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A HAPPY CHRISTMAS

A little Babe is born today,
He comes to set us free,
And angels sing in starry sky,
Peace to humanity,
Peace to those who have good will
Yet poor, as poor can be.

Cheer up, ye men, who love the Lord
His joyous angels sing,
Rest all your faith, your hope and
In Jesus Christ, your King, [love,
Since He is God, Emmanuel,
The Everlasting One,
Messiah, Savior, Prince of Peace,
And God's own loving Son.
So sorrow has surcease.—*Sel.*

GOD BE WITH YOU IN THE NEW YEAR

May its light
Be the sunlight of God's love:
Its night
His sheltering wings above;
Its storms
Reveal the wonders of His grace;
Its calms
Reflect the beauty of His face;
Its winds
Breathe whispers of His care;
Its showers
Bring blessings rich and rare;
May its cares
Bind closer to His Heart;
Its joys
Be of Heavenly joys a part.—*Sel.*

AND THE WORD WAS MADE FLESH, AND DWELT AMONG US, AND WE BEHELD HIS GLORY AS OF THE ONLY BEGOTTEN OF THE FATHER, FULL OF GRACE AND TRUTH. John 1:14

Grant, we beseech thee, Almighty God, that for us, who are bathed in the new light of thy Incarnate Word, that which shines in us through faith, may be resplendent in our deeds. This we ask in the Christ Child's name.

Grant, we beseech thee, Almighty God—

All deepening of faith is a gift from God . . .

All holier living comes from Him too . . .

For us who are bathed in the light of the Incarnate Word—

Christ is indeed Light of Light . . .

When He came on earth, a light from heaven surrounded His choiring angels . . .

And this sacred Christmas-time, we are bathed in his light—

in the wonderfully joyful services of the Church . . .

In the blessings which flood our souls . . .

That which shines in us through faith—

the recognition of God's hatred of sin . . .

the knowledge of His condescension . . .

the conviction of His mercy . . .

the realization of His love . . .

May be resplendent in our deeds—

in our thoughts, so that we think as kindly of others as God does of us . . .

in our words—

so that we speak of everyone as of a fellow child of God . . .

so that from what we say everyone may learn of God and of God's ways . . .

in our actions, wherein we try to be as perfect as our heavenly Father is perfect . . .

So that, through us, all men may come to a better knowledge and love of God . . .

Dear Savior, nineteen hundred years ago Thou camest into this world and yet after all these centuries the world does not know Thee. Thanks to Thy great gift of Faith I do know Thee and Thy love. Give me much grace not to keep that light hidden but rather to let it shine out compellingly before all men that they may come to know and love Thee better. Let Thy Christmas gift to me be the grace of becoming an apostle of Thy truth and love, by words and deeds.

—*Adapted.*

THE LORD IS NIGH

The world waited at least 4,000 years after the fall of our first parents until the promised Redeemer appeared. To commemorate those four dreary decades of centuries the Church devotes the four weeks preceding Christmas to a more intensive spiritual renewal, to prepare by repentance for the Messiah's advent and the great festive anniversary of His birth in Bethlehem.

And as the patriarchs and saints of the Old Testament sent up to heaven their sighs and supplications to hasten His coming, so the faithful of the New Testament are now to look forward in that same spirit to Christmas and pray that this festival of His birth may bring a new birth both to their own souls and to the world at large.

It is a season of repentance as those centuries were before the actual appearance of Our Savior in the flesh. The season's color is the penitential purple, and the prayers of the church are pleadings for mercy and for release from the burdens that sorely oppress the souls of men.

God's judgments against sin are proclaimed in the first Advent gospel. The preaching of John the Baptist in the desert is reached on the following Sundays; for he came to prepare the people for Our Lord's advent by vehement denunciation of their sins, and preaching the baptism for the remission of sins.

The Church calls on the Almighty to arouse His power and come; to dispel the darkness of our souls; to deliver us from His judgments impending for our sins; to excite and stir up our hearts to prepare the way of His Only-begotten Son, to deliver us from our souls' adversaries, and grant grace to serve Him in all purity of heart.

A LETTER TO JIMMY

Dear Jimmy:

It's late in the evening and no doubt you are tucked into your junior bed getting that restful sleep that comes to all little men who have such busy days. But your picture on the front page of the Institute's new folder continues to smile on me — so let's talk awhile.

I thank God tonight that the door to the Institute, which also means the door to your spiritual, mental and physical development has been opened wide to you and you have been received in Jesus' name. Surely you have found faithful friends in your school-



This is Jimmy

mates, your teachers and house-mother — yes, I believe even the visitors occasionally pat your cheek and wish you well.—All are anxious that you should be brought up in the nurture and admonition of the Lord.

But, it seems there must be thousands of unseen friends gazing upon the picture of your smiling face tonight. And it is my prayer, Jimmy, that, as you opened the door to the Institute, so may your many friends from far and near open their hearts to you and your school mates again this holiday season and remember your school with an offering. It is these gifts that make your Christian education possible. And our Lord, the Giver of all good gifts, has promised to bless such donors richly.

No, Jimmy, we won't forget you, so sleep on in peace—and God bless you and prosper your school.

— A Friend.

DOCTORS' SERVICES

On October 10th, our school again benefitted from the professional services of the following group of optometrists: Dr. H. Ray Hecox, Dr. C. W. Johannes, Dr. R. T. Hugo, Dr. J. V. Dueweke, Mrs. Charlotte Bunte and Mrs. Julianna Dueweke.

Once each year the children are submitted to a very thorough examination by this staff of optometrists and their assistants, after which their respective needs and remedial corrections are recommended to us or to the parents. Here again we find the ready and waiting helpfulness of the Northeast Kiwanis Club of Detroit prepared to reimburse the doctors for

specific corrections supplied such pupils as are financially unable to pay. This type of service rendered by the Kiwanis Club cannot be too highly praised. It was through the same motive of willingness to contribute toward the happiness and comfort of our children that the Kiwanians completely furnished our hospital wards a few years ago.

It was largely through the efforts of Dr. J. V. Dueweke that the Civilian Defense Air Corps donated three flag carriers and a stretcher to our school recently. This friend of ours has been an interested supporter of our Institute for many years, and we certainly do appreciate it.

Another vital and essential service provided for the children of our school is the dental care contributed by Drs. Carlisle Rueger and Augustine Degoenaga. These men donate their time once a week to correct the various dental needs of our children. These services are invaluable, especially to the children who are unable because of distance to go home during the school year. It is with deep sincerity and appreciation that we say "thank you" to all who so faithfully and generously aid in providing for the various needs of our Institute family.

THE LIBRARY

Since the beginning of this semester the school has undertaken and carried out a new project; that of maintaining a library made up of books suitable to meet the needs of the students in their reading for pleasure.

Through the cooperation of the Detroit Public Library, we obtain books for a period of eight weeks; at the end of which time they are returned and a new set is received for another eight weeks. This plan is to be carried on throughout the entire year.

Every Friday from three-fifteen P.M. to four o'clock the children, under the guidance of their teachers and the librarian, may choose any book they desire. Then, after following the correct procedure of signing them out, the children may take these books with them to read during their free time.

The project to date has proven to be very successful, as shown by the many books in circulation every week. Besides giving the children a feeling of responsibility, it also gives them the enjoyment of having the privilege of reading a book which they have chosen for themselves.

IMPRESSIONS OF A NEW TEACHER

Every school has a personality of its own resulting from the interaction of everyone within. The outstanding characteristic of The Lutheran Institute for the Deaf as it meets the new teacher is its spirit of friendliness.

The first note of this dominating attitude came through the cordial letters written by Director J. A. Klein. It continued when one of the faculty drove the long stretch to the train depot to meet a pair of new out-of-state teachers. As soon as they arrived, another instructor offered the travel-worn pair a cup of stimulating coffee to refresh them.

Everyone considerably informed the newcomers of the whereabouts of necessary supplies and equipment. Outstanding among house privileges is the liberty to "raid the icebox," which never disappoints the seeker. The building itself contributes to a cheerful atmosphere with its modern living quarters and school rooms.

After the children arrived, the observers could not help but note the neat appearances of the many deaf boys and girls of this school. Friendliness also pervaded among the older children who talked in a frank, sincere manner. When classes started, friendliness did not disappear, but the faculty showed interest and willingness to help in solving any problems that arose.— Surely this is a real "home away from home" for both teachers and pupils.—One of the New Teachers.

GIVING

There is no MUST in giving
Except it be from the heart,
And the task is so much easier
If everyone does his part.

But there is a REWARD in giving,
God's promise to you and to me —
It's the tenfold return on our offering
When our hearts turn to charity.

So let us remember the DEAF CHILD
As the season of giving draws near.
Let's send in our offering and wish him —
Blessed Christmas and Happy New Year.

The real cure for crime is to re-establish the American home and put the Ten Commandments back into it.

A PENNY SAVED IS A PENNY MADE

Our friends and readers of the Advocate can help us save many pennies if, when they change their place of residence, they will immediately notify us per post card of their new address. Unless this is done, we must pay Uncle Sam two cents for every paper which cannot be delivered to the addressee. We like our Uncle Sam, and don't want to cause him any more work than is necessary. But we also want to save as many pennies, yes, dollars, as we can by keeping our mailing list up to date. We know that our readers will co-operate with us in this matter.

OUR GRADUATES

Every year when a new school year begins we face the new class with hope, enthusiasm and a prayer. We hope that our abilities are equal to the task ahead. We are enthusiastic about helping our children to understand a little more about this intricate and exciting world and how to live in it. We pray that we may not become discouraged when our problems become difficult. We are encouraged in our present endeavors by the success of those pupils who have been in our classes and have been graduated from this school.

We are pleased to hear that a number of our graduates are now attending high schools with hearing children. In September, Peter Merutka and Carl Schneider were enrolled at Lane High School for boys in Chicago. The latest news from them indicates that they are getting on fine and do not miss the feminine sex too much. Ruth Fabry, also of Chicago, is now in her third year at a high school in that city. She has been studying German and likes to insert a phrase or two of it into her letters to test our knowledge of the language. Shirley Hubbard of Royal Oak is attending the high school in that city, and is doing fine work there. Genevieve Moeller who was graduated two years ago is now in her second year at the Filion, Michigan, high school. Her ability as a seamstress has resulted in an attractive wardrobe for herself and her sister, Vivian, now in the eighth grade here at the Institute.

From across the country we hear that Dorothy Ohlberg of Fresno, California, is now a Junior at

Fresno High. A classmate of Dorothy's was Raymond Much, now in the twelfth grade at Eastern High School in Detroit. Raymond also chose German for his foreign language subject. At New Hampton, Iowa, Odus Landsverk is now in his second year at the local high school there, and is getting on well with his hearing classmates. Anna Nissen of Grant Park, Illinois, completed the 10th grade in a hearing high school.

Others of our graduates are getting their higher education at State Schools for the deaf. From Flint comes word that Jacklyn Searle, William McKenney, Henry Lukaszewicz, Fred Burtzloff, Helen Winkelman, and Florence Braun are now in the High School department of the Michigan State School. Kathryn Bowers is attending the Ohio School, Eugene Winans and Mary Ann Oetting the Indiana School. Irene Kelley entered the Kansas School where Dorothy Meyer is a Junior. Donna Lee Beck of Decatur, Ill., was graduated from the Illinois School at Jacksonville and is now attending a regular business college.

Two of our graduates of some years past, Jerry Jordan and Christal Erdman, are now attending Gallaudet College in Washington, D. C. Jerry is on the staff of the school paper and Christal has written some interesting short stories, one of which was printed in the Advocate several years ago. She also has talent for poetry, having had a number of her poems appear in print. A Christmas poem by her was published in the Lutheran Witness last year.

We hope and pray that these fine young people will continue to do as well in the future as they have done in the past, and especially also that they may always remain loyal to Christ their Savior. May their achievements both encourage and inspire our coming graduates to do as well. In their success we, also, find renewed enthusiasm and hope in facing each new class. What greater reward can teachers receive than to have their pupils grow up to be Christian men and women!

TEACHERS ARE NEEDED

"The harvest truly is plenteous, but the labourers are few; pray ye therefore the Lord of the harvest that He will send forth labourers into His harvest."

Your Institute needs teachers! Yes, labourers are needed here to work for the Lord and bring a knowledge of Christ to the many

deaf children who are now with us and those waiting to be enrolled as soon as more facilities can be provided.

Through the gifts of our many faithful friends and through the efforts of our hard-working director, as well as pastors interested in our cause, we now have a beautiful and modern Institute. Its purpose is to educate deaf children both in the matters of this life and the life to come. This Institute must be utilized to the utmost degree. But it cannot be done without a complete staff of teachers. We have such a staff at present, but, in the near future, several of our people will, for valid reasons, be compelled to leave us, and their places must be filled. We are appealing to the young women of the Church to think seriously of a career in this field.

Working with deaf children is both stimulating and interesting. The teacher trains these little ones to speak their first words. It may take longer, (and it does), than with a hearing child, but can you imagine the feeling of satisfaction for both teacher and child when it is finally accomplished? It is hard to describe and put down on paper the glow in a child's eyes when he begins to understand that he is learning to express himself.

Ours is a hearing world and most of us communicate by speech. Here is a deaf child who sees us opening and shutting our mouths, but he doesn't understand what we're doing and what all those movements mean. Then he goes to school and teacher shows him that certain movements mean certain words and that words represent objects, actions and conditions. He learns to lip-read. You can see that teacher is becoming a very interesting person to the child because she is bringing understanding about many things that just didn't make sense before.

We did not say all this was easy to do. No, it is hard work, but its reward is great. The good teacher gets much satisfaction out of doing a difficult job well. Parents are grateful for everything accomplished with their child, especially that their little one is being trained to become a citizen of heaven through faith in Christ. No doubt, many of you young women are planning to enter the field of education. Before you decide definitely to become a teacher of hearing children, we suggest that you investigate the field of Special Education. Our director will be very happy to give you more information, and if you live in our vicinity come for a visit. We are sure that

what you will see will be interesting, and you will be convinced that the work here at the Institute should not suffer because of lack of teachers. We assume that, after having read this appeal, there must be Lutheran teachers and other young women of the Church who will think seriously of entering this most interesting and important mission work of bringing handicapped deaf children to Christ and salvation. Let us hear from you! Our address is 6861 Nevada Ave., Detroit 12, Michigan.

THIS AND THAT

Our recent out of state visitors were Mr. and Mrs. Fred Pekrul of Bridgeport, Connecticut, the Misses Dorothea and Adeline Single of Westlake, Ohio, Mr. and Mrs. Wm. A. Keup of Theresa, Wisconsin, Mrs. R. C. Kemp of Winnipeg, Canada, the Misses Charlotte and Elenore Wehrenberg of York, Pennsylvania, Miss Helen Erck of Oshkosh, Mr. and Mrs. Carl Hassel and Miss Renata Schult of Merrill, Miss Della Schult of Wausau, and the Rev. E. S. Eske of Milwaukee, Wisconsin, and Mrs. Bertha Rogan and her daughter Hilda of Hamburg, New York. Mrs. Rogan, a former pupil of our Institute, was graduated in 1902. Our new buildings and other developments at our school were a great surprise to her.—With the many visitors from our own state were also a group of nine teachers from the State School for the Deaf in Flint.

The members of our Macomb County Ladies' Aid were guests of the Detroit Chapter at its last regular meeting. A delicious potluck dinner was enjoyed by all. In this meeting our Detroit Aid voted the purchase of several electric clocks for the dormitories and venetian blinds for the dining room.—Our children are now enjoying a new playground apparatus. It is a travel climb which was ordered for them by our Ladies' Aid as a Christmas present last January, but which was not received and set up until recently.—The ladies also provided a delicious home-coming dinner for our Institute family. It consisted of chicken and everything that goes with such a meal, including ice cream.

We now have ninety-nine children enrolled. The ninety-ninth pupil is Josephine Markovich. The only reason we could accept Josephine was because she is a day student and as such lives at home.—If we had the necessary facilities to house them, we could have

two hundred or more children in our Institute. Why must so much mission material be lost to the Church, and so many souls perish? You, dear reader, know the answer. — Our annual message has been sent to all our readers. The response it will provoke will determine whether or not the many deaf children on our waiting list will soon be given an opportunity to learn the way to salvation within our walls. The field is truly white unto harvest.

We again owe our sincere thanks to the congregations of the Thumb District of Michigan for donations of farm produce and canned fruits. Mr. Hy. Nielsen and son, Edwin, of the C. & H. Nielsen Cartage Co., and their wives and several helpers made this annual two-day trip to gather these gifts and deliver them to us. — Due to the general crop failure in this area, our good friends could not contribute so abundantly and lavishly as in former years. We, therefore, must look to others to supply further means to feed our large family of children. We are confident that, through our readers, the Lord will continue to supply our needs.

Our ladies resolved to pay for the paint necessary to redecorate our girls' basement playroom, in which also is located our Ladies' Aid kitchen and dining room. Our caretaker, Mr. Stacey, is doing the painting. — Our ponies, Silver and Bill, are busy animals these days. On Saturday afternoons and other days after school, they have on their backs anywhere from one to three of our youngsters giving them those much-enjoyed horseback rides.

THANKSGIVING

'Tis Thou that crown'st my
glittering hearth
With guiltless mirth,
And giv'st me Wassail
bowles to drink
Spiced to the brink;
Lord, 'tis Thy plenty-drop-
ping hand
That soils my land;
And gi'st me for my bushell
sowne,
Twice ten for one.
— *Old English Chant.*

Recently Mrs. B. M. Anderson of Detroit joined our staff as assistant housemother. And within the near future we expect Miss Dolores Ketelsen of Iowa to take over our dining room work. Our good Ruth Kahler can then take over her housemother position again in the girls' building. —

Our children had a most enjoyable evening on Thursday, October 25th, when the Aural Guild of Detroit provided the motion pictures, cookies and other refreshments for a Hallowe'en party. Many of the pupils appeared in costumes, and prizes were awarded to those wearing the funniest and the most original. Everybody had a good time, and I am sure that the members of the Aural Guild Committee went away knowing that they had again provided our children an enjoyable evening with much fun. Thank you many times, dear Aural Guilders!

On November 1st we had the pleasure of having as guests and visitors at our school a group of fifty-six ladies from St. Michael's church in Richville, Michigan. Mrs. Geo. Huber of Frankenmuth, a member of the group, made all the arrangements for this one-hundred mile trip and visit to our school. We believe that this group of women enjoyed this excursion immensely. And it is our hope that more such groups will come and see their work which they through their contributions are doing for the Lord here at our Institute.

Mr. Wm. Dostel of Ludington, Michigan, sent us six bushels of apples through Mr. and Mrs. C. Witt of Detroit. Mr. and Mrs. Witt, Mrs. Emmerson, Mrs. Kling and Mrs. Klank were kind enough to spend a whole day with us canning this fruit. Indeed a valuable contribution for which we are most grateful.

Supplies of folders, such as our readers received with our annual letter, also coin envelopes and Memorial Wreath folders for distribution can be obtained from us in quantities by dropping us a postal card. — We are happy to report that our friend and Board member, Commander Fred J. Auch, was recently discharged from active duty in the U. S. Navy and that he is now again an active member of our Board. — Mr. and Mrs. Carl Faust of Centerline, Michigan, surprised us with the gift of chickens for a chicken dinner, and Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Scheiderer of Marysville, O., sent us two cases of eggs. We are most grateful to these friends of our children. — Recently we were the recipients of two \$100.00 War Savings Bonds from a friend in St. Louis, Missouri, and a \$25.00 Bond from the Rev. John Gehring of Rockford, Washington. These generous gifts were immediately placed into our expansion fund and will be used to provide facilities to accommodate more deaf children in our Institute. — Miss Henrietta Van Syock, a member of Epiphany

church in Detroit, has undertaken to be sort of big sister to our older girls. As a result, the girls have already enjoyed many pleasant hours. May our dear Lord bless all our friends who are always so thoughtful of our handicapped children and the needs of their school home.

OUT OF THE CLASS ROOM My Eighth Birthday

I was eight years old yesterday. My mother and father could not come from Evanston to see me. My uncle Meg and aunt Mimi came in an airplane to visit me. I was very happy because I did not see Uncle Meg for two years. He came home from the war a little while ago. He will never go to war again. I am glad, because I love him very much.

In the afternoon Uncle Meg, Aunt Mimi and Cousin Lois visited our class. We recited, "Come Little Leaves" for them. We tried to talk very well.

After school I opened two very large packages. Uncle Meg and Aunt Mimi gave me a beautiful doll. The doll is wearing a pretty pink dress and hat. Aunt Mimi gave me a pair of brown overalls. My mother and father gave me a ring with a blue stone, and a blue pencil box. My brother Johnny David gave me some soap shaped like a chicken. My sister Susan gave me some purple bath salts. Cousin Lois gave me some rainbow bubbles. I received some other presents, too, and a great many birthday cards from my friends.

I went to my cousin Lois' house yesterday afternoon. Uncle Meg brought me back to school this morning. I had a very happy birthday.

Today is Leigh Crane's birthday. Leigh and I are going to have a birthday party at half-past two in our school room. Leigh's mother and my cousin Lois are going to bring the refreshments. Perhaps there will be eighteen people at the party. We shall have lots of fun. — Barbara Brauer, Age 8, Grade 3.

NEWS

I did not go home last Friday. I got a box from my mother. She sent me some potato chips, cookies, apples, candy and some books.

We shall have a birthday party next week. Robert Leland will have a birthday. He will be ten. We shall have ice-cream and a cake with candles on it.

There are eleven children in our class. There are four girls and seven boys. We have a large class. — Roberta Clawson, Age 8, Grade 2

OUR CHRISTMAS PROGRAM

This year, as always, our teachers will prepare a Christmas program with our pupils which will be presented in a Christmas service held in the parish hall of Our Savior Lutheran Church of which the Rev. E. Buchheimer is the pastor.

The Church is located at Dickerson and Elmdale. All friends are most cordially invited to this celebration. At this occasion the Ladies' Aid of the Institute will again remember our children with gifts in the usual way.

PEACE ON EARTH

My song, save this, is little worth;
I lay the weary pen aside,
And wish you health, and love and mirth,
As fits the solemn Christmas-tide
As fits the holy Christmas birth,
Be this, good friends, our carol still —
Be peace on earth, be peace on earth,
To men of gentle will.
— *Thackeray*

FORM OF BEQUEST TO OUR INSTITUTION

I give, devise and bequeath to the Evangelical Lutheran Institute for the Deaf, a corporation duly organized and existing under the laws of the State of Michigan, and located in the city of Detroit, the sum of dollars and the receipt of the Treasurer of said corporation shall be a sufficient discharge to my executor for same.

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