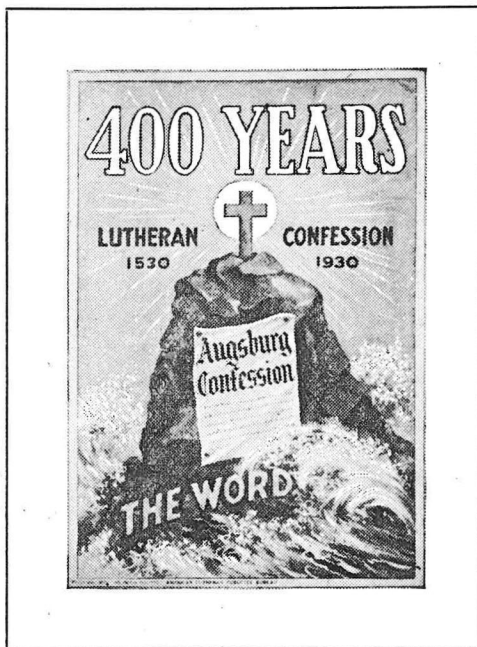
OF JUSTIFICATION

That men cannot be justified before God by their own strength, merits, or works, but are freely justified for Christ's sake, through faith.

That God, not for our own merits, but for Christ's sake, justifies those who believe that they are received into grace for Christ's sake.

OF NEW OBEDIENCE

That faith is bound to bring forth good fruits, and that it is necessary to do good works commanded by God, because of God's will, but that we should not rely on those works to merit justification before God. For remission of sins and justification is apprehended by faith.



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EDITORIAL

The Augsburg Confession

Some years ago a native pastor in Central China was offered a salary ten times as large as the sum which was given him by the Board of Missions, but he replied: "Matthew left the customs to follow Christ and do you think that I am going to leave Christ to follow the customs?" With him it was not a question of money or material advantage, but one of loyalty to his Savior.

Likewise all Christians owe to Jesus and His Church the fullest measure of love and loyalty. St. Peter tells us: "We ought to obey God rather than man." Acts 5, 29. This noble verity expresses briefly a great principle which was clearly understood and firmly adopted by the faithful of all ages. It was the basis of their courage and consistency in their dealings with secular authority; it was the cause of their zeal and steadfastness in persecution and the source of their comfort in the days of trial and hardships.

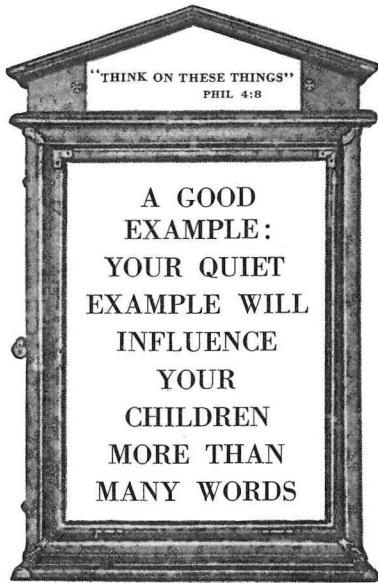
Four hundred years ago, during the stirring days of the Protestant Reformation, the Emperor of Germany called the leaders of the Church and the State to meet in Augsburg for the purpose of passing judgment upon the Reformers. The Emperor, together with twelve hundred noblemen of his realm, considered the Protestant Reformation a rebellion. Charles V was determined to crush the Protestant movement. His friends also noisily insisted that he resort to the sword. Seven Lutheran rulers of German provinces and the representatives of two free cities, however, on June 25, 1530, at this diet in Augsburg, made a

public confession of their faith. In spite of the fact that these loyal confessors could not hope to resist their enemies by force of arms, and in spite of the fact that they were in immediate danger of losing their life, liberty and all their earthly possessions, they nevertheless boldly confessed the truth, based upon God's unalterable Word; they gave all glory to God and obeyed Him rather than man. The heavenly Father protected them and their subjects. As a result of this confident and courageous stand the Augsburg Confession was soon also accepted by Denmark, Sweden, Iceland, Finland and in the Baltic States. This is the Confession also of Lutherans in America.

The Augsburg Confession is based upon the clear statements of Holy Writ; its central doctrine is that of salvation by grace through faith in the merits of Jesus. In accordance with God's infallible and unalterable Word we likewise teach distinctly and definitely that there is no salvation for sinful man by his own virtues and good deeds. Though humanity has been plagued from the very beginning with the fallacy that each person must work out his own salvation, we hold with the Bible and the Lutheran Confessions that man is saved by grace alone. Moreover we are persuaded that "we ought to obey God rather than man" and that we must abide by His Word. Even though errorists in the modern Church, like the pagan philosophers of all ages, accept the falsehood of salvation by character or good works, we need to remain loyal to the Augsburg Confession and to speak courageously before the world of the precious teachings of God's Word, especially with regard to this eternal verity.

The public reading of the articles setting forth the Lutheran position four centuries ago removed much prejudice and evoked expressions of joyful surprise and admiration. For example, Bishop Stadion of Augsburg exclaimed: "What has been read to us is the truth, the pure truth, and we cannot deny it."

We Lutherans of today also need to proclaim to the world, especially in this anniversary year, that the evangelical doctrines of the Augsburg Confession are still the pure and unadulterated truth of God, and we should be willing and eager to uphold and defend it at



any and at all costs. May we ever obey God rather than man! May Lutherans everywhere abide faithfully by their Confessions in spite of popular opinions and prevailing sentiments!

O. C. S.

STUDIES IN THE CHIEF TEACHINGS OF THE BIBLE AND CATECHISM

Jesus Christ, the Holy One of God

Jesus Christ was made of a woman, He ate and drank, He fasted and hungered, He suffered and died. A man like other men, and still how different from all other men — He was without sin!

David said of himself: "Behold, I was shapen in iniquity; and in sin did my mother conceive me." Ps. 51, 5. But not so Jesus! The angel came to the Virgin Mary and said, "The Holy Ghost shall come upon thee, and the power of the Highest shall overshadow thee: therefore also *that holy thing* which shall be *born of thee* shall be called the Son of God." Luke 1, 35. And therefore John writes of Him in 1 John 3, 5: "In Him is no sin," and also the devils called him "the Holy One of God," Mark 1, 24; Luke 4, 34.

And He also did no sin. Of the heart of sinful man Jesus says, "Out of the heart proceed evil thoughts, murders, adulteries, thefts,

false witness, blasphemies," Matth. 15, 19. But not so out of the heart of our Lord Jesus! His enemies, the scribes and Pharisees, said of Him: "We know that this man is a sinner," John 9, 24, but when He asked them one day, "Which of you convinceth (show guilty) Me of sin?" John 8, 46, they could show him not one sin that He had done. Therefore Paul writes that 'God hath made Him to be sin for us *who knew no sin*,' 2 Cor. 5, 21. And in Hebrews 4, 15 he says that Jesus is "*without sin*." And Hebrews 7, 26, 27 tells us: "For such an high priest became us, who is *holy, harmless, undefiled, separate from sinners*, made higher than the heavens; who *needeth not* daily, as those high priests, to offer up sacrifice, first *for His own sins*, and then for the people's: for this He did once, when He offered up Himself."

Man born in sin cannot but sin, for he is dead in sin, but Jesus not only is without sin, no, He cannot sin! Hebrews 4, 15 tells us of Jesus: "He was *in all points tempted* like as we are, *yet without sin*." This Jesus is the Holy one of God, yea, the true God, and Hebrews 6, 18 says: "It is *impossible for God to lie*." He cannot sin, for "in Him is no sin," John 3, 5.

Therefore death which came into this world by sin had no power over Him and He was free from any punishment for sin. He could say therefore: "No man taketh My life from Me, but *I lay it down of Myself*. *I have power to lay it down*, and I have power to take it again," John 10, 18. And only He could say to death and the grave: "O death, I will be thy plagues; O grave, I will be thy destruction," Hos. 13, 14. He is Lord over death and the grave as He also showed when He raised Lazarus and the young man of Nain and the daughter of Jairus, yea, when He Himself arose from the dead.

Our Catechism therefore in the Second Article speaks of "His *holy precious blood*." And in the Sixth Chief Part we read of the body and blood of Jesus Christ given and shed, not for His sins, but He says: 'Given and shed for you for the remission of sins.' He needs no offering for sin! And therefore we Christians confess in the Christian Questions, No. 10, not "He died for Himself and shed His

blood for Himself," O no, but "He died for me and shed His blood for me."

And such a Savior we need! Only such a Savior can save, One "who did no sin, neither was guile found in His mouth," One whom "God hath made to be sin for us, who knew no sin; that we might be made the righteousness of God in Him," 2 Cor. 5, 21. Yes, "such an high priest became us," Hebr. 7, 26. Thanks to God that we have such an high priest!

J. L. S.

OUR LUTHERAN MISSIONS

Our Lord Jesus has given us the command: "Go ye into all the world, and preach the gospel to every creature" (Mark 16, 15). He expects the whole Christian Church to be active in spreading the gospel of salvation for sinners through His suffering and death to every people on earth. It is the duty of every member of the Christian Church to assist in spreading the gospel of salvation by Jesus Christ. Christians can tell others of the Savior upon the cross, and they can support the missionaries whom they send out to preach the gospel.

After Pentecost the apostles, sent out by the Christians at Jerusalem, began preaching the gospel to the Jews. But they did not at first clearly understand that they should preach the gospel also to the Gentiles. However, the Lord in a special vision (Acts, chapter 10) showed Peter that he should preach to the Gentiles also, and so Peter came into the house of Cornelius in Caesarea, where he preached and "the Holy Ghost fell on all them which heard the word." These Gentiles were then baptized as members of the Christian Church. — At first the Christians at Jerusalem criticized Peter for working among the Gentiles. Then Peter told the story of his vision, of his preaching in the house of Caesarea, and of the faith of the Gentiles. (Acts, chapter 11). When the people at Jerusalem heard these things, they "glorified God, saying, "Then hath God also to the Gentiles granted repentance unto life." And after that the apostles and evangelists were sent to preach to people everywhere, Jew or Gentile.

We also should preach the gospel to all

people everywhere, we should not merely preach the gospel to people who already are members of our churches. We should go out into the world and preach the gospel to every people, we should preach to the people who are not yet members of the Christian Church. We do this by bringing other people into our churches to hear the gospel, we do this by telling people of salvation through Jesus Christ, we do it by sending out missionaries to preach for us in places and cities and lands where we have no church, we do it by supporting those missionaries who are preaching for us, we do this work of our Lord in our Lutheran missions.

What do you know about our Lutheran missions? Do you know where our men preach? Do you know how many men are working as missionaries for our church? Do you know anything about the preparation our missionaries must have for their work? Do you know anything about the difficulties of their work? Do you know anything about their experiences in the mission fields? Do you know how many men and women they have won for Christ through the preaching of the gospel? Do you know how much money is needed for this work of our Church? Do you know how much you ought to give to help this work go on in all parts of the world so that people may hear of Jesus the Savior and obtain life eternal in heaven? — Would you like to read about our Lutheran missions? As a Christian who believes in Jesus, who is anxious to spread the gospel of salvation through Jesus, who is eager to help save souls from hell, you should be glad to read about our missionaries, their work and hardships and experiences, you should be glad to learn what support is needed for this work, you should be glad to see that the Lord is blessing the work.

In the following issues of this paper you will be taken into the various mission fields of our Church. You will be told about the men who are working as your missionaries, you will be told about the hardships of their work, you will be shown what successes our missions have had, and you will be asked to keep our different missions in mind when you say your daily prayers, to support them

gladly with your money, because we must "preach the gospel to every creature."

Look for the articles on "Our Lutheran Missions" in the next issues of our paper. There will be stories about our missionaries, stories from the mission fields in India, China, South America, Europe, the United States, among the Indians, Negroes, and others, which should interest you.

A. C. D.

BIBLE STUDIES FOR SUNDAYS IN OCTOBER, 1930

"Jesus Christ, and Him Crucified"

October 31, Reformation Day, the Day when God began the great Reformation by Dr. Martin Luther who on that day nailed the ninety-five theses on the church-door at Wittenberg! By Luther God again gave us the sweet gospel of Jesus Christ which had been hidden for a long time in the Church. And this gospel is "Jesus Christ, and Him Crucified." The key-note of the Reformation was: "All have sinned, and come short of the glory of God, being justified by His grace through the redemption (salvation) that is in Christ Jesus." Rom. 3, 23, 24. Of this redemption we read in our Bible Studies of this month, one for every Sunday. Read them and thank God for the sweet gospel of salvation brought to us again by the great Reformation!

Study for Sunday, October 5

"Ye were redeemed (saved) with the precious blood of Christ, as of a lamb without blemish (fault) and without spot." 1 Peter 1, 18, 19

In your Bible read Luke 23, 1-12

The whole multitude, all the priests and leaders of the people, led Jesus to Pilate, the Roman governor. They accused Him of perverting (turning away from the right way) the nation, of forbidding or commanding not to give tribute (taxes) to Caesar, the Roman Emperor. That was a lie. Jesus always told the people to obey the government and to pay taxes, and He Himself paid taxes. So the wicked people often tell lies about the Christians and falsely accuse them. If they did this to our Master, they will do it also to His Christians.

Then they told the Roman governor that this man said He is Christ a king. Indeed, Jesus often said that He was the Christ and King. He said it also when Pilate asked Him. But they wanted to show the governor that this Jesus wanted to set up a new kingdom against the Romans. This was not true, and Pilate also saw it and therefore said: "I find no fault with Him." Surely, our Jesus has done no sin, He is the Holy One of God. When they heard Pilate say this, they were the more fierce (mad) and said, that He stirs up (makes people rebel) the nation by His teaching from Galilee to Judaea. When Pilate learned that Jesus belonged to Herod's jurisdiction (rule) he sent Him to Herod. He thought now he would not have to judge this holy man. The enemies would not rest, and so today they work against Jesus always seeking to destroy His kingdom.

Herod was exceeding (very glad) when he saw Jesus, but not because he loved Him, no, because he had heard many things of Him and therefore was desirous (wanted) to see Him of a long season (time), and now hoped that he would see Jesus do a miracle, a wonderful work. People often go to church, not because they love Jesus, no, they only want to see what people do in church and hope to hear something new. The king asked Jesus many questions, but He answered nothing. O see how patiently He suffers all for us. And then they accused Him more vehemently (strongly), and the king and his soldiers set Him at nought or despised and mocked Him, arrayed or put on Him a gorgeous (fine) robe (cloak), and then he sent Him again to Pilate. Also Herod found no fault in Him. And that day Pilate and Herod who were enemies before now were made friends. Both found no fault in Him, and still they would not let Him go free. And we know why He must not go free! He suffered it all that we might be free forever. Thank Him for His love every day!

Again read this lesson in your Bible, remember v. 3, and answer there questions in writing: 1. What did Pilate confess when the Jews accused Jesus? 2. But why must Jesus not go free?

Prayer: Thanks, dear Savior Jesus Christ, for Thy great patience in Thy suffering for me. Help that I also gladly suffer shame for Thee and with Thee, and then live with Thee forever in glory. Amen.

Study for Sunday, October 12

"Christ suffered for sins, the just for the unjust."

1 Peter 3, 18

In your Bible read Luke 23, 13-26

Our Lord Jesus again is before Judge Pilate. He called together the chief priests and the rulers and the people and told them that he found no fault in this man touching (about) those things of which they had accused Him and that also Herod had found no fault in Him, for, lo (see), nothing worthy of death was done unto Him. Therefore Pilate said to them: "I will chastise (whip) Him and release (free) Him." He had found no fault in Him, why then did he want to whip or scourge Jesus? Because he wanted to please the Jews. He was very unjust. So people often are against Jesus and His Christians, not because they have found something wicked in them, but because they want to please those who love not Jesus and His word.

It was necessary that Pilate release (free) a prisoner to them for the feast of the pass-over, the feast when the Jews remembered how God led them out of Egypt by Moses. And now he said he would release Jesus for the feast. But the Jews did not want this. They cried: "Away with Him," and then asked for Barabbas, a man who was in prison for rebellion and murder. Pilate, willing to release Jesus, again spoke to them, but they cried: "Crucify, crucify Him!" And he spoke to them the third time and asked: "Why, what evil (wrong) hath He done?" and told them again that he had found no fault in Him and therefore would let Him go. But they were instant with loud voices, that is, they cried out louder and louder, requiring (asking) that He be crucified, and their voices prevailed (won). Pilate gave sentence (judgment) that it should be done as they asked. He freed the rebel and murderer and delivered (gav) Jesus to their will, as they wished. The innocent Jesus must die and the wicked Barabbas goes free. From

this we can learn why Jesus went into that bitter death on the cross. He died that we might go free. Blessed are they who trust in this Jesus! He who believes on Him shall be saved! Do you trust in this Jesus and His blood? I hope so.

Then let us bear (carry) the cross after Jesus as Simon did. He suffered so much for us and our sins, let us not be ashamed of Him, but gladly suffer with Him.

Again read this lesson in your Bible, remember v. 25, and answer these questions in writing: 1. What do we learn from this that Jesus dies and Barabbas goes free? 2. What should we be glad to do as Simon did?

Prayer: Lord Jesus Christ, the Holy One of God, although man found no fault in Thee Thou must suffer and die that we be saved now and forever. Help that we always trust in Thee and Thy suffering and then also gladly follow Thee and suffer with Thee. Amen.

Study for Sunday, October 19

"Christ His own self bore (carried) our sins in His own body on the tree (cross)." 1 Peter 2, 24

In your Bible read Luke 23, 27-38

Many people, also women, followed Jesus on the way to the cross. And the women bewailed (struck their breasts in sorrow) and lamented (cried for) Him. But Jesus turned and told them not to weep or cry for Him, but for themselves and their children, for great trouble would come upon their city and people for not believing and killing the Son of God. Therefore He told them in v. 29 that those women would be blessed and happy who had no children. For on that day Jesus would come with His punishment and destroy their city, and people would try to hide themselves and ask the mountains to fall upon them and the hills to cover them. Great trouble would come upon the Jews, for, as Jesus said, if they do these things in a green tree, that is, to a man who had done nothing wrong, what will they do in a dry tree, that means, with people who despise God's love and mercy in Jesus Christ and stay in sin? Yes, great trouble will come on those who will not believe in Jesus. They will be lost as the Jews! Take care, and despise not Jesus as did the Jews!

Come and see how Jesus must suffer on the cross! With Him they led two malefactors (bad men) to be put to death. And when they were come to Mount Calvary, they crucified Him and one of the malefactors on His right hand and the other on His left. There Jesus hangs on the cross for the sins of the whole world, also for yours and mine! Thank Him for it with your whole life!

Jesus had to suffer, but He had no anger nor revenge in His heart. Listen to His prayer: "Father, forgive them, for they know not what they do." Wonderful love and mercy! The soldiers parted His garments (clothes), and cast lots or shook dice for them. The rulers of the people derided (mocked) Him, saying: "He saved others; let Him save Himself, if He be Christ, the chosen of God." Also the soldiers mocked Him and came and offered Him vinegar, saying: 'If Thou be the King of the Jews, save Thyself.' O see how they despise and mock Him who prayed for them and died for them! And many people do this also today! People believe not that He is the only King and Savior! But He truly is the King! All people can read it written over Him in three languages. Surely, He can save Himself, but how then could we be saved? He wanted to do this for to save us from sin and death. Let us not mock and despise Him as many do today, but let us trust in Him, love Him, and worship Him!

Again read this lesson in your Bible, remember v. 34, and answer these questions in writing: 1. Why did great trouble come upon the Jews and will come upon all people like them? 2. What should we not do to the Lord Jesus and what should we do?

Prayer: Crucified Savior, help that I not mock and despise Thee as did the Jews and many people do today, and then be lost forever, but that I always trust in Thy cross and by Thy cross be saved forever and get the crown of glory. Amen.

Study for Sunday, October 26

"Christ died for us." *Romans 5, 8*

In your Bible read Luke 23, 39-49

Last Sunday we learned that two malefactors, two bad men, were nailed to the cross

with Jesus. But how different these two were from one another! The one railed (mocked) on Jesus, and the other rebuked (scolded) him for it, saying, "Do you not fear God, seeing you are in the same condemnation (judgment)? And we indeed justly (rightly), we have done wrong, and we receive the due reward of our deeds or doings. But this Jesus has done nothing amiss (wrong)." And in this Jesus he saw the King and Savior of the world, and therefore prayed for forgiveness and life, saying: "Lord, remember me when Thou comest into Thy kingdom." That was great joy for Jesus when that poor sinner came to Him, and quickly He said: "Verily (truly) I say to thee, Today thou shalt be with Me in paradise (the beautiful heavens)." Come, let us also trust in this crucified Jesus and also we shall be with Him in paradise!

But let us again look to Jesus on the cross! He now must go through the dark valley of death. There was darkness over all the earth from the sixth hour (12 noon) to the ninth hour (three in the afternoon). And the sun was darkened, and the veil (curtain) of the temple was rent (torn apart) in the midst. This curtain was between the holy place and the Holy of holies in the temple. Only the high priest, and he only once a year, could go into this Holy of holies, and then he had to go in with blood. But that never could open the way to God for sinners. But now when Jesus came with His blood before God for the sins of the world, then the curtain tore apart, and the way to God was opened for sinners. That should make us sing and rejoice!

The way is opened for us, and now we can die, praying with Jesus: 'Father, into Thy hands I commend (give) My spirit (soul).' May we trust in this Savior and, when death comes, close our eyes in peace clinging to Jesus who died for us. O let us glorify God for this wonderful Savior as did the centurion (Roman captain)! When he saw this wonderful death, also he had to say: "Certainly this was a righteous man,' a man who has done nothing wrong. And the people who had come together to this wonderful sight, smote (struck) their breasts, and returned. They saw a terrible punishment coming upon their city and

people. Come, let us as His friends did stand near the cross always beholding (looking upon) Him, and never let us forget these things that happened on Calvary!

Again read this lesson in your Bible, remember v. 43, answer these questions in writing, and send all your answers to your pastor: 1. What does that mean that the curtain in the temple tore apart when Jesus died. 2. With what prayer should and can we close our eyes in death?

Prayer: Crucified Lord Jesus, Thou hast died for me. When my death comes, let me close my eyes in peace because Thou hast opened the way to God for us by Thy blood. Remember me and bring me to the beautiful heavens. Amen.

J. L. S.

"WITH THE BEREANS"

"They (the Bereans) received the word with all readiness of mind, and searched (studied) the scriptures (Bible) daily, whether those things were so." Acts 17:11.

One of the last things Christ told His disciples was: "Go ye into all the world and preach the gospel to every creature." Mark 15:15. We followers of Jesus are to "go and tell" of the wonderful deeds of our God. And it is very interesting to note how closely St. Paul connects this duty with eternal salvation.

As sincere Christians, therefore, we must confess our only Savior Jesus Christ before all men and through our confession we are able to lead sinners to salvation in Him. And surely we will not hesitate to do this; we are certainly not ashamed to confess our very best Friend!

Ashamed of Jesus, that dear Friend,

On Whom my hopes of heaven depend?

No, never! But we will rather confess Him and be assured that He will also confess us on the great Day of Judgment.

The following verses are to be studied and remembered in October.

October 5: "Be ready always to give an answer to every man that asketh you a reason of the hope that is in you with meekness and fear." 1 Peter 3:15.

October 12: "Whosoever therefore shall confess me before men, him will I confess also before my Father which is in heaven." Matt. 10:32.

October 19: "If thou shalt confess with the mouth the Lord Jesus, and shalt believe in thine heart that God hath raised Him from the dead, thou shalt be saved." Rom. 10:9.

October 26: "For with the heart man believeth unto righteousness, and with the mouth confession is made unto salvation. For the scripture saith, Whosoever believeth on Him shall not be ashamed." Rom. 10:10.

J. A. C. B.

INFORMATION OF GENERAL INTEREST

The Rev. R. M. Kuehnert of St. Louis has been called to the Berkeley, Cal., field, as the Rev. E. Becker of Portland, Ore., declined.

Two graduates of our seminary in St. Louis have accepted calls into the deaf mission: Candidate Frank Hirschke of Suring, Wis., to the Spokane field, and Candidate Norbert E. Borchardt of Wayside, Wis., to the Cleveland, Ohio, field. We extend a cordial welcome to these two young men and wish them every blessing upon their labor of love for the blood-bought souls of the deaf.

We are very happy to have secured additional men for the mission among the deaf. It is gratifying to the men who made those trips to St. Louis last winter to know that their efforts were not in vain.

A Prayer Book in which the peculiar needs of the blind are given special consideration has been compiled by Pastor A. H. Kuntz. The book sells for \$1.00 and makes a very valuable gift to a blind friend who reads the Universal Braille.

The Lutheran Messenger for the Blind is being sent to over 1,000 addresses and is read by a much larger number of blind people the world over. Pastor Kuntz has recently entered into correspondence with blind people in such distant places as South Africa and Iceland. The paper is read and deeply appreciated also by 64 deaf, mute and blind people.

J. A. C. B.

HEAR THAT VOICE

How hard it is to get down to that point where we hear the voice which the sheep always know! Be not content until you have heard that voice!

COURAGE, UNSPOTTED LIFE

Then said Mr. Holy-man, there are two things that they have need to possess who go on pilgrimage: courage and an unspoiled life. If they have not courage, they can never hold on their way; and if their lives be loose, they will make the very name of a pilgrim stink.

—John Bunyan.

CONFERENCE NOTICE

Ephphatha Conference will meet in the midst of Our Savior's Lutheran Deaf Congregation, Chicago, Ill., on October 3rd to 7th.

A GREAT WILL

Look at a great life, and you will find a great will behind it. But it is not self-will; it is a will attuned to that of God. Therefore it goes forward on the road of victory.

—Young People

MISSION NEWS

New York Mission—We wish to record two joyful events, which the deaf have witnessed, the confirmation of Lena Getmann and Tillie Newman. Both are pupils of the New York Institution for the deaf, commonly called Fanwood, and for a number of years have been attending our Sunday School or Friday evening school, because the deaf devote that evening to religious instruction. Here they became acquainted with the truths necessary for their salvation. The last two years they met every Saturday morning at St. Luke's Church on West 46th Street, and learned with Luther as their guide the need of as well as the great deeds of God for their salvation and were led by the Spirit of God to put their trust in them for the forgiveness of sins and life eternal. Both have a good knowledge of the way of salvation and our prayer is that they hold fast what they have. Lena Getman was confirmed in her home church at Schenectady before a large congregation, in which there were about 20 deaf present. The day was unique for that church. It was the first deaf confirmation the members had witnessed. Tillie Newman came to us from strange circles. She was baptized two years ago and now was ready to make profession of her faith, having come to the knowledge that Jesus was indeed the promised one. She was confirmed in our midst in Brooklyn and gave ready answer to questions of the faith and hope that was within her. May God keep them in

faith for his names sake. May they regard the Gospel as God's message of love and grace and prize the Sacraments as a seal of such grace for the strengthening and preservation of their faith.

Two other events have the aspects of gloom but still are not so gloomy, for behind the clouds is the sunshine. We refer to the death of John Lange and John Hagermann. John Lange was not a communicant member of our church. He was confirmed before the Lutreran Church became active among the deaf. In the last two years he was frequently seen at the services. He was without a job at that time and it was after many futile attempts that he with the aid of the missionary obtained work which could be done in a sitting position. John Lange was lame, since tender age and was born deaf. On one occasion he declared that he had never been instructed and I began to teach him the law of God and his own sin and the grace of God as revealed in the Savior. This instruction continued till his father's death, and after that irregularly. A few months later he began to show symptoms of weakness and exhaustion. Appendicitis with kidney complications developed and he was rushed to the hospital. His family called upon me to visit him one hour before he breathed his last. I spoke to him of his sin and shortcomings and of the grace of God which wills that he should not perish but have everlasting life. He assented in the presence of his brother and some relatives. So this event is not so gloomy after all, when one sees in the darkness of death the light of the everlasting love of God shining in the Gospel and puts one's trust in it. One little circumstance I wish to record. John had filled his weekly envelopes for the upkeep of his church till the day of his death and his mother delivered them to our treasurer at the service. Surely an example for them who without reason are withholding their offering to God and his Church. The other death is that of John Hagermann who died of pneumonia at the age of 24. He was a graduate of our oral school, a good character, and of a sturdy built. He was a member of the Lutheran Church, but had not affiliated with us. At the request of his parents I visited him and spoke to him of the grace of God and his promises in Christ Jesus. He joined in the Lord's prayer and made the remark when I am well again I will join your church. God did not will so. Funeral services were held at his home where the missionary spoke to a number of deaf orally on Psalm 66, 16.

Sam Schinick from Westtown, New York, partook of the Lord's Supper in Brooklyn, and Dorothy Lindhost from Kingston was in our midst in August. Albert Kadgiehn, our oldest communicant member, will reach the age of 80 years this month and is a regular attendant at divine services. It is reported by one of our deaf that Mr. and Mrs. O. Wenk have consented to have their boy enter Bronxville to study for the ministry. I enjoyed the hospitality of Mr.

and Mrs. Hoag of Binghamton and also preached to the deaf of that city and Johnson City at the Y. M. C. A. There were present 21 deaf and I was delighted with the attention they gave to the preaching of the Gospel on an intensely hot evening. — A number of our deaf have been without employment in the summer months and there are many applicants for any job that is offered. We trust that conditions will improve from now on.

A. B.

Cleveland Mission—On Sunday, August 17, Mr. Norbert E. Borchardt was ordained into the holy ministry in his home congregation at Wayside, Wis.,



**Pastor N. Borchardt, the
New Worker in the
Ohio Field**

and on Sunday, August 31, he was installed as missionary for the deaf in Cleveland, Ohio. In spite of a driving rain nearly all the members were present to greet the new worker. The Deaf Lutheran wishes Pastor Borchardt the Lord's choicest blessings in his missionary efforts among the deaf. May he render faithful and efficient service in our mission to the glory of Jesus and the eternal welfare of the deaf!

In accordance with our present plans this writer will provide for the spiritual care of Lutheran students at Gallaudet College for the Deaf, Washington, D. C. In addition we shall concentrate our efforts upon the state schools for the deaf of Kentucky, Tennessee, Georgia, and perhaps Florida. Likewise it is our intention to continue in the blessed work of supplying the hundreds of deaf-blind and blind, now on our mailing list, with Christian literature in the embossed types. May the precious Savior grant us His Spirit and blessing in our endeavors!

O. C. S.

St. Paul Mission—After many months of illness Mrs. Emma Kramer of Rochester passed away on April 29 and was accorded Christian burial on May 1. May the God of all comfort be with the bereaved husband!

Miss Ruth McKinnon of Boulder, Montana, was a visitor in our St. Paul services in August and stated there are eight deaf people in Boulder desiring services. We trust that their wishes can be met by one of our missionaries.

On August 17 we had opportunity to speak of our Savior's work among the deaf before an audience of about 500 people at Deer Park, Wis. Mr. Ernst Gabbert, our deaf-mute and blind member, accompanied us from Stillwater, Minn. Miss M. Amondson showed

the audience how she interprets the services for Mr. Gabbert in his home each month, and gave them opportunity to thank and praise God for enabling us to bring the comforts of the Gospel message to such people also.

Miss Klara Johnson, a deaf-blind young lady of Pigeon Falls, Wis., was a visitor in our services in August.

We extend our sincere sympathy to Mrs. E. J. Cleveland who lost her mother the last of June.

During the summer months we had several pupils of the Minnesota, Iowa and Wisconsin schools in our services: Miss M. Schaible, Miss A. Grittner and Miss M. Hamel of Faribault, Miss Elaine Price and Mr. Joseph Larson of Council Bluffs, Miss E. Oakland, Miss M. Duerkopp, Harvey Boldt, Miss Thea Worman and the three Suhr children of Delavan.

Miss Mildred Markstad was a visitor in our St. Paul services during her stop-over on the way to her position as teacher in the Jackson, Miss., school for the deaf.

Earl Burgess, seven year old son of Mrs. E. Burgess of St. Paul, returned to our Lutheran school for the deaf at Detroit early in September. We are glad to know that Earl will have the advantages of a definitely Christian training and education during his most impressionable years.

J. A. C. B.

Duluth-Superior Mission—A day to be remembered by our church members is the day of their confirmation. Therefore many preparations were made for this day by both, the Devils Lake and the Winnipeg classes. Naturally the greatest preparations consisted in meeting with the pastor and studying the Catechism twice every month. It is to be mentioned to the credit of these children that they also did good home work in their rooms by answering in writing the many questions the pastor had given them. After several years of studying the day at last had come for these children, eight in Devils Lake and one in Winnipeg, to promise faithfulness to their Savior to the end of their life. Confirmation services were held in Devils Lake on Sunday, June 1, and in Winnipeg on Sunday, June 8.

Early in spring Mr. Homer Nettleton, living near Adolph, Minn., began the study of the Catechism with confirmation in view. Most of his lessons were received by mail. Mr. Nettleton also brought his baby boy to be baptized in Superior on Sunday, June 22, while the child of Mr. and Mrs. Jones of Superior was baptized in Duluth the following day. Another baptism to be recorded is that of Mr. and Mrs. Emil Anderson's child in Bismarck. May all the deaf parents remember that their children in baptism are brought to Jesus; may they never neglect to have their children baptized!

We have finally had the opportunity to revive the old Wadena, Minn., preaching station. In former years services had been held in Wadena and even in

Deer Creek, but due to some deaf movig into North Dakota, and also due to the expansion of this territory, no service had been held in the neighborhood of Wadena for several years. On March 18, however, the Duluth missionary in company with one of the local pastors for the hearing, made an extensive trip, calling on all the deaf within reach. There were 11 deaf in the services in Staples. Staples is more centrally located than Wadena.

The work in the western provinces of Canada has also met with some success, although rain interfered in several places, especially Brandon, Man., where on a former occasion 17 deaf had had attended services. This year the number was only four. An effort was made to visit the deaf of Saskatoon in their homes before the date set for the Saskatoon services. The missionary and another pastor traveled about 400 miles, mostly in rain and on extremely poor roads, looking up these deaf. The efforts put into this trip were well repaid, for on the following Sunday 12 deaf attended services. This is the largest attendance our mission ever has had in Saskatoon. Most of these deaf came long distances to see the preaching. The long distance record is held by a deaf man living near the Montana state line; he came to services in High River, Alberta, a small town near Calgary. How many hundred miles did this man travel to hear God's Word? May he be given many more opportunities to see sermons in the sign language. For the first time services were also conducted in Grandview, Man., and Aaron, Sask.

Opportunities were also given the pastor to address the Synodical Convention in Willow City, No. Dak., Langenburg, Sask., and Calgary, Alta. At all of these places the delegates showed a lively interest in our mission for the deaf. With their interest, and many sincere prayers arising to the throne of God, our work in Canada will prosper.

The last trip in North Dakota took the missionary into a new territory, that is, the extreme western part of the state from the South Dakota line to Skaar, North Dakota. In two and a half days 375 miles were covered by automobile. Lord's Supper was given to one of the former pupils of the Devils Lake school, several children added to the Devils Lake classes and also a few adult deaf visited, who for the first time in very many years had a pastor tell them that "Jesus sinners doth receive." Thereupon in this entire territory we have reasons to thank God that He is prospering the works of our hands.

W. F.

Minneapolis Mission—Marvin Larson of Minneapolis and Valentine Milenski of Milwaukee were united in holy matrimony on September 2 at the home of Mr. Larson's mother. May the Lord Jesus and His blessing be with them in their home and may they ever remember that only Jesus can bring them to the heavenly home!

Robert Valentine, grandson of Mr. and Mrs. Nageler, was baptized August 29 in the home of his grandparents. Our Lord made him His child by baptism and our prayer is:

"It is Thy child, and leave it never,
Thine on earth, and Thine forever."

Miss Maria Skovholt, who had returned to California last year, was taken ill and came back to her parents' home in Minneapolis where she had to undergo several operations. Thanks to God she is on the way to recovery. — Mrs. Mildred Gran underwent a serious operation on her right eye in August. Several years ago the left eye was operated on which operation was not successful. Thanks to God, the operation on the right eye has been very successful and she is able to see! — Mrs. Alice Jones, an old member of Grace Chapel, is at the General Hospital quite ill. May God be her comfort and support. — At the Asbury Hospital we were called to the bedside of a deaf-blind boy, twelve years of age. A pitiful case, indeed! He lost his hearing at the age of two and last year lost his sight. He has returned to Canada where our Duluth missionary very likely will be able to call upon him and to cheer him. — Lily Gamst, a member of our Faribault confirmation class, is at the University Hospital taking treatments for her ears. May Jesus be her comfort. — At the Glen Lake Sanitarium we visit Miss Marion Olson occasionally. She is happy and cheerful and trusts in the Lord who does all things well!

"In God, my faithful God,
I trust when dark my road;
Though many woes o'ertake me,
Yet He will not forsake me;
His love it is doth send them,
And when 'tis best will end them."

August 24 the pastor delivered a lecture on our work among the deaf to our congregation at Dodge Center. Rev. F. C. Ahrens, an old friend of our Mission, is pastor of this congregation. Pastor Ahrens, while pastor in Sabin, Minn., assisted us in instructing three deaf and preparing them for confirmation. We told the Dodge Center Congregation of God's blessed work among the deaf and blind and urged them to remember also this work in their daily prayers. We also secured a number of subscribers to the Deaf Lutheran and a collection of a little more than \$21.00 was lifted for our work. Thanks to pastor and congregation!

J. L. S.

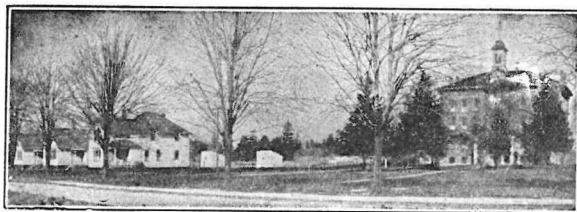
Kansas City Mission—During the month of July we had the highest (total) attendance of any month for this year. This is appreciated in view of the fact that temperatures in many parts of the country hovered near the 100 degree mark all the time. But while feeling inclined to report this as our best month, we also must report that the angel of death called at the homes of various friends and members. On July 11

Mr. H. H. Wiebold of Kansas City fell asleep in Jesus. On July 17 Mrs. N. B. Carroll was called to her eternal home. Mr. Wiebold was a member of our 1927 confirmation class. Strange to say, only one member out of that class of four survives. Most emphatically do these deaths remind us that "all flesh is as grass," 1 Peter 1, 24, and that the day is coming when we shall have to leave this world. Also from Rudy, Ark., comes the message that Mr. J. J. Smith succumbed to an operation on June 25.

Many of our readers remember Rev. G. Klattenhoff, formerly of Joplin, Mo., as the pastor who was instrumental in having services for deaf started there a few years ago. We recently met him at the convention of the Western District, St. Louis, Mo., and, Rev. Klattenhoff assures all our friends that he is still greatly interested in Deaf Mute Mission. At the same convention on June 17, the undersigned also gave a brief report on our mission in this territory. Numerous inquiries and comments of laymen and pastors are an assurance to all our Deaf Lutheran readers that our Lutheran congregations want to do everything possible to have the message of the Savior Jesus brought to them.

On July 20, Pilgrim Congregation of Kansas City and many friends celebrated their annual picnic. At eleven o'clock in the morning the pastor delivered an address on the subject: "A Christian and His Sociability." At noon a splendid luncheon was served and in the afternoon we enjoyed ourselves in a Christian way with those whom we love because they love our Savior.

On July 3, it was the privilege of the undersigned to speak on Deaf-Mute Mission, and other Missions, at the Mission Festival at Blocä, Kansas. A. E. F.



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