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"O give thanks unto the Lord for he is good: for His mercy endureth forever."

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Why We Are Called Lutherans.

Our church is generally known by the name of "The Lutheran Church." It is no part of our original and proper designation. Our church is simply "The Evangelical Church" or "The Church of the Augsburg Confession." In a sectarian sense, we quite oppose the use of the name of Luther, or of any mere man, not only as objectionable, but sinful. Luther, himself, has spoken very distinctly, and strongly, on this point.

"I am bound," he says, "to admonish those who scandalize the holy Gospel. I wish people to be silent as regards my name, and to let themselves be called, not Lutherans, but Christians. The doctrine is not mine. St. Paul would not permit Christians to say, I am of Paul, or of Peter, but of Christ. Let us put away party names, and bear the name of Christ, whose doctrine we hold."

The name was first applied in derision by the Romanists.

We are Lutherans in the sense that we profess the doctrines which God re-

stored to light by the instrumentality of his blessed servant, Dr. Luther. We accept, hold and teach the doctrine he taught, as the pure doctrine of Christ. We believe the articles of faith which Luther taught and defended, and receive them as the pure Gospel of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ. Let those disown him who disown his doctrine; we hold the Gospel as he held and preached it, and, therefore, we cannot hesitate to take the name Lutheran.—Ecclesia Lutherana by Dr. Seiss.

NOVEMBER'S KALENDAR.

1. Reformation Sunday, special services. Envelope No. 36.
3. Church Council. National Election Day.
4. Special Meeting of Deaconesses.
6. The Guild.
8. Infant Baptism at 2 P. M.
10. Luther's Birthday. The League. Sons of Grace.
- 12, 13. Coffee Sociable under the direction of Mrs. Nolty.
16. Altar Society at No. 540 West James street.
17. Missionary Society.
19. The Deaconesses at No. 524 South Queen street.
22. Last Sunday of the Church Year.
24. Luther League. Teachers' Meeting.
26. Thanksgiving Day. Full morning service at 10:30, preceded by the annual election of Elders and Deacons at 10 A. M. Bible class in the evening.
29. First Sunday in Advent. Installation of church officers.

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SERVICES

SUNDAY SCHOOL SESSION, 9:30 A. M.

MORNING SERVICE, 10:45 o'clock each Lord's Day.

CATECHETICAL CLASS, 6:15 P. M.

EVENING SERVICE, 7:30 o'clock each Lord's Day.

PRAYER MEETING, Wednesday evening, 7:30.

JUNIOR LUTHER LEAGUE, Wednesday 6:45 P. M.

LUTHER LEAGUE, Second and Fourth Tuesdays.

THANKSGIVING.

Again we have the privilege of returning thanks for all the mercies of the past year. How thankful, indeed, should we especially be! We have been richly blessed with health, strength, food, clothing and family. How prone we are to pass these things by as everyday matters, without any special thought.

We ought to be proud that ours is a Christian land, and despite even the calamity howlers the national life is becoming purer and better every day. Men in positions of honor and trust today are advanced for their integrity of purpose and moral uplift.

We of Grace should not forget to be thankful that our new church building is rapidly nearing completion and this alone should be the cause of a joyful Thanksgiving to all.

THANKSGIVING DAY.

Thanksgiving Day is usually the Thursday between the last Lord's Day of the old church year and the first Lord's Day of the new. It is appointed by proclamation of the President of the United States and the Governor of Pennsylvania. It should be spent not unfairly as a mere day of intemperate eating, or drinking or

for races and rude contests; but in God's house for worship and in happy family reunions at home.

SONS OF GRACE.

The men of our church for a long time have felt the need of a society in which they might meet together for mutual advancement and social intercourse. The first meeting to form an organization was held on September 8, and the following temporary officers were chosen: H. O. Leachey, president; George Bassler, vice president; James I. Pyle, secretary and treasurer; W. Z. Roy, organist.

The second meeting was held October 13, and a third on October 20. A constitution was read and discussed, and was laid on the table until the next meeting, November 10. Meetings will be held semi-monthly on the second and fourth Tuesdays at 8 o'clock.

There is a wide field of usefulness for this new organization, and the results will be most blessed unto the workers and the work.

SUNDAY SCHOOL RECORD.

	Att.	Col.
October 4....	332	\$5.24
October 11.....	368	5.34
October 18....	370	5.72
October 25....	229	3.59
Average....	325	\$4.97

THE LIBRARY

The library is in good working order and the number of books exchanged each Sunday is somewhat larger than it was in the old building. From November 1 books will be exchanged from 9 to 9:30 only.

At the Michaelmas Communion of September 27 there were twelve tables of communicants at the morning service and three at vesper service; in all 276 communed, upwards of twenty at each table. This may seem like a large number, but it is only one-third of the number who should be present.

DR. HAUPT'S RECENT JOURNEY.

During the beautiful October days Rev. Dr. and Mrs. Haupt, in fulfillment of a pleasant duty, were absent from the city. Their tour led them to the pretty town of Lancaster, New Hampshire, in the heart of the remarkable White Mountain region. Starting on October 5, the course led through Philadelphia, during the historic Founders' Week, and thence via New York, and Long Island Sound to Fall River and Boston. From the Massachusetts capital the cities of Lowell, Nashua, Manchester and Concord were traversed. Then the pretty lake country of New Hampshire's midland region was seen; and after touching the valley of the Connecticut at Wells River, the journey northward terminated in the pretty town of Lancaster with its neat frame houses of white.

The time of the year was most opportune for the journey, as the changing tints on the majestic mountains and forests that encircle Lancaster were marvellously fine. The rivers are nearly all clear mountain streams, and the sight of the lofty peaks of Mount Washington, Mounts Adams, Jefferson, etc., was not more familiar than inspiring.

The return homeward was through the world-famous Crawford Notch at the base of snowy Mount Washington, past groves of white birches and young pines onward toward Portland, Maine, by way of Sebago Lake. From Portland the way led into Boston, past old Bunker Hill monument, and crossing that city onward to New York and Philadelphia, and, at length, Lancaster, Pa.

It is hoped on November 20 to have an evening of travel with the pastor, when he will describe, to all who may attend, his journey into this wonderland of Nature.

THE BUILDING.

The exterior of the church and parsonage is now almost complete. The cement paving, the sod, and the new fencing have made a wonderful differ-

ence in the appearance and passers-by are not interrupted in their course to and fro.

The tile work is laboriously progressing, and we hope to report it being finished in our next issue.

The new pipe organ is still in course of erection, and we are promised its early completion.

The plumbers have set a number of the radiators and the church is now being heated so that the organ can be properly tuned.

HERE AND THERE.

We note as a matter worthy of record as a most unusual occurrence there has been no rainfall save one for over eight weeks.

During the pastor's unavoidable absence in New Hampshire, October 11, the pulpit was very acceptably supplied by Mr. W. L. Artz, of Reamstown, a theological student at Mount Airy.

The Luther League recently through its treasurer, Miss Florence Jacobs, presented the improvement fund with fifty dollars, all in gold. The League is in fine working condition.

The Deaconesses and their many friends brought in a splendid donation for the General Hospital on Wednesday, October 14, which was most gratefully received. The ladies visited the hospital in person and were escorted through the institution by the new superintendent, Miss Clara B. Schmehl.

Mr. and Mrs. C. G. Schubert recently visited the home of a brother in Cincinnati, Ohio, for a week or more.

The Luther League was represented at the recent annual convention at Ephrata by Misses Holton, Mohn and McCutcheon and the pastor. The next convention will, by invitation, occur at Harrisburg next fall.

The Junior Luther League has changed its hour of meeting from Saturday afternoon to Wednesday evening at 6:45. This will enable the larger number to attend, and the attention of the many parents living near the church is called to this matter.

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