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Harvest and Thanksgiving

O Lord, whose bounteous hand again
Hath poured Thy gifts in plenty down,
Who all creation dost sustain
And all the earth with goodness crown:
Lord of the harvest, here we own
Our joy Thy gift, and Thine alone.

O may we ne'er with thankless heart
Forget from whom our blessings flow.
Still, Lord, Thy heavenly grace impart;
Still teach us what to Thee we owe.
Lord, may our lives with fruit divine
Return Thy care and prove us Thine.

Lord, grant that each may sow to Thee;
Grant us in endless life to reap.
Of every heart the Guardian be;
By day and night Thy servants keep,
That all to Thee may joy afford
On Thy great harvest-day, O Lord.

Ephphatha Conference

Emmanuel Deaf Congregation of Milwaukee, with its pastor, Rev. M. E. Mueller, entertained the twenty Lutheran pastors to the deaf in a very efficient and royal manner in their church from September 29 to October 3.

Only one of our missionaries found it impossible to be present and was excused. Since our last Ephphatha Conference another one of our workers has been called to his eternal reward, Rev. F. C. Gade, former pastor of the Milwaukee congregation. In memory of our departed brother in the Lord, members of the conference contributed toward a memorial wreath, the money to be used as designated by the Milwaukee congregation.

A very welcome attendant at our conference was the Rev. A. H. Kuntz, former chairman of our Board of Missions to the Deaf and Blind, who during the past years has been occupied with the editing of the Braille literature for the blind. Through his efforts and God's richest blessing many blind people in

every State in the Union as well as many in foreign countries were given the opportunity to learn of the "one thing needful unto salvation." Parts of the Bible, Luther's Catechism, the *Messenger for the Blind*, and other pamphlets were sent out and highly appreciated by these people living in darkness. Due to age and physical conditions Pastor Kuntz was forced to retire from office during the summer, and he has now established his home in St. Paul, Minn. May the Lord, whom he has so faithfully served during these many years, grant him a peaceful and joyful life in his remaining years. Pastor O. C. Schroeder has been appointed as successor to Pastor Kuntz, and may God bless his labors also.

One of last June's graduates of our Concordia Seminary at St. Louis, Mr. Floyd Possehl, was also present. After his ordination into the active ministry, he will take charge of the vast Oklahoma and Texas territory, with headquarters at Oklahoma City. Mr. Possehl received his instruction in the sign-language at the Seminary under the able leadership of Rev. F. A. Hischke. As this consecrated young worker takes up his duties in the work among the deaf, our prayers for success and God's blessing accompany him.

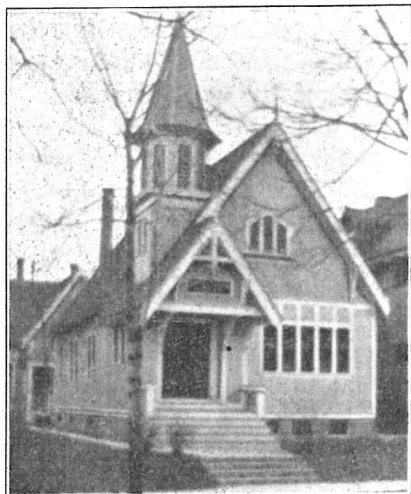
Three members of our Board, Pastors H. A. Gamber, E. H. Bertram, and C. J. Hoffmann, came down from St. Paul on Monday morning to discuss various problems with the missionaries and other business pertaining to the welfare and improvement of our work in the Lord's vineyard.

Not a dull moment was spent during the four and one half days of sessions, as the program committee, consisting of Pastors A. E. Ferber and A. Boll, presented a complete outline of the work on hand at the opening of

each session, which was followed very closely by the chairman, Rev. E. Eichmann.

Since our Lutheran pastors wish to present God's truth in a better and clearer way to the congregations in their charge, the custom of discussing signs according to the *Manual of Signs*, by Dr. J. S. Long, was continued, and much benefit was derived therefrom especially by the younger pastors. Rev. J. L. Salvner led these discussions.

Since our pastors realize, and since the Bible also teaches, that man's true happiness in this life and in the life to come is gained only by earnest teaching and study of God's saving Gospel, Pastor Schroeder was asked to read a paper on "Education of the Deaf," with



Emmanuel Lutheran Church for the Deaf at Milwaukee, Wis.

In the church pictured above the conference of Lutheran pastors for the deaf was held from September 29 to October 3. Rev. M. E. Mueller is the pastor of this church

special reference to true Christian and religious education and training, which produces real, lasting joy and happiness also in the hearts of the deaf.

Papers on Rom. 2:1-5 and on 1 Cor. 8:1-4 were read by Pastors J. Beyer and E. Mappes. The remainder of these two chapters are to be discussed at the next conference.

Pastors R. Cordes and O. Schroeder presented various Gospel- and Epistle-lessons in signs, which were then discussed.

Our oldest missionary in years of service among the deaf is Pastor A. Boll of New York. Pastor Boll, with gratitude to God Almighty for His grace and blessings, can look back to forty years of preaching and teaching in the

sign-language, having begun his work in the fall of 1899. At a specially arranged time during one of the sessions, conference took occasion to observe Pastor Boll's fortieth anniversary, and Pastor J. Beyer addressed the brother in the name of the conference, basing his remarks on the words of Paul in 1 Cor. 15:10: "By the grace of God I am what I am." May God continue to send His blessings upon the life and work of Pastor Boll, so that many more deaf may through his preaching be led to the way of salvation.

On Sunday afternoon a service was held in the Emmanuel Church in which all the pastors and members of the deaf congregation partook of the Lord's Supper. To an audience which filled the church to capacity Rev. A. Jonas delivered the confessional address and Rev. E. Eichmann the sermon, both sermons being very inspirational. In the evening a special service for both deaf and hearing friends was arranged at near-by Immanuel Lutheran Church (Rev. C. F. Dietz, pastor). Rev. E. Duemling, a former missionary to the deaf and now city missionary of Milwaukee, delivered the sermon, and Rev. J. Beyer interpreted for the deaf. Pastors R. Cordes and G. Ferber interpreted hymns and other parts of the service.

Visitors at the sessions were pastors and teachers from various Lutheran congregations of Milwaukee and vicinity, including the First Vice-President of our Synod, Dr. H. Grueber, and Rev. F. C. Streufert of St. Louis, general secretary of missions of our Synod. Both of these men gave short addresses of encouragement to the missionaries.

On Friday evening a reception was given in the basement of the church to enable the deaf and the missionaries to become better acquainted. Moving pictures were shown, and very tasty refreshments were served by the ladies. After the Sunday afternoon service a general get-together was also held in the church basement and a lunch served.

A vote of thanks was unanimously passed for all the kindness and hospitality shown us by the pastor and the members of Emmanuel Congregation in providing for our needs and comforts while in their midst.

The invitation of the Minneapolis congregation to meet there in 1940 was accepted.

E. M.

Studies in Luther's Catechism

THE SECOND ARTICLE

"Jesus Christ, My High Priest"

(Continued)

There were many high priests in the Old Testament, but these all pointed to the one High Priest, Jesus Christ. They were but the shadow of the Coming One, Col. 2:17.

Our High Priest Brings the Sacrifice of a Perfect Obedience for Us

When the high priest in the Old Testament brought sacrifices unto God, he first had to wash his flesh in water, then put on holy clothes, and first bring an offering for himself and his house, Lev. 16:24. God wanted to show His people that he who would step between them and their God must be holy. Therefore we read in Heb. 7:26: "Such an High Priest became us who is holy." Must our High Priest Jesus likewise first wash His flesh in water and put on holy garments? Oh, no; He is holy. Again and again our Bible calls Him "the Holy One of God," Acts 2:27; 3:14, and other passages.

Now this Holy One of God "was made under the Law," Gal. 4:4. And He fulfilled the Law; He perfectly kept all commandments. And He did not need to do this for Himself, for He is God and therefore above the Law. Oh, rejoice, He was made under the Law "to redeem them that were under the Law." That means you and me, who cannot keep the Law. He fulfilled it for us, and therefore it can accuse us no more. And because He is the Holy One, a High Priest without sin, Heb. 4:15, therefore "He needeth not daily, as those high priests, to offer up sacrifice, first for His own sins," Heb. 7:27. A holy and perfect High Priest brings a perfect obedience unto God for us!

Our High Priest Brings a Bloody Sacrifice for Our Sins

The Law is fulfilled. It cannot accuse us. But what about our sin? Fear not; our High Priest brought a sacrifice also for sin. And it had to be a bloody offering. That we learn from the high priests in the Old Testament. The high priest went into the Holy Place within the veil "alone once a year, not without blood," Heb. 9:7. Before the mercy-seat he

sprinkled the blood of the bullock with his finger seven times, Lev. 16:14. And that was for himself, for his sins. Then he took the goat of the sin-offering for the people, killed it, brought the blood within the veil, and did with that blood as he did with the blood of the bullock, v. 15. The high priest had to come with blood before God, for He says in His holy Word: "It is the blood that maketh an atonement for the soul," Lev. 17:11. Also read Heb. 9:22. God wanted to show His people that they needed blood to take away their sin. But the blood of bulls and goats could not do that, Heb. 10:4. We need a better blood. And, behold, here is our High Priest Jesus Christ. He went before God with His own blood. His blood opened the way to God for the sinner, for the veil which was before the Most Holy Place in the Temple was rent in twain from the top to the bottom when Jesus shed His blood in death. And you need no other sacrifice. This one will do for all time. Heb. 10:10 says: "We are sanctified through the offering of the body of Jesus Christ once for all"; and again: "By His own blood He entered in once into the Holy Place, having obtained eternal redemption (everlasting salvation) for us," Heb. 9:12.

Your High Priest

Yes, He wants to be your High Priest. Oh, trust in Him, saying: "My High Priest, the Lord Jesus Christ, has fulfilled all commandments for me and has given Himself into death and shed His blood for me." Sinner, ever look to this High Priest and His blood! J. L. S.

THE BREAD OF LIFE

Bible-Study for November

"Lord, Thou knowest all things," John 21:17

Bible-Lesson: Mark 14:10-16

"And Judas Iscariot, one of the Twelve, went unto the chief priests to betray Him unto them. And when they heard it, they were glad and promised to give him money. And he sought how he might conveniently betray Him. And the first day of unleavened bread, when they killed the passover, His disciples said unto Him, Where wilt Thou that we go and prepare that Thou mayest eat the passover? And He sendeth forth two of His disciples and saith unto them, Go ye into the city, and there shall meet you a man bearing a pitcher of water; follow him. And wheresoever he shall go in, say ye to the goodman of the house, The Master saith, Where is the guest-chamber where I shall eat the passover with My disciples? And he will show you a large upper

room furnished and prepared; there make ready for us. And His disciples went forth and came into the city and found as He had said unto them; and they made ready the passover."

Judas now went to the chief priests and told them that he would betray Jesus to them. The chief priests, more than ever determined to put Jesus to death, gladly listened to his plan and promised to pay him money if he should deliver Jesus into their hands. From that time on Judas sought a good opportunity to carry out his wicked deed and betray Jesus into the hands of His enemies. Judas, one of the Twelve, willing to sell his Lord and Master for thirty pieces of silver! See into what terrible sins Satan leads men when they turn their hearts away from Jesus. Judas loved money, and to satisfy his desire for money, he did not even shrink from betraying his Lord and Savior for a small sum.

It was now the first day of unleavened bread, the day on which the Jews made arrangements to celebrate the feast of the Passover. This feast was to remind the Jews of the day when the Lord with a mighty hand led their fathers safely out of the land of Egypt. In the Law of Moses complete instructions were given for the celebration of the Passover, and all Jews were required to keep it. (Read Ex. 12:3-17.) Jesus also obeyed this law, even as He obeyed the whole Law of God perfectly. Therefore, when the disciples came and asked Him where they should prepare the feast, He immediately gave them the necessary instructions.

And from His words we learn again that He is indeed the Son of God, to whom all things are known. He instructed two of His disciples to go into the city. He told them that a man bearing a pitcher of water would meet them there. They should follow this man, and wheresoever he should enter in, they should say to the goodman (owner) of the house: "The Master [Jesus] saith, Where is the guest-chamber [dining-room] where I shall eat the passover with my disciples?" And the owner of the house would then show them a large upper (up-stairs) room, furnished and prepared for eating the Passover lamb.

When the disciples entered the city, they found everything as Jesus had said to them. His word is truth, because He is the Son of God.

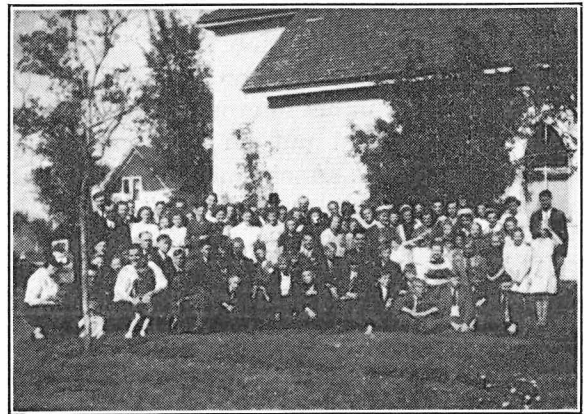
This same Jesus who spoke to His dis-

ciples on that day also speaks to us in the Bible. In the Bible we have His Word, the Word of God. Let us hold fast to Him and His Word and never turn our hearts away from Him, lest we also fall into the hands and power of Satan as Judas did. If we cling to Jesus and His Word in true faith, He will keep us by His power unto salvation.

E. En.

IN THE EDITOR'S MAIL

Minneapolis Mission.—The Twin City churches, Calvary in St. Paul and Grace in Minneapolis, celebrated their mission-festival October 8 in Grace Chapel. Pastor Cordes, of Winnipeg, on his way home from Ephphatha Conference, preached the sermon in the afternoon service to a little more than 90 deaf. May we all heed the message he brought us from the Word



Group of Deaf Attending the Services at Devils Lake, N. Dak., May 28, 1939

Two young people were baptized, and 42 deaf friends, mostly pupils of the school, received the Lord's Supper. Ninety-one deaf attended the services. Rev. W. Ferber of Duluth, Minn., preaches regularly to this group

of God and help to bring the Gospel of salvation to those who still sit in darkness. The offering for our Savior's soul-saving work amounted to almost \$15. Our ladies served supper to about eighty. Almost every one stayed for the evening. At 7:30 films on our Missions in China were shown in the basement of Immanuel Church. Ten dollars were collected in this service for the Lord's work. May God fill us all with love for lost souls and with zeal for His work. Daily pray for our missionaries at home and abroad! J. L. S.

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