

Walther Bicentennial

Join the celebration thanking God for
Dr. C.F.W. Walther
second pastor of Trinity and first president of
The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod



C.F.W. Walther
Bicentennial 1811-2011

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*The celebration
begins fall 2011*

Sunday, October 23, 2011
3:00 P.M.

The Prelude

*Since Trinity congregation printed the first hymnal used in Lutheran churches in this country, and that hymnal was compiled by Pastor Walther, it is fitting that we use the liturgy and order of service from that hymnal for this service. C.F.W. Walther, in putting together that hymnal, was responsible for bringing back the old German liturgies, which had fallen out of fashion with the Rationalists in Germany at the time of the Saxon emigration. Walther felt that those old liturgical forms added much to the Lutheran service and included them in the new hymnal. Those liturgies, originally found in the German hymnal still used for the German services here at Trinity, were also the basic liturgies used in the hymnals in this country up to and including **The Lutheran Hymnal** of 1941, from which this order of service is taken. After paying to have the hymnal printed in New York, Trinity congregation graciously donated the hymnal and all future profits from it to the newly formed Synod.*

The Opening (Processional) Hymn (All Rise)

A MIGHTY FORTRESS IS OUR GOD

1. A mighty Fortress is our
God,
A trusty Shield and Weapon;
He helps us free from ev'ry need
That hath us now o'ertaken.
The old evil Foe
Now means deadly woe;
Deep guile and great might
Are his dread arms in fight;
On earth is not his equal.
2. With might of ours can naught
be done,
Soon were our loss effected;
But for us fights the Valiant
One,
Whom God Himself elected.
Ask ye, Who is this?
3. Though devils all the world
should fill,
All eager to devour us,
We tremble not, we fear no ill,
They shall not overpower us.
This world's prince may still
Scowl fierce as he will,
He can harm us none,
He's judged; the deed is done;
One little word can fell him.
4. The Word they still shall let
remain
Nor any thanks have for it;
He's by our side upon the plain
With His good gifts and Spirit.
And take they our life,
Goods, fame, child, and wife,

Jesus Christ it is,
Of Sabbath Lord,
And there's none other God;
He holds the field forever.

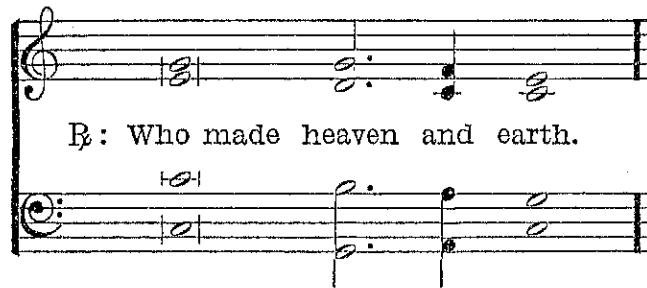
Let these all be gone,
They yet have nothing won;
The Kingdom ours remaineth.
Amen.

Pastor: In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Ghost.

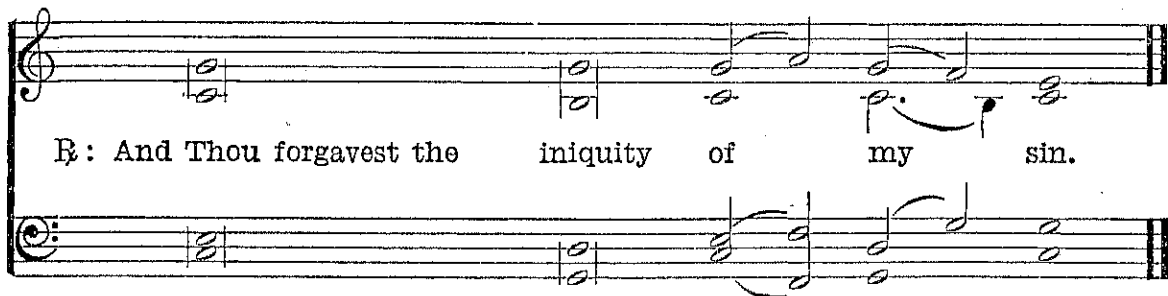


Pastor: Beloved in the Lord! Let us draw near with a true heart and confess our sins unto God, our Father, beseeching Him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to grant us forgiveness.

Our help is in the name of the Lord.



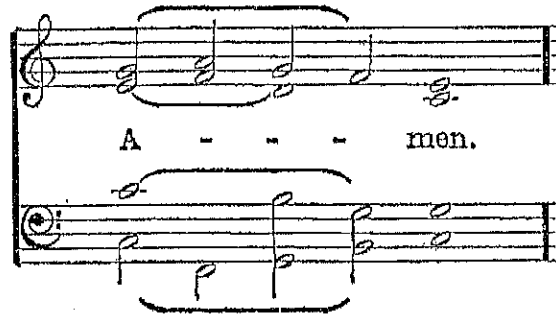
Pastor: I said, I will confess my transgressions unto the Lord.



Pastor: Almighty God, our Maker and Redeemer, we poor sinners confess unto Thee that we are by nature sinful and unclean and that we have sinned against Thee by thought, word, and deed. Wherefore we flee for refuge to Thine infinite mercy, seeking and imploring Thy grace for the sake of our Lord Jesus Christ.

Congregation and Pastor: O most merciful God, who hast given Thine only-begotten Son to die for us, have mercy upon us and for His sake grant us remission of all our sins; and by Thy Holy Spirit increase in us true knowledge of Thee and of Thy will and true obedience to Thy Word, to the end that by Thy grace we may come to everlasting life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Pastor: Almighty God, our heavenly Father, hath had mercy upon us and hath given His only Son to die for us and for His sake forgiveth us all our sins. To them that believe on His name He giveth power to become the sons of God and hath promised them His Holy Spirit. He that believeth and is baptized shall be saved. Grant this, Lord, unto us all.



The Collect

The Introit

Gloria Patri

Glo - ry be to the Fa - ther and to the Son and to the Ho - ly Ghost;

As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

The Kyrie

Lord, have mer - cy up - on us. Christ, have mer - cy up -

on us. Lord, have mer - cy up - on us.

The Gloria in Excelsis

Y: Glory be to God on high: B: And on earth peace, good will toward

men. We praise Thee, we bless Thee, we wor - ship Thee,

we glorify Thee, we give thanks to Thee, for Thy great glory.

O Lord God, heav'n - ly King, God the Fa - ther Al - mighty.

O Lord, the only-begotten Son, Je - sus Christ;

O Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father,

That takest away the sin of the world, have mercy up - on us.

Thou that takest away the sin of the world, re - ceive our prayer.

Thou that sittest at the right hand of God the Father, have mercy up-on us.

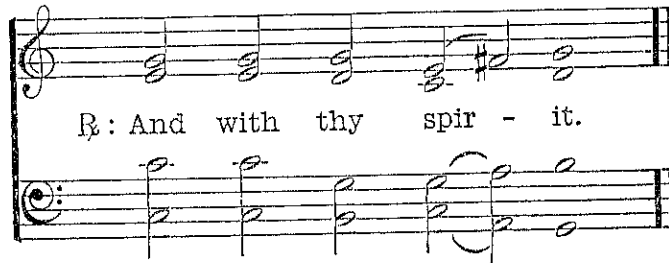
For Thou only art holy; Thou on - ly art the Lord.

Thou only, O Christ, with the Ho - ly Ghost,

art most high in the glory of God the Father. A - men.

The Salutation

Pastor: The Lord be with you.



Pastor: Let us pray:

The Collect for the Day



The Epistle

Pastor: The Epistle Lesson for today is written in the fifth Chapter of 2 Corinthians beginning at the fourteenth verse:

(The Epistle is read)

Pastor: Here endeth the Epistle.

The Gradual

The Hallelujah

Hal - le - lu - - - jah!

The musical notation consists of two staves. The top staff is in treble clef and the bottom staff is in bass clef. Both staves have a key signature of one sharp (F#) and a common time signature (C). The melody is written in a simple, hymn-like style with a mix of quarter and eighth notes. The lyrics 'Hal - le - lu - - - jah!' are centered between the two staves, with a long dash under 'lu' to indicate a sustained note.

The Gospel

(The congregation shall rise)

Pastor: The Holy Gospel is written in the first chapter of St John, beginning at the forty-third verse:

Glo - ry be to Thee, O Lord!

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(Gospel is read)

Pastor: Here endeth the Gospel.

Praise be to Thee, O Christ!

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The Apostles' Creed

I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth.
And in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord; Who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, Born of the Virgin Mary; Suffered under Pontius Pilate, Was crucified, dead, and buried; He descended into hell; The third day He rose again from the dead; He ascended into heaven And sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; From thence He shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Ghost; The holy Christian Church, the communion of saints; The forgiveness of sins; The resurrection of the body; And the life everlasting. Amen.

The Hymn

LORD, KEEP US STEADFAST IN THY WORD

1. Lord, keep us steadfast in Thy Word;
Curb those who fain by craft and sword
Would wrest the Kingdom from Thy Son
And set at naught all He hath done.
2. Lord Jesus Christ, Thy pow'r make known,
For Thou art Lord of lords alone;
Defend Thy Christendom that we
May evermore sing praise to Thee.
3. O Comforter of priceless worth,
Send peace and unity on earth.
Support us in our final strife,
And lead us out of death to life. Amen.

The Sermon

Offertory

Cre-ate in me a clean heart, O God, and re-new a right

spir - it with-in me. Cast me not a - way from Thy pres - ence;

and take not Thy Ho - ly Spir - it from me. Re-store un-to me the

joy of Thy sal - va - tion; and up - hold me with Thy free spir - it. A - men.

The Offering

Part I. Thy Word Is Truth

Reader 1:

Dear Christian friends, we have come before you with the Book of Books, our Holy Bible, God's own Word.

Reader 2:

The Holy Scriptures. . . are able to make thee wise unto salvation through faith which is in Christ Jesus. All Scripture is given by inspiration of God. Second Timothy 3: 15 and 16.

Reader 1:

God has promised that this Word shall never be destroyed nor taken away from mankind.

Reader 2:

The Word of God . . . liveth and abideth forever. For all flesh is as grass, and all the glory of man as the flower of grass. The grass withereth, and the flower thereof falleth away; but the Word of the Lord endureth forever. First Peter 1: 23-25

Reader 1:

We also have God's promise that this Word will never be changed or proved to be false or out of date.

Reader 2:*

Thy Word is very pure; therefore Thy servant loveth it . . . Thy Word is true from the beginning; and every one of Thy righteous judgments endureth forever. Psalm 119: 140 and 160

Reader 1:

Jesus has warned us that there will be many enemies of the Bible who will try to turn the believers away from its teachings.

Reader 2:

And Jesus answering them began to say: "Take heed lest any man deceive you. For many shall come in My name, saying, 'I am Christ,' and shall

deceive many And then if any man shall say to you, 'Lo, here is Christ,' or, 'Lo, He is there,' believe him not. For false Christs and false prophets shall rise. . . . Verily I say unto you, that this generation shall not pass till all these things be done. Heaven and earth shall pass away; but My words shall not pass away."

Mark 13: 5-6, 21-22, 30-31.

Reader 1:

We today have been privileged to inherit this precious Word of Truth. As stewards of this perfect gift, we shall joyfully study, teach, and defend it as God gives us opportunity to do so.

The Hymn

GOD'S WORD IS OUR GREAT HERITAGE

God's Word is our great heritage
And shall be ours forever;
To spread its light from age to age
Shall be our chief endeavor.
Through life it guides our way,
In death it is our stay.
Lord, grant, while worlds endure,
We keep its teachings pure
Throughout all generations. Amen.

Part II. Past Defenders of the Truth

Reader 3:

Throughout past generations, when people began to drift into error and false teachings, God would send someone to lead them back to the truth of Sacred Scripture. Let us look back to some of these great leaders who defended the Word of truth.

Reader 4:

John Wyclif lived in England during the fourteenth century. He and his followers translated the Bible into English so that people could read about

their Savior, Jesus Christ. With boldness Wyclif told the people of England that the Head of God's church was Christ and that salvation was through Jesus and not through obedience to any man-made rules of the church.

Reader 5:

John Hus, who read some of Wyclif's writings, began to preach to the people of Bohemia that obedience to the pope was not necessary for salvation. His teachings began to spread through Czechoslovakia and central Europe. The leaders of the church tried to silence John Hus by having him burned alive at the stake and casting his ashes into the Rhine River. But they could not destroy the message he had brought to the hearts of the people.

Reader 6:

One hundred years later Martin Luther, a young student of God's Word, saw many false teachings which the church of his day was bringing to the people of Germany. As he preached God's Word, many people turned from a religion of salvation by works to a belief in Jesus Christ as their only Savior. Luther translated the Bible into the German language so more people could read this precious Gospel.

Reader 7:

We in North America have had a leader, too, who showed people that faith must rest solely on Christ. Carl Ferdinand Wilhelm Walther led a courageous fight to unite a group of early settlers in Christ. The work which Walther began is still going on today. Since all of us owe so much to this servant of the Word, we should like to tell you the story of his life. May this story encourage us also to use our talents to God's glory and in His cause. We will now sing an Easter hymn which Walther wrote aboard ship while he was a pastor of Trinity.

HE'S RISEN, HE'S RISEN, CHRIST JESUS, THE LORD

1. He's risen, He's risen, Christ Jesus the Lord;
He opened Death's prison, the Incarnate Word.
Break forth, hosts of heaven, in jubilant song,
And, earth, sea, and mountain, the paeon prolong.

2. The Foe was triumphant when on Calvary
The Lord of creation was nailed to the tree.
In Satan's domain did the hosts shout and jeer,
For Jesus was slain, whom the evil ones fear.
3. But short was their triumph, the Savior arose,
And Death, hell, and Satan He vanquished, His foes;
The conquering Lord lifts His banner on high.
He lives, yea, He lives, and will nevermore die.
4. Oh, where is thy sting, Death? We fear thee no more;
Christ rose, and now open is fair Eden's door.
For all our transgressions His blood does atone;
Redeemed and forgiven, we now are His own.
5. Then sing your hosannas and raise your glad voice;
Proclaim the blest tidings that all may rejoice.
Laud, honor, and praise to the Lamb that was slain,
Who sitteth in glory and ever shall reign.

Part III. The Young Walther

Reader:

Walther was born on October 25, 1811, in Saxony, Germany. That was 200 years ago. Walther's father was a Lutheran pastor. When Walther was a little boy, he learned to pray. His father read to him from the Bible. The Bible told him how Jesus loved him and died for his sins. We also are happy when we hear how Jesus loves us.

The Song

JESUS LOVES ME, THIS I KNOW

1. Jesus loves me! This I know,
For the Bible tells me so;
Little ones to Him belong.
They are weak, but He is strong,

Yes, Jesus loves me. Yes, Jesus loves me.
Yes, Jesus loves me, The Bible tells me so.

2. Jesus loves me, He who died
Heaven's gate to open wide;
He will wash away my sin,
Let His little child come in.
Yes, Jesus loves me, Yes, Jesus loves me,
Yes, Jesus loves me, The Bible tells me so.
3. Jesus loves me, He will stay
Close beside me all the way;
If I love Him, when I die,
He will take me home on high.
Yes, Jesus loves me, Yes, Jesus loves me,
Yes, Jesus loves me, The Bible tells me so.

Part IV. Walther the Student

Reader:

As a young lad Walther loved music very much and wanted to make music his life's work. His father, however, wanted Walther to become a pastor, so he sent him to study at the University of Leipzig. While Walther was at the University of Leipzig, he had teachers who did not accept the Bible as God's true and inspired Word. After a while Walther, too, began to lose his faith in the Word of God. At one time Walther became very ill with a lung infection and had to give up his schooling and return home in a weakened condition. While resting from his illness at home, Walther became interested in some books by Martin Luther which were in his father's library. He studied the books carefully and saw how far the university teachings had led him from the truth. When his health was restored, Walther returned to the university determined to become a pastor who would preach the true and saving Gospel. He was ordained as pastor of the church at Braeunsdorf, Saxony, Germany, at the age of twenty-six.

The Hymn

OH, FOR A FAITH THAT WILL NOT SHRINK

1. Oh, for a faith that will not shrink
Though pressed by many a foe;
That will not tremble on the brink
Of poverty or woe;
2. A faith that shines more bright and clear
When tempests rage without;
That, when in danger, knows no fear,
In darkness feels no doubt;
3. Lord, give us such a faith as this;
And then, whate'er may come,
We'll tast e'en now the hallowed bliss
Of an eternal home. Amen.

Part V. Walther the Churchman

Reader:

Because many of the churches of Germany were drifting away from the Bible, young Pastor Walther often became involved in bitter debates with their leaders. He believed that he could serve the Lord better in North America, so he joined a group of German Lutheran emigrants led by Pastor Martin Stephan. Walther arrived in North America in 1839 and became a pastor of a congregation in Perry County, Missouri. Walther worked hard to unite and organize the settlers into a fellowship of believers with a common faith. In 1841 Walther became the pastor of Trinity Lutheran Church in St. Louis, Missouri. While at Trinity Walther began printing a church paper called *Der Lutheraner*, which is still being published today. When several pastors in the eastern part of the United States read Walther's writings in *Der Lutheraner*, they were impressed with his sound Bible teachings and arranged to meet with him. Finally, on April 26, 1847, and after receiving permission from Trinity congregation, Walther and leaders of other Lutheran congregations met in Chicago, Illinois, joining together to form what is now called The Lutheran Church – Missouri Synod. Recognizing his qualities of leadership

Part VI. Walther the Teacher

Reader:

To provide for a constant supply of well-trained pastors and teachers, the young Synod moved its college and seminary from a log cabin in Perry County to new quarters in St. Louis on two acres of land donated to the seminary by Trinity Congregation. This land was a part of Trinity's first cemetery, which was located where Holy Cross now stands. Walther was chosen as the first president of the new St. Louis school, renamed Concordia Seminary, and for the rest of his life he served this seminary as a professor of theology. Walther spent many hours in writing down his defense of the bible and its doctrines. His writings are still studied by students of theology today. During his later years Walther defended the young Synod against many attacks by false teachers. We thank God for this leader, who served our church with boldness and vision. We pray that God might use also our talents in His service and find us ever ready to defend the truth against errors. We thank God that He gives to mankind great leaders who by their efforts and example help us to carry on the work of His kingdom.

As we pray the Lord's Prayer, the bell will toll three times during the recitation, which is another old German custom carried on for many years here at Trinity on non-communion Sundays, especially in the German service, where the practice was continued until the 1980s when the German service went from every Sunday to once a month. Trinity's Pastor F. W. Weidmann (1915-1925) explained the custom by saying that the tolling of the bell informed the people hearing it that the Lord's Prayer was being said at that time, and the hope was that everyone who heard the bell would join the congregation in saying the prayer.

The Lord's Prayer

The Pastor and Congregation

The Collect for the Word

Pastor:

Blessed Lord, who hast caused all Holy Scriptures to be written for our learning, grant that we may in such wise hear them, read, mark, learn, and inwardly digest them, that by patience and comfort of Thy holy Word we may embrace, and ever hold fast, the blessed hope of

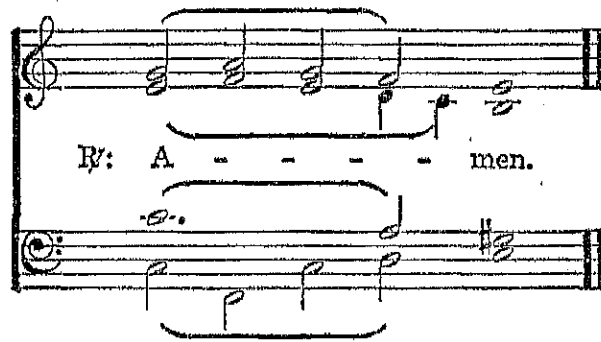
and his dedication to Christ and the Bible, the members of the new Synod chose Walther to be their first President. We owe much to Walther's insistence that the Synod and its churches must live and work under the threefold motto: *Sola Scriptura*, *Sola Gratia*, and *Sola Fide*. Translated, this motto reminds us that we are saved by grace alone through faith, as taught in our only source of faith, the Bible. To this day, The Lutheran Church – Missouri Synod reaches out into far corners of the world with the same unchanging Gospel cherished by its first members over one hundred years ago.

The Hymn

FOR ALL THY SAINTS, O LORD

1. For all Thy saints, O Lord,
Who strove in Thee to live,
Who followed Thee, obeyed, adored,
Our grateful hymn receive.
2. For all Thy saints, O Lord,
Who strove in Thee to die,
Who counted Thee their great Reward,
Accept our thankful cry.
3. They all in life and death,
With Thee, their Lord, in view,
Learned from Thy Holy Spirit's breath
To suffer and to do.
4. For this Thy name we bless
And humbly pray that we
May follow them in holiness
And live and die in Thee.

everlasting life, which Thou hast given us in our Savior Jesus Christ, who liveth and reigneth with Thee and the Holy Ghost, ever one God, world without end.



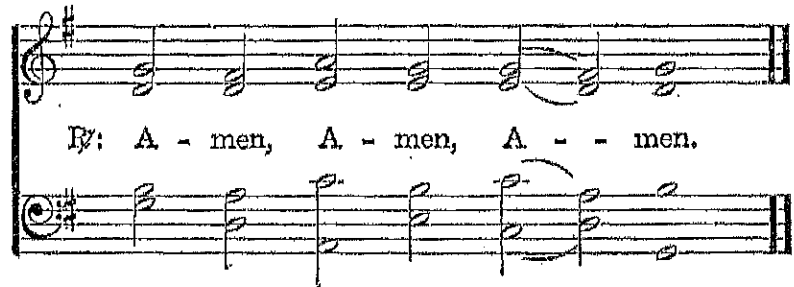
The Benediction

Pastor:

The Lord bless thee and keep thee.

The Lord make His face shine upon thee and be gracious unto thee.

The Lord lift up His countenance upon thee and give thee peace.



The Closing (Recessional) Hymn

BUILT ON THE ROCK THE CHURCH DOTH STAND

1. Built on the Rock the church doth stand,
Even when steeples are falling;
Crumbled have spires in ev'ry land,
Bells still are chiming and calling,
Calling the young and old to rest,
But above all the soul distress,

2. Grant, then, O God, where'er men roam,
That, when the church bells are ringing,
Many in saving faith may come
Where Christ His message is bringing:
"I know Mine own, Mine own know me:
Ye, not the world, My face shall see.
My peace I leave with you." Amen.

The Postlude

THE WORSHIP LEADERS

Officiant: David Marth, Historic Trinity Lutheran Church
Preacher: Dale Meyer, Concordia Seminary
Organist: Wes Kassulke, Historic Trinity Lutheran Church

Readers: David Fieldler, Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod
Larry Lumpe, Concordia Historical Institute
Bruce Kintz, Concordia Publishing House
Ray Mirly, LCMS Missouri District
Fritz Raedeke, Zion Lutheran Church
Jason Rust, Historic Trinity Lutheran Church
Charles Schaum, Concordia Publishing House
Warren Schmidt, Trinity, Altenburg
Larry Vogel, Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod
Timothy Wilkins, Holy Cross Lutheran Church

- * You are invited to share a time of fellowship in Trinity's Parish House following the worship service. Thanks to the Trinity Boards of Evangelism and Fellowship for hosting us.

CARL FERDINAND WILHELM WALTHER

October 25, 1811, to May 7, 1887

2011 marks the 200th anniversary of the birth of Carl F. W. Walther, the most outstanding leader of The Lutheran Church – Missouri Synod in the nineteenth century. Walther was born at Langenschursdorf, Saxony, on October 25, 1811. After a preparatory training in the village schools near his home, Walther took up the study of theology at the University of Leipzig. He graduated in 1833 and, after spending several years as a private tutor, was ordained to the ministry at Braeunsdorf, Saxony, in 1837. W. H. T. Dau gives us this excellent description of his life:

In a spiritually run-down congregation at Braeunsdorf he serves a brief pastorate and is plainly blessed in his ministry, [in] spite of rationalistic opposition and government interference. But he resigns it “with a heavy heart” “to join the emigration organized by Pastor Stephan because he, too, hopes to work in peace in America. . . .

Physical hardships and spiritual distress await him on his arrival in America. He is not in robust health when he begins his pastorate in Perry County [Missouri], where he helps to start the famous log-cabin college, and in St. Louis, where he fashions the mother church of Missouri Lutheranism into shape. Heavy, heavy, is the task put upon him here, and it is made heavier when he starts his literary career with the publication of the *Lutheraner*; still heavier when he is made the first President of the Missouri Synod, which he succeeds in organizing in 1847; still heavier when he is made the first president and theological professor of the log college that has been moved from Perry County to St. Louis and starts its illustrious career as Concordia Seminary; but heaviest of all by a series of fierce controversies with other Lutherans, which fill his day with anxiety and bitterness. Several times he is so exhausted that relaxation is forced upon him because he will not spare himself. He is nearly drowned in the Mississippi River. He collapses after a convention in Milwaukee.

However, he comes out of all these afflictions unharmed, yea, closer to the heart of God. There has been much rough-hewing of human plans but more divine directing in his arduous progress through life. When we think of it all now that it is over, we remember Ps. 37:23: “The steps of a good man are ordered by the Lord; and He delighteth in his way.” (Dallmann, Dau, and Engelder. *Walther and the Church*. St. Louis: Concordia Publishing House, 1938. Pp. 2,3)