


# Lutheran Spokesman



For He who is  
mighty has done  
great things for me, and  
holy is His name. And  
His mercy is on those  
who fear Him from  
generation to generation.

Luke 1:49 & 50

# THE MOST PRECIOUS BIRTHDAY GIFT

“Wouldn’t a Christmas baby be just sooo precious?!” Parents who are expecting a child in December grow accustomed to hearing this. Certainly a Christmas birth is meaningful to Christian parents, as it should be also for that child. It should be, but for the child growing up with a birthday on or around Christmas, it is perceived to be less desirable than it is a blessing.

For a child whose birthday is on or around Christmas, the coming of Christmas is often met with mixed feelings. On the one hand, the child is looking forward to Christmas because of the gifts he will receive. On the other hand, that child will sometimes feel “cheated” because his birthday and Christmas are so close together. Inevitably this means that he will, at least from his point of view, receive fewer presents at either celebration than he would have had he been born

in one of the months before Christmas.

It’s interesting that even with the divine circumstances, as Mary and Joseph looked forward to the birth of their Christmas Baby, they displayed the traits of expectant parents everywhere. Mary, upon hearing the news of her forthcoming pregnancy from the angel, at first could not believe it. She said: “How shall this be, seeing I know not a man?” When the angel explained that this Child would be conceived by special operation of the Holy Spirit, she rejoiced over the announcement and, upon telling her cousin Elizabeth, burst into song (Lk. 1:46ff).

Joseph, on the other hand, like most expectant fathers, was at first apprehensive and fearful, as the angel had to calm him down, saying: “Fear not to take unto thee Mary thy wife”

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(Mt. 1:20). However, the circumstances were far different from those of any other expectant father, as the angel continues: “. . . that which is conceived in her is of the Holy Ghost. And she shall bring forth a Son, and thou shalt call His name Jesus, for He shall save His people from their sins.”

### Expectant Hope

In that statement “. . . He shall save His people from their sins” lay the real joy that Mary and Joseph felt as they awaited the blessed event. The LORD God had seen fit to fulfill thousands of years of prophecy through this virgin mother Mary, so that when this Child was delivered the answer to the hopes and prayers of thousands of years were also delivered in that little stable in Bethlehem.

Unlike other Christmas babies, He whose birthday IS Christmas, whose birthday/Christmas gifts were gold, frankincense, and myrrh, was not disappointed with His birthday. Far from it, for this is He who “for the joy that was set before Him endured the cross,

despising the shame, and is set down at the right hand of the throne of God” (Heb. 12:2). With His conception and birth God’s Son began His thirty-three year journey to the cross, where He would redeem sinful mankind. That is the Christ-child’s birthday gift to all people—the forgiveness of sins, peace with God, and life eternal.

It is in this then that, as we look forward to another Christmas, we can once again feel the expectant hope that Mary and Joseph felt, not merely as expectant parents but as expectant believers, looking and rejoicing in faith over the redemption of the world that has come through the Christ-child. As one woman put it: “I always hated having my birthday in December. It always distracted me from the real joy of Christmas.”

As we thus await Christmas, Christ’s joy is our joy as we rejoice over the birth of our Savior from sin, giving thanks to God for His Son, THE most precious birthday Gift that has ever been given.

—Pastor Joel Fleischer



# Have A White Christmas!

Are you dreaming of a white Christmas? For many it just doesn’t seem like Christmas without at least a little snow. There is nothing quite like the calm and quiet which descends after a heavy snowfall. A fresh blanket of snow covers everything with dazzling white purity, and creates a sense of peace and well-being. No wonder then that one of the best selling songs

of all time is “White Christmas.”

Did you know, though, that God predicted a white Christmas? Joseph didn’t have to shovel a path to the stable in Bethlehem and the shepherds didn’t trudge through three-foot drifts to see the newborn Baby. The climate of Israel is more like Phoenix than Minneapolis. Nevertheless, it was a white Christmas. Nearly 1,000 years

before the angels sang of the Savior's birth, God spoke through Isaiah: "Come, now, let us reason together . . . Though your sins are like scarlet, they shall be as white as snow; though they are red as crimson, they shall be like wool" (Is. 1:18).

To make this miracle a reality, God sent His Son: conceived by the Holy Ghost and born of the Virgin Mary. Jesus truly makes our Christmas "white." He came to calm and quiet the harsh accusations of our guilty conscience. As you wrote out Christmas cards, did you feel bad because you should have written Aunt Margaret long before now? Or you really had wanted to visit Grandpa, but somehow it just never happened? Our conscience reminds us that we are not the people we ought to be. Self-interest all too often interferes with loving and serving God and one another as God's Law commands. Guilt ringing in our ears quickly drowns out joy. But then remember Christmas. Jesus came to quiet guilt by taking every bit of it upon Himself. He didn't come to condemn us for our sin. He came to be sin for us.

### Pure Whiteness

Jesus makes our Christmas white by blanketing us with the pure whiteness of His righteousness. Our best efforts at measuring up to God's holy standards are contaminated by sin.



They are more like filthy rags than fresh snow. But Jesus was born as the God-Man so that He might live under God's Law in our place and give us His perfect righteousness as our very own.

Jesus makes our Christmas white by giving us perfect peace with God. Our inborn sin makes us mortal enemies of God deserving of eternal separation from Him in the fire of hell. But Jesus came as the Prince of Peace. He won peace by His holy life and innocent suffering and death. His peace is our peace now by faith. In Christ all is well between you and God. He couldn't be happier with you. Things couldn't be better!

Dreaming of a white Christmas? Here in the desert Southwest there won't be snowflakes in the air Christmas Eve and we won't wake up to a fresh blanket of snow on Christmas morning. Yet that really won't matter. The birth of God's only-begotten Son means we'll still have a "white" Christmas in the very best possible way.

That's no dream!

—Pastor Michael Eichstadt



## AN - EK - DEE - AY - GAY - TOS

Most people are already doing their Christmas shopping. Funny how even Christians get caught up in this.

Spending many hundreds on their children and others in a frenzy of . . . giving? Lots of people don't like it if

you talk about it negatively. And they get upset if you talk about Christmas too positively, also. You know—the Gospel, the Incarnation, the real Gift for sinners.

What do you give to people who've got everything? I mean to say, the expression that really characterizes our age (I don't know who coined it) is: *"Too much is definitely not enough!"* Every TV ad and every shopkeeper in the country (nowadays—in the world?) will be pulling us into the secular Christmas maelstrom once again, with that very motto. And we'll sail into it.

We—the people who have everything. Everything necessary, that is. Bible words echo in our mortal frames: "All things are yours" . . . "you are enriched in every way" . . . "that you through His poverty might become rich." And it all boils down to one particular Gift. Martin Franzmann describes the above title word (from the Greek) as pertaining to that "grace, greater than man's words can tell." In 2 Corinthians 9:15 the NKJV uses the word "indescribable."

You've got that grace. But if you are a typical Lutheran, you don't realize how much you've got. Why look through a narrow slit in the wall when God gives you a big picture window? Why ride a motor scooter when God provides a limo? Why stay in kindergarten when God bestows a free university education? You men—read the whole paper, not just the sports pages! Follow me?

If someone receives a gift, birthday or Christmas or whatever, and fails to open it, and eventually returns it (I've seen *that* happen!), you would say that the recipient hates the donor. Now, I

don't mean to insult you. But as a testimony to the Old Adam still in you, there's a certain degree of hatred and enmity towards God that holds you back from opening the various gracious gifts He gives in Word and Sacrament. Admit it! We tend to be "closet Gospel-reductionists," while condemning those who profess it openly. All we need to know is John 3:16, and we're all right, as if there are no more things to learn, no more gifts to open. Shame on you. Especially you men.

### It Keeps Giving

You have heard something about "a gift that keeps on giving." Only the Bible is like that. It keeps pouring out, delivering, opening up its pages and passages, to divulge marvelous truths and concepts, invigorating decrees and statutes. I remember the president of our synod once preaching on the doctrine of election, declaring the comfort it contains for our mission outreach—the work it saves us, by the work it gives us as already done! What a relief for Word-bearers!

All the things we call "hard sayings" are really gifts. Did you ever look at it that way? Or have you begun to complain about the Bible concepts of fellowship, male suffrage, and close communion, as our synod moves ahead in time, farther away from its roots and beginnings? How about the gift of mission outreach, centered in the Office of the Keys? God right here gives us something to DO with our lives, inside and outside the congregation, for once and for all. We don't have to sit around as though we are unemployed, idle, workshops fit for the devil, working and living for him,



spending time and money on earthly gifts when we have heavenly gifts to bestow and share.

Speaking of the devil, there's a real gift-bearer! He sends a messenger (an angel!) to buffet us. And all this under God's gracious ruling, all of it under the cross of Christ, where we live. Have you received this gift lately? Ever discovered how Job opened it? Or Paul?

The danger in all this is that through neglect or abuse we should lose the gifts. And the Gift. And with that the ability to express our faith, halting as our expressing might be.

So—get ready for Christmas, O

Christian! Take the real gifts, and give them out. As someone has said: "Keep the faith, baby, but not to yourself!"

The Church is Christ's Bride, His dear Lady . . . His "Baby" if you will. She has packages of love to distribute in your neighborhood. Don't just sit there. Get going. Because Christmas is coming!

And because those Christmas angels are getting ready to sing their next big song, on Resurrection Day. Now, there's an inexpressible thought. We live in the realm of "an-ek-dee-ay-gay-tos"—that's the thrill of it. Man, get a gift!

—Pastor Warren Fanning



*A Christmas Message From Our CLC President—*

## **SAVED BY A CHILD**

On a personal level it is not easy. As we still are flesh and blood we daily are contending against ourselves as it were. The war between the old man and the new man is a wearying experience. We are still in the world. In the world we have had and shall continue to have temptation, sorrow, and tribulation. And then, as Martin Luther said, we have the devil about us "who with his lying and murdering, day and night" will let us have no peace within or without. The same struggle, sorrow, and lying and murdering devil afflict us also in the church.

On two fronts, then, the Christian suffers the scars of battle—in his personal life and in his life as a member of the assembly of believers. Contending is tiring. Fighting off the attacks of

our own flesh and those who would attack us is wearisome. It saps the strength. Hanging on—holding fast, as Scripture puts it—so as not to lose one's grip on the crown of life taxes us. Then there is the burden of our sin and guilt. One gets tired just thinking about it.

All this suggests that life is not fair. But who is going to be the judge of what is fair? Where in the Bible are we told that life should be fair? But then who made the bed in which we must sleep, or better, who is responsible for the weariness of life? Look in the mirror.

How abruptly life changed in the garden of Eden. In the twinkling of an eye, from a bed of ease to a bed of thorns. By whose fault? Our first parents'. But then rest—rest through a



promise of the Savior. There was no time of ease during the time of the prophets. But in judgment there was mercy—rest for the remnant.

In the midst of Roman oppression came the fullness of time. God sent forth His Son, made of a woman, made under the law, to redeem them that were under the law, that the oppressed might receive the adoption of sons (Galatians 4:4).

Christmas. The birth of our Lord inspired songs of peace and joy from the angel host to a group of shepherds engaged in their daily task. In the timelessness of divine promise, fulfillment, and grace the Christmas message brings to you and me, to a weary church, the message that we too are the children of God, beloved of the Lord. We too were under the law but are now redeemed from the law, its curse and condemnation.

### **A Breath Of Hope!**

It is the message of forgiveness. As to shepherds so to us—peace, rest, a breath of hope! We are carried upon the shoulders and enfolded in the arms of the Christ-child. How humbled we are when we recognize that we are saved by a Child whose arms enfold us so tenderly but whose hands at the same time are so strong that no one

shall pluck us out of those hands.

Christmas for us is a birthday celebration, a celebration of peace and restoration of hope. Christmas is the Heavenly Father's declaration to us: "My grace is sufficient for you, for my strength is made perfect in weakness" (2 Corinthians 12:9).

We can endure! Not by might of ours, but by the power of Him who has overcome the devil. And by the grace of Him who permits us to listen in on His intimate prayer to His Father: "I do not pray that you should take them out of the world, but that you should keep them from the evil one" (John 17:15). What we brought and bring upon ourselves, the Son of God has taken on Himself, and continues to take on Himself as we come to Him in penitence and faith.

It isn't fair, but fairness was not the issue. God the Father looked down on a fallen world and had mercy. That is Christmas.

*Then Christian true,  
Take courage new,  
And let no earthborn woe or sor-  
row move thee!  
Since reconciled  
Through God's dear Child,  
Most tenderly His Father-heart  
doth love thee. (Hoppe)*

Through all the tides and billows of life, and through all the struggles and contendings that are the lot of God's faithful people in this hostile environment, may we know the peace that passes all understanding and the rest that is without end.

This is the Christmas gift to all who are not ashamed to be held by a Child and who gladly confess that by the same Child they are saved.

—Pastor Daniel Fleischer

# SMORGASBORD

## ● LETTERS AND THE BIBLE READING GUIDE

While the *Spokesman* does not have a "Letters to the Editor" column as such, rest assured that the editor does at times receive letters. Some of these letters react to and/or question the content of what appears in an editorial or another article; others express appreciation for what is offered on these pages on a monthly basis; still others let us know when something slips by for which a correction or clarification may be in order.

If and when a response is deemed in order, it is sent directly to the letter writer.

Speaking of letters, we received an e-mail last summer which had this to say:

"I am enjoying the 1997 Bible Reading Guide and want to say thank-you for this helpful guide to God's Word. I end each day reading the daily scriptures. They are carefully chosen verses and I appreciate your time and thoughtfulness in preparing the guide. With my limited knowledge of God's Word, I would be unable to read the rich variety of scriptures the guide provides. Thank you for sharing your knowledge of God's Word with me. It means a lot to me. (signed)"

We are glad for such a note which confirms what we already know. That is, when and where the offered devotional guide is used, the user is bound to benefit. Psalm 1, for example, assures that one who faithfully (day and night!) meditates on God's Word will flourish like a well-watered tree.

Using the readings, let us flourish together in the new year.

We thank Keith Olmanson, a retired CLC pastor, for his work in preparing the 1998 Bible Reading Guide.

## ● A BLESSED CHRISTMAS AND NEW YEAR

"Blessed" rather than "merry" and "happy." For any thing—a day, a year, an event—to be truly blessed implies God is smiling on it. God smiles on that which acknowledges His gracious role as Creator, Redeemer, and Sanctifier.

The Christmas season and the coming year will be blessed for us if we keep our Savior-God center stage in our daily life and in all our celebrations.

It is thus that our prayer is that your Christmas and the coming year may be truly blessed.

## ● VOLUNTEERS AT ILC AND BEYOND

We suspect the periodic newsletter from our Immanuel Lutheran College in Eau Claire will pass this along. But we would like all our readers to hear the good words, taken from the report to the fall Coordinating Council by Pastor Vance Fossum, Chairman of the Board of Regents for ILC. Under "The Volunteers" the report said:

*"They numbered over 100 during the months of June-September! They included members of the ILC faculty and staff, their wives, and children; members of Messiah-Eau Claire; a*



# 1998 BIBLE READING GUIDE

Removeable supplement to the *Lutheran Spokesman*

We thank Keith Olmanson, recently retired from the pastoral ministry, for compiling our 1998 daily Bible readings. He writes: "These Bible reading suggestions are the ones used for the daily devotions in the Book Of Family Prayer. The book was originally written in Norwegian by Nils Jacob Laache who was the Lutheran bishop of Trondheim, Norway during the last part of the 19th century. Many of the hymn selections are from the English translation of the fifth edition."

Hymn selections are given in parentheses for each day of the non-festival half of the church year (Trinity season). For hymns for the festival half of the church year, refer to the table on page 837 & 838 of *The Lutheran Hymnal*.

--The Editor

## January 1 -- New Year's Day

Luke 2:21-38, Galatians 3:23-29

**Friday**, Luke 4:16-21; **Saturday**, 1 Peter 2:1-6

## January 4 -- Sunday After New Year

Luke 5:27-32, Romans 3:19-22

**Monday**, Isaiah 12:1-6; **Epiphany Day**, Matthew 2:1-12;

**Wednesday**, Isaiah 60:1-6; **Thursday**, Isaiah 45:4-8;

**Friday**, Isaiah 45:22-25; **Saturday**, Romans 10:4-10

## January 11 -- 1st Sunday After Epiphany

Luke 2:42-52, Romans 12:1-5

**Monday**, Psalm 78:1-7; **Tuesday**, 2 Timothy 3:14-17;

**Wednesday**, 1 Samuel 1:20,24-28; **Thursday**, Psalm 119:9-20;

**Friday**, John 4:30-38; **Saturday**, Ecclesiastes 11:9-10, 12:1-2

## January 18 -- 2nd Sunday After Epiphany

John 2:1-11, Romans 12:6-16

**Monday**, Proverbs 3:1-7; **Tuesday**, Ephesians 5:22-33;

**Wednesday**, James 1:2-12; **Thursday**, John 1:47-51;

**Friday**, Genesis 2:18,21-24; **Saturday**, Psalm 143:1-12

## January 25 -- 3rd Sunday After Epiphany

Matthew 8:1-13, Romans 12:17-21

**Monday**, John 4:6-14; **Tuesday**, John 4:15-26;

**Wednesday**, Hebrews 11:8-12; **Thursday**, Leviticus 14:2-8;

**Friday**, Isaiah 25:6-9; **Saturday**, Matthew 4:12-17

**February 1 -- Transfiguration Sunday**

Matthew 17:1-9, 2 Peter 1:16-21

**Monday**, Exodus 3:1-6; **Tuesday**, 2 Corinthians 3:12-18;  
**Wednesday**, Isaiah 61:1-7; **Thursday**, Matthew 11:25-30;  
**Friday**, 2 Corinthians 4:1-10; **Saturday**, Psalm 139:1-12

**February 8 -- 3rd Sunday Before Lent**

Matthew 20:1-16, 1 Corinthians 9:24-10:5

**Monday**, Luke 17:7-10; **Tuesday**, Matthew 10:37-42  
**Wednesday**, 1 Corinthians 3:18-23;  
**Thursday**, 1 Corinthians 9:19-22;  
**Friday**, Isaiah 53:1-12; **Saturday**, Psalm 119:25-32

**February 15 -- 2nd Sunday Before Lent**

Luke 8:4-15, 2 Corinthians 12:2-9

**Monday**, Luke 10:38-42; **Tuesday**, Psalm 19:7-12;  
**Wednesday**, Isaiah 55:8-13; **Thursday**, 1 Peter 1:22-25;  
**Friday**, John 8:25-36; **Saturday**, Psalm 119:64-72

**February 22 -- Sunday Before Lent**

Matthew 3:13-17, 1 Peter 3:18-22

**Monday**, John 1:29-34; **Tuesday**, 2 Corinthians 5:14-21;  
**Ash Wednesday**, Isaiah 53:6-9; **Thursday**, Matthew 9:9-17;  
**Friday**, Matthew 16:21-23; **Saturday**, Jonah 2:1-9

**March 1 -- 1st Sunday In Lent**

Matthew 4:1-11, 2 Corinthians 6:1-10

**Monday**, Mark 14:26-31; **Tuesday**, Mark 14:32-34;  
**Wednesday**, Matthew 26:39-46; **Thursday**, Matthew 26:45-48;  
**Friday**, John 18:4-9; **Saturday**, Matthew 26:49-54

**March 8 -- 2nd Sunday In Lent**

Matthew 15:21-28, 1 Thessalonians 4:1-7

**Monday**, Matthew 26:5-56; **Tuesday**, John 18:12-14, 19:24;  
**Wednesday**, Mark 14:66-72; **Thursday**, Matthew 26:59-68;  
**Friday**, Matthew 27:3-10; **Saturday**, John 18:28-32

**March 15 -- 3rd Sunday In Lent**

Luke 11:14-28, Ephesians 5:1-9

**Monday**, John 18:33-38; **Tuesday**, Luke 23:4-12;  
**Wednesday**, Luke 23:17-24; **Thursday**, Matthew 27:23-26;  
**Friday**, Isaiah 53:1-6; **Saturday**, Matthew 27:27-30



### March 22 -- 4th Sunday In Lent

John 6:1-15, Galatians 4:21-31

**Monday**, John 19:4-7, **Tuesday**, John 19:12-16;

**Wednesday**, Luke 23:26-31;

**Thursday**, Matthew 27:33-34, John 19:18, Mark 15:28;

**Friday**, Mark 15:25, Luke 23:34, Isaiah 53:12;

**Saturday**, John 19:19-22

### March 29 -- 5th Sunday In Lent (Annunciation Sunday)

Luke 1:26-38, Isaiah 7:10-15

**Monday**, John 19:23-24; **Tuesday**, Matthew 27:39-44;

**Wednesday**, Luke 23:39-43; **Thursday**, John 19:25-27;

**Friday**, Matthew 27:45-49;

**Saturday**, John 19:28-29, Psalm 22:14-15, Psalm 69:21

### April 5 -- Palm Sunday

Matthew 21:1-9, Philippians 2:5-11

**Monday**, Matthew 21:10-16; **Tuesday**, John 12:23-32;

**Wednesday**, Matthew 26:1-6; **Thursday**, John 13:1-15;

**Friday**, John 19:30-37; **Saturday**, Matthew 27:57-66

### April 12 -- Easter Sunday

Mark 16:1-7; 1 Corinthians 5:7-8

**Monday**, Luke 24:13-35; **Tuesday**, Luke 24:36-48;

**Wednesday**, John 20:1-10; **Thursday**, John 10:11-18;

**Friday**, Psalm 16:1-11; **Saturday**, Psalm 118:14-24

### April 19 -- 1st Sunday After Easter

John 20:19-23, 1 John 5:4-12

**Monday**, John 20:24-31; **Tuesday**, Colossians 3:1-6;

**Wednesday**, John 21:1-6; **Thursday**, John 21:7-14;

**Friday**, John 21:15-19; **Saturday**, John 21:20-23

### April 26 -- 2nd Sunday After Easter

John 10:11-16, 1 Peter 2:21-25

**Monday**, Psalm 23:1-6; **Tuesday**, Ezekiel 34:11-16;

**Wednesday**, John 10:23-30; **Thursday**, 1 Peter 5:1-5;

**Friday**, Isaiah 40:9-11; **Saturday**, Psalm 100:1-5

### May 3 -- 3rd Sunday After Easter

John 16:16-22, 1 Peter 2:11-20

**Monday**, John 14:1-6; **Tuesday**, John 14:7-13;

**Wednesday**, Psalm 126:1-6; **Thursday**, John 17:1-5;

**Friday**, Hebrews 4:14-16; **Saturday**, John 17:6-11

**May 10 -- 4th Sunday After Easter**

John 16:5-15, James 1:17-21

**Monday**, John 17:11-19; **Tuesday**, John 17:20-26;  
**Wednesday**, Romans 1:13-20; **Thursday**, Philippians 3:7-11;  
**Friday**, Hebrews 5:5-10; **Saturday**, Psalm 51:10-19

**May 17 -- 5th Sunday After Easter**

John 16:23-28, James 1:22-27

**Monday**, Matthew 6:5-8; **Tuesday**, John 15:7-11;  
**Wednesday**, 1 John 5:13-15;  
**Thursday (Ascension Day)**, Mark 16:14-20, Acts 1:1-11  
**Friday**, Luke 24:50-52, Acts 1:13-14; **Saturday**, Psalm 110:1-7

**May 24 -- Sunday After Ascension**

John 15:26-16:4, 1 Peter 4:7-11

**Monday**, John 15:17-21; **Tuesday**, Psalm 62:1-8;  
**Wednesday**, 1 John 3:1-6; **Thursday**, Isaiah 44:1-5;  
**Friday**, John 7:37-40; **Saturday**, Joel 2:28-32

**May 31 -- Pentecost**

John 14:23-31, Acts 2:1-11

**Monday**, John 3:16-21; **Tuesday**, Acts 10:42-48;  
**Wednesday**, John 10:1-10; **Thursday**, Acts 2:22-28;  
**Friday**, Acts 2:29-36; **Saturday**, Acts 2:37-42

**June 7 -- Trinity Sunday**

John 3:1-15, Romans 11:33-36

**Monday**, Isaiah 6:1-7, **Tuesday**, Matthew 28:18-20;  
**Wednesday**, 1 Peter 1:3-6; **Thursday**, John 15:1-6;  
**Friday**, Numbers 21:5-9; **Saturday**, Ezekiel 36:25-27

**June 14 -- 1st Sunday After Trinity**

Luke 16:19-31; 1 John 4:16-21 (446)

**Monday**, Psalm 73:12-19 (429); **Tuesday**, Psalm 73:23-28 (36);  
**Wednesday**, Luke 12:16-21 (442); **Thursday**, 1 Timothy 6:9-12  
(447); **Friday**, Matthew 26:21-25 (279);  
**Saturday**, Revelation 2:8-11 (470)

**June 21 -- 2nd Sunday After Trinity**

Luke 14:16-24; 1 John 3:13-18 (279)

**Monday**, Luke 14:25-33 (423); **Tuesday**, Isaiah 49:5-6 (441);  
**Wednesday**, Luke 9:57-62 (365); **Thursday**, Acts 13:38-41 (392);  
**Friday**, Acts 13:44-49 (397); **Saturday**, Isaiah 55:1-5 (149)



### June 28 -- 3rd Sunday After Trinity

Luke 15:1-10, 1 Peter 5:6-11 (324)

**Monday**, Luke 15:11-16 (345:2); **Tuesday**, Luke 15:17-24 (345:5);  
**Wednesday**, Luke 15:25-32 (281); **Thursday**, Matthew 9:9-13  
(276); **Friday**, Luke 7:36-50 (324); **Saturday**, Psalm 103:8-14 (34)

### July 5 -- 4th Sunday After Trinity

Luke 6:36-42, Romans 8:18-23 (423)

**Monday**, John 8:1-11 (376); **Tuesday**, Matthew 5:38-42 (73);  
**Wednesday**, Matthew 5:43-48 (351); **Thursday**, 1 Corinthians  
13:1-7 (226); **Friday**, Romans 14:7-13 (453);  
**Saturday**, James 5:19-20 (512)

### July 12 -- 5th Sunday After Trinity

Luke 5:1-11, 1 Peter 3:8-14 (507)

**Monday**, John 1:35-42 (294); **Tuesday**, Matthew 16:13-19 (477)  
**Wednesday**, Exodus 4:10-15 (496); **Thursday**, Acts 26:12-18  
(495); **Friday**, Ephesians 3:5-12 (27);  
**Saturday**, Psalm 119:41-50 (294)

### July 19 -- 6th Sunday After Trinity

Matthew 5:20-26, Romans 6:3-11 (295)

**Monday**, Romans 3:23-28 (157); **Tuesday**, Matthew 5:17-19  
(289); **Wednesday**, Psalm 15:1-5 (469); **Thursday**, James 2:10-17  
(464); **Friday**, Isaiah 58:5-8 (441); **Saturday**, Isaiah 58:9-11 (440)

### July 26 -- 7th Sunday After Trinity

Mark 8:1-9, Romans 6:19-23 (434)

**Monday**, Psalm 37:1-6 (521); **Tuesday**, 1 Kings 17:12-16 (425);  
**Wednesday**, Psalm 145:14-21 (567); **Thursday**, 2 Corinthians  
9:8-11 (36); **Friday**, Psalm 37:21-26 (572);  
**Saturday**, Proverbs 30:5-9 (366)

### August 2 -- 8th Sunday After Trinity

Matthew 7:15-21, Romans 8:12-17 (237)

**Monday**, Matthew 7:12-14 (413); **Tuesday**, Romans 4:1-8 (373);  
**Wednesday**, Ezekiel 3:17-21 (260); **Thursday**, 1 John 4:1-4  
(292:4,8); **Friday**, Micah 3:5-12 (292:5-7); **Saturday**, 1 Timothy  
6:13-21 (402)

### August 9 -- 9th Sunday After Trinity

Luke 16:1-9, 1 Corinthians 10:6-13 (394)

**Monday**, Proverbs 11:23-25 (441); **Tuesday**, Luke 12:32-37 (338);  
**Wednesday**, 2 Thessalonians 3:7-13 (395); **Thursday**, Luke 6:31-

35 (412); **Friday**, Luke 16:10-13 (351) ;

**Saturday**, Genesis 4:3-11 (158)

**August 16 -- 10th Sunday After Trinity**

Luke 19:41-48, 1 Corinthians 12:2-11 (278)

**Monday**, Isaiah 5:1-7 (235); **Tuesday**, John 8:21-27 (1);

**Wednesday**, Isaiah 1:2-6 (342); **Thursday**, Isaiah 29:10-14 (281);

**Friday**, Acts 4:8-12 (114); **Saturday**, Psalm 51:1-9 (325)

**August 23 -- 11th Sunday After Trinity**

Luke 18:9-14, 1 Corinthians 15:1-10 (297)

**Monday**, Isaiah 1:10-15 (14); **Tuesday**, Matthew 21:28-32 (329);

**Wednesday**, 1 John 1:8-2:2 (326); **Thursday**, Romans 5:12-16 (373); **Friday**, Psalm 32:1-15 (392);

**Saturday**, Psalm 119:169-176 (353)

**August 30 -- 12th Sunday After Trinity**

Mark 7:31-37, 2 Corinthians 3:4-9 (644)

**Monday**, Matthew 15:29-31 (359); **Tuesday**, Matthew 12:33-37 (652);

**Wednesday**, Isaiah 29:17-19 (508); **Thursday**, 1 Corinthians 2:9-13 (224); **Friday**, Matthew 8:14-17 (442);

**Saturday**, Psalm 142:1-7 (515)

**September 6 -- 13th Sunday After Trinity**

Luke 10:23-37, Galatians 3:15-22 (378)

**Monday**, Romans 7:1-6 (295); **Tuesday**, Galatians 3:5-11 (375);

**Wednesday**, Acts 16:25-34 (377); **Thursday**, Zechariah 3:1-5 (371); **Friday**, 1 Timothy 1:12-16 (324);

**Saturday**, Ezekiel 16:9-14 (72)

**September 13 -- 14th Sunday After Trinity**

Luke 17:11-19, Galatians 5:16-24 (34)

**Monday**, Psalm 6:1-10 (320); **Tuesday**, John 5:2-9, 14 (29);

**Wednesday**, 2 Timothy 2:19-22 (460); **Thursday**, Psalm 103:1-5 (237); **Friday**, 1 Peter 1:14-19 (391);

**Saturday**, Psalm 139:13-18 (345)

**September 20 -- 15th Sunday After Trinity**

Matthew 6:24-34, Galatians 5:25-6:10 (295)

**Monday**, 1 Kings 18:17-21 (19); **Tuesday**, Matthew 6:19-23 (429);

**Wednesday**, Matthew 13:44-46 (347); **Thursday**, Romans 8:5-11 (201); **Friday**, Romans 8:28-32 (528);

**Saturday**, Psalm 34:1-10 (530)



**September 27 -- 16th Sunday After Trinity**

Luke 7:11-17, Ephesians 3:13-21 (33)

**Monday**, John 11:1-13 (592); **Tuesday**, John 11:20-27 (206);

**Wednesday**, John 11:33-38 (172); **Thursday**, John 11:39-45 (341); **Friday**, Romans 5:1-5 (432);

**Saturday**, Psalm 116:1-9 (600)

**October 4 -- 17th Sunday After Trinity**

Luke 14:1-11, Ephesians 4:1-6 (473)

**Monday**, Psalm 84:1-7 (525); **Tuesday**, Psalm 42:1-5 (462);

**Wednesday**, Philippians 2:1-4 (412); **Thursday**, Matthew 20:25-28 (270); **Friday**, Mark 7:6-13 (260);

**Saturday**, Psalm 119:97-105 (286)

**October 11 -- 18th Sunday After Trinity**

Matthew 22:34-46, 1 Corinthians 1:4-8 (349)

**Monday**, Ephesians 1:3-7 (37); **Tuesday**, Ephesians 1:8-14 (91);

**Wednesday**, Romans 8:1-4 (377); **Thursday**, 1 John 2:4-11 (464);

**Friday**, Galatians 2:19-21 (360); **Saturday**, Psalm 102:1-14 (399)

**October 18 -- 19th Sunday After Trinity**

Matthew 9:1-8, Ephesians 4:22-28 (321)

**Monday**, Psalm 130:1-8 (327); **Tuesday**, Lamentations 3:22-33

(537); **Wednesday**, Micah 7:18-20 (331); **Thursday**, Psalm 25:1-11 (532); **Friday**, Romans 5:6-11 (380);

**Saturday**, Psalm 63:1-7 (26)

**October 25 -- 20th Sunday After Trinity**

Matthew 22:1-14, Ephesians 5:15-21 (609)

**Monday**, Psalm 8:1-9 (13); **Tuesday**, Ephesians 2:13-22 (460);

**Wednesday**, Isaiah 61:10-11 (353); **Thursday**, Revelation 3:14-22 (388); **Friday**, Hebrews 4:9-16 (220);

**Saturday**, 2 Chronicles 34:29-33 (264)

**November 1 -- Reformation Sunday**

John 8:31-36, Galatians 2:11-18 (262)

**Monday**, Matthew 23:1-12 (267); **Tuesday**, 2 Corinthians 4:1-6

(294); **Wednesday**, Galatians 1:1-12 (264); **Thursday**, Galatians 2:11-18 (288); **Friday**, Colossians 2:6-10 (290);

**Saturday**, Psalm 46:1-11 (651)

**November 8 -- 22nd Sunday After Trinity**

Matthew 18:23-35, Philippians 1:6-11 (382)

**Monday**, Genesis 50:15-21 (521); **Tuesday**, Matthew 18:15-22

(458); **Wednesday**, Psalm 7:11-17 (611); **Thursday**, James 3:13-18 (366); **Friday**, Isaiah 42:1-4 (59);  
**Saturday**, Psalm 86:11-17 (528)

**November 15 -- 23rd Sunday After Trinity**

Matthew 22:15-22, Philippians 3:17-21 (577)

**Mon.**, Proverbs 8:10-17 (333); **Tues.**, Romans 13:1-7 (584);

**Wed.**, Matthew 17:24-27 (578); **Thurs.**, Titus 3:1-7 (575); **Fri.**, 1 Timothy 2:1-7 (576); **Sat.**, Psalm 116:10-19 (383)

**November 22 -- Last Sunday After Trinity**

Matthew 24:35-44, 2 Peter 3:3-14 (604)

**Mon.**, Matthew 5:13-16 (40); **Tues.**, Revelation 7:13-17 (656);

**Wed.**, Hebrews 11:8-16 (614); **Thanksgiving**, Psalm 144:9-15 (575); **Fri.**, Hebrews 12:1-11 (463); **Sat.**, Philippians 3:17-21 (468)

**November 29 -- 1st Sunday In Advent**

Matthew 21:1-9, Romans 13:11-14; **Mon.**, Psalm 24:1-10; **Tues.**, Ephesians 1:17-23; **Wed.**, Psalm 72:1-8; **Thurs.**, Psalm 48:1-14;

**Fri.**, Romans 5:17-21; **Sat.**, Revelation 1:4-7

**December 6 -- 2nd Sunday In Advent**

Luke 21:25-36, Romans 15:4-9; **Mon.**, Isaiah 13:9-13; **Tues.**, Matthew 25:1-13; **Wed.**, Matthew 25:31-43; **Thurs.**, Revelation 3:7-13; **Fri.**, 2 Thessalonians 1:3-12; **Sat.**, Malachi 4:1-6

**December 13 -- 3rd Sunday In Advent**

Matthew 11:2-10, 1 Corinthians 4:1-5; **Mon.**, Isaiah 35:1-10; **Tues.**, Isaiah 61:1-3; **Wed.**, 2 Timothy 1:6-12; **Thurs.**, Isaiah 42:5-10; **Fri.**, Psalm 13:1-6; **Sat.**, Malachi 3:1-6

**December 20 -- 4th Sunday In Advent**

John 1:19-28; Philippians 4:4-7; **Mon.**, Isaiah 40:1-5; **Tues.**, John 3:27-36; **Wed.**, Daniel 9:15-19; **Christmas Eve**, Isaiah 9:6-7; **Christmas Day**, Luke 2:1-14, Hebrews 1:1-6; **Sat.**, Luke 2:15-20

**December 27 -- Sunday After Christmas**

Luke 2:33-40, Galatians 4:1-7

**Mon.**, John 1:14-18; **Tues.**, Titus 2:11-14;

**Wed.**, 1 John 1:1-7; **New Year's Eve**, Psalm 90:1-17







Ordinary Christians from Immanuel, Mankato who did extraordinary things at ILC last summer.

*busload of brethren from Immanuel-Mankato; and others from Red Wing, Minnesota, Saginaw, Michigan, even Idaho! They offered their time, talents, and energies for the cause of maintaining and improving our school. They even donated paint, contact cement, gasoline, and many other items, including a lawnmower.*

*“Under the direction of our new Facilities Manager, Luther Sieg, the volunteer effort proved to be an efficient and enjoyable use of the time, skills, and materials of many. We wish we had space to list all of the cleaning, repairing, painting, landscaping, and building projects that were completed by volunteers. . . . Dozens of tasks were completed that required hundreds of man-hours, which would have cost Immanuel thousands of dollars or would not have been done at all! May God bless our volunteers for their ministry to us all.”*

**Comment:** A recent issue of *Christianity Today* magazine had an article called: “100 Things the Church Is Doing Right.” It explained that “journalism is biased toward the negative because people tend to talk about what goes wrong” and “when something is right, it doesn’t seem like news.” This moved the magazine to

gather “100 stories of ordinary Christians and Christian groups doing extraordinary things in the name of Jesus and his gospel.” As biblical basis Ephesians 2:10 was quoted, which speaks of Christians being “created in Christ Jesus for good works.”

Over the years the *Lutheran Spokesman* has used very little of its limited space for articles calling attention to “ordinary Christians doing extraordinary things” in the church. Doubtless we could monthly fill pages with accounts of godly men and women among us—yes, young people and children too—showing their faith with its fruits, good works. The volunteer work of many at ILC is but one example of God’s people putting their faith to work in a special way.

Volunteer work is going on all the time, isn’t it? As James writes, faith works! It is continually at work in the lives of those who serve on our synodical boards and committees, in our Christian schools, in our local congregations, and in our Christian homes (Luther liked to say that one who washes the supper dishes in the fear of God is doing a good work). Faith-full children of God serve Him by serving others and one another in literally countless ways. ●

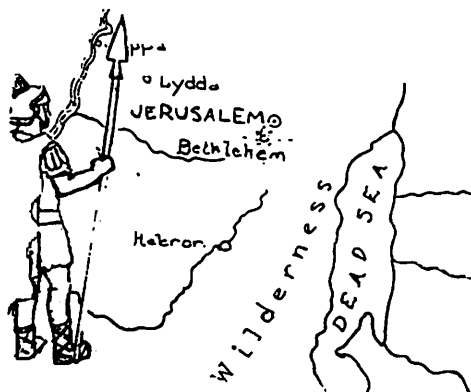
# Come Sing With Me

P. Schaller, 1996

1. Dear child - - ren, come and sing with me Of  
 2. When Cae - - sar, king of high de - gree, Did  
 3. In Da - - vid's town no place to stay, Ex -

Beth - le - hem, and King's de - cree, And Jo - seph  
 cept the where cat with tile one feed de - cree, There Yet came here One is

up from Gal - i - lee With Ma - ry mid. all  
 great born - er a King than to - day: The LORD Sav - ior of child!



4. Proud Caesar's troops spread death and fear;  
 Poor Jesus came to dry the tear,  
 Forgive, and bid us all draw near—  
 To give us life.

5. When Caesar spoke, it moved the earth,  
 But when poor Jesus came to birth  
 The heavens opened up in mirth:  
 Hallelujah!

6. So let us also rise to bring  
 Our praise to heav'n's Almighty King,  
 And with the angel chorus sing:  
 Hallelujah!

We thank staff member Paul Schaller, now professor at Immanuel College, Eau Claire, Wis., for again sharing with our readers his annual Christmas composition.

# Reformation Vignettes

## 3. LUTHER AS TEACHER

*“From childhood you have known the Holy Scriptures which are able to make you wise for salvation through faith which is in Christ Jesus” — 2 Timothy 3:15.*

**M**artin Luther was many things during his lifetime. He was a German peasant, a university student, an Augustinian monk, and a parish pastor. Above all, he was a prolific author and an effective teacher.

Luther served throughout his adult life as a professor of theology at the University of Wittenberg. Throughout his life he wrote books and pamphlets to explain and defend the truths of Scripture. Luther’s works in the English edition comprise fifty-five volumes, and it by no means contains all of his writings. Luther singled out two works toward the end of his life which he hoped would survive the passage of time. One of those was his *Small Catechism*, which was intended to educate Christian youth. (The other was his *Bondage Of The Will* — Ed.)

When Luther wrote the *Small Catechism* in 1529 he hoped it would be used primarily as a tool by parents in the home. He wanted to provide parents in general, but fathers in particular, with a simple way to share the important truths they themselves learned from God with the most important gifts they received from God—their children!

Who can argue that Luther was able in a very simple and winsome way to capture and summarize the important truths of God’s Word and

will in his explanations to the six chief parts of Christian doctrine. Think of the simplicity of his explanation to the First Commandment: *“We should fear, love, and trust in God above all things.”* Consider that comforting invitation of his explanation to the Address of the Lord’s Prayer: *“With these words God tenderly encourages us to believe that He is our true Father and we are His true children, so that we may ask Him boldly and with complete confidence as dear children ask their dear father.”*

Can we find any better summary of the work of our Savior than Luther’s explanation to the Second Article of the Apostolic Creed? *“I believe that Jesus Christ, true God, begotten of the Father from eternity, and also true man, born of the virgin Mary, is my Lord. He has redeemed me, a lost and condemned person, purchased and won me from all sin, from death, and from the power of the devil, not with gold or silver, but with His holy precious blood and His innocent suffering and death. He did this that I should be His very own, live under Him in His kingdom, and serve Him in eternal righteousness, innocence, and joy, just as He is risen from death, lives and reigns in eternity. This is most certainly true.”*

Such clear and simple explanations enable parents to teach their children

God's Word from little on. It was Luther's desire that what was said concerning Timothy in our text could be said of any and all young people instructed with his catechism. It was imperative in Luther's mind to instruct the young, both for the sake of their personal salvation and for the sake of the church and society.

Today the Lutheran church enjoys a strong heritage of Christian education on the grade school, high school,

and college levels. Because of this, over the past 450 years generations of Lutherans have been able to say: "*From childhood (we and our children) have known the Holy Scriptures, which are able to make (us) wise unto salvation through faith which is in Christ Jesus!*"

We remember and thank God for His gift to the church in the person and work of Luther as Educator.

—Pastor Paul D. Nolting



## LESSONS FROM THE OLD TESTAMENT

“That We Might Have Hope” (Rom. 15:4)

*Exodus Chapters Thirty-two Through Forty and Numbers Chapters Six Through Twenty-one*

### ***Idolatry And Rebellion: 40 Years of Mercy***

“How could they have been so foolish!” I don't know how many times this thought has crossed my mind as I've studied the Old Testament children of Israel. As I have matured under the guidance of the Holy Spirit, now I say, “There but for the grace of God go I.”

#### **How Could They???**

God was on that mountain! No one would deny that! It was just forty days earlier that the children of Israel had seen the LORD descend like a fire and smoke ascend as from a furnace. They had witnessed the thunderings and lightnings, felt the earth shake, and heard the blast of the trumpet. They

had all fled before the face of God. Their mediator, Moses, had disappeared into that forbidding cloud. How long ago all of that seemed now! Now who was going to lead?

The children of Israel not only found a new leader, but a new religion as well. The new leader was the golden calf, and how much better this leader was than that old Moses! After all, the people had a hand in creating this leader. They even had to sacrifice a little to create it by bringing their gold and jewelry. This leader wouldn't push them around, making so many laws and rules as that Moses had done.

This new religion even came com-



plete with its own “prophet”. Aaron was an all too willing partner in this sin against God and His people. In cowardly fashion he gave in to the people’s wishes and delivered their new god to them. Then he tried to gloss it over by declaring the next day as “a feast day to the LORD.”

How could they? How could they fall so far, so fast? Before we judge, let us consider our advantages over the children of Israel. We too have seen God. Through the eyes of faith we have walked through the Red Sea. We too have stood at the foot of Mount Sinai and heard God’s thunderings and heard His laws. More importantly, we have stood—through the eyes of faith—on Mount Calvary. We have seen our Savior from sin bleed and die in our place. We have witnessed His glorious resurrection! God’s entire plan of salvation including its glorious completion, all has been recorded for us by His Holy Spirit. His Word! More sure than the ground we stand on! Here for guidance, comfort, consolation, and encouragement!

So what’s our excuse for often letting idols be built in our lives? How many “golden calves” of pride and self-righteousness, greed or loveless-

ness, self-indulgence or faithlessness have we allowed to come between our Lord and our own hearts? We need to turn to our Savior in His Word for the forgiveness and guidance we need.

### **Confession Is Good For The Soul**

Soon the children of Israel were on the move again. Onward to the Promised Land! They had to wait for forty days on the outskirts of Canaan for the report of the twelve spies. Who would have thought they’d bring back bad news! Oh, to be sure it was a land “flowing with milk and honey,” but the people! “We’ll never be able to take them in a fight,” ten of the spies declare. The people were horrified. How could God have let us down so! They were ready to kill Moses and Aaron, choose a new leader, and head back through the wilderness.

Joshua and Caleb stood firm. God has led us here. He has promised us this land. What is stopping us from taking it? The people were now ready to kill them all and the LORD Himself intervened.

This is when God blessed the children of Israel with their wandering in the wilderness. Blessed? We know



**Seminary student Todd Ohlmann (1997 visitor to Nigeria) with Pastor Essien, Pastor Edet, and electrician Ekerette.**

that God “cursed” the children of Israel with forty years of wandering in the wilderness. He told them that they would get what they had feared for their children. Their bodies would drop in the wilderness. Wandering about, a people without a land, a nation without a country. We have to admit that hardly sounds like a blessing. Yet, the LORD is more ready to bless than to curse.

What did the children of Israel gain by not being allowed to enter the land of Canaan? They gained the realization that sin against the LORD is not without consequence. They had the opportunity to learn that confession of

our sins can free our soul even if the outward conditions of our lives do not change. They also continued to receive the LORD’s tender care through His servant Moses and the bread from heaven. They also had the opportunity to instruct their children to not make the same mistakes they had made, and yet to remember there is forgiveness with the LORD.

Lord, dismiss us with Thy blessing  
Fill our hearts with joy and peace.  
Let us each, Thy love possessing,  
Triumph in redeeming grace.  
Oh, refresh us, oh, refresh us  
Trav’ling through this wilderness!  
(TLH 50:1)

—David Bernthal

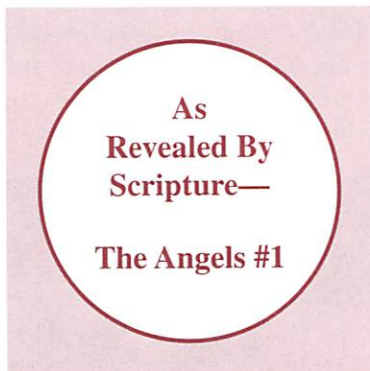
## Biblical Characteristics Of Angels

*Have you noticed the recent interest in angels? There have been magazine articles, books, and a popular television series. We also see the fertile imagination of the writers who are involved. They depict the angels for the purpose of making an interesting story.*

So that we are not led to accept wrong ideas about angels, it would seem useful to explore the real facts as found in Scripture.

While angels may assume human form, they are spirit beings. The writer to the Hebrews calls them “ministering spirits.” As spirits, they have no bodies of their own. After His resurrection Jesus encouraged His fearful disciples to touch Him, saying: “Handle Me and see, for a spirit does not have flesh and bones as you see I have” (Lk. 24:39). Having no bodies, they are normally invisible to the human eye.

Angels have names, though they



are seldom used in Scripture. Gabriel is mentioned a number of times. He was the messenger who announced to Mary that she would bear Jesus (Lk. 1:26). In the book of Jude (1:9)

Michael the archangel is mentioned.

There are many angels. We remember from the Christmas gospel “the multitude of the heavenly host” which praised God. When Jesus was taken prisoner in the garden of Gethsemane, He told the disciples that His Father could provide Him with more than 12 legions of angels (Mt. 26:53). There were approximately 5,300 men in a legion. But forget the arithmetic—Jesus said “more than.” And in Hebrews we read that the angels are “innumerable” (Heb. 12:22).

Angels are not eternal since they did not exist until God brought them into being sometime during the six days of creation. It is recorded in Genesis 2:1: “Thus the heavens and earth, and all the host of them, were finished.”

All angels were good when God created them. Some of them rebelled and became evil angels, devils. The good angels are holy and are confirmed in their holiness. The apostle Paul refers to the good angels as “elect” angels (1 Tim. 5:21). As “elect”—chosen by God—they cannot fall from their holy estate.



Angels will never die. While speaking of resurrected believers, Jesus said: “Nor can they die any more, for they are equal to the angels” (Lk. 20:36). These deathless angels have great power but they are not almighty. Only God is almighty. The Psalmist says of the angels that they “excel in strength” (Ps. 103:20).

We know that the angels are important from their frequent mention in Scripture. They are mentioned 273 times in 34 books of the Bible. What these holy and powerful spirit beings do that makes them so important is the topic of the next article on angels.

—Keith N. Olmanson



At last year's graduation Prof. John Pfeiffer (center) was installed as President of ILC, succeeding Prof. John Lau (right), now retired. With them is CLC President D. Fleischer.

# Announcements

## November 1997 Issue

In last month's issue, p. 6, the full text of the hymn stanza by Gerhardt Mueller for the Second Sunday in Advent reads:

Behold, Daughter of Zion,  
Salvation now draws near;  
The Lord will speak His message  
That all may rightly hear.  
Grant us a heart with gladness,  
Shepherd of Israel, dear,  
Thou leadeest us like Joseph,  
With Thee we have no fear.

We regret the error, though the responsibility for this one falls on the Iowa printer.

However, an error we regretfully missed in our editing was the number on line 9 of Dr. Menton's article, p. 11. Instead of 1200, read 100.

## Just In Time For Christmas

Our May issue included a review of Mrs. Celeste Reim's book *A Peek Into My Nigerian Diary*, written when she accompanied her missionary husband, Norbert, to Nigeria in the 1940's. The initial printing of 50 copies (intended only for family!) soon ran out.

A new offset print full-color-glossy-cover edition will be ready for shipment by Christmas at \$9.95 each, plus \$3.00 postage (congregations please note: no postage for 10 books or more to one address!). Orders may be placed with the ILC Bookstore in Eau Claire, or sent directly to Pastor & Mrs. Norbert Reim, 11060 Fargo Dr., Sun City, AZ 85351. Cash with order is preferred.

## Installations

According to our usage and order, the following were installed as professors on the faculty of Immanuel Lutheran College on August 26, 1996 by the undersigned: Joseph Lau, Ross Roehl, Paul Schaller, and Michael Sydow.

—*Vance Fossum, Chairman, Bd. of Regents for ILC*

According to our usage and order, Professor John K. Pfeiffer was installed as President of Immanuel Lutheran College on May 24, 1997 by the undersigned.

—*Vance Fossum, Chairman, Bd. of Regents for ILC*



A  
Blessed  
Christmas  
to All  
from the  
Lutheran  
Spokesman

According to our usage and order, Paul Sullivan was installed as professor on the faculty of Immanuel Lutheran College, on August 24, 1997 by the undersigned.

—*Vance Fossum, Chairman, Bd. of Regents*