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Thunder from the cloudless skies

Since the preparation and first printing of CW2 in 1970, many congregations of Lutherans have been using this "contemporary worship" format in an acknowledged provisional way (CW2, p. v). The ILCW, having issued the fruits of its research and deliberations, turned to the revision of the occasional services and more research and deliberating. Clearly the Commission has worked hard and with admirable dedication to what it understood its mission to be; no one has doubted that.

Furthermore the work of this Commission has, from the outset, counted on the cooperative participation of others who would offer reactions, critiques and evaluations. Time was needed, said ILCW, to see how the words and music would "wear" as it was used, but response was always to be welcome throughout the testing period. And, in apparant keeping with this spirit of cooperation, response did come - such as the 13 page article in Church Music 71-2 (Concordia, 1971, pp. 33-45) and the articles in Lutheran Quarterly, Vol. 26, 1974, to cite but a few. We can assume that the Commission welcomed all such feedback and that it registered the various opinions for appropriate consideration when the time for revision of the provisional rite would arrive.

The time for revision has apparently arrived. The ILCW has just published (Fall 1975) a document titled "The Great Thanksgiving" and has distributed it to all Lutheran pastors. Some selected congregations are right now testing a revised rite for trial use. Again, cooperative response has been solicited by the commission.

But something seems to have gone wrong. Dr. Gerhard Førde, professor of systematic theology at Luther Seminary submitted a response titled A "Great Thanksgiving" for Lutherans? and has for some reason merited a stinging rebuff from Dr. Robert Jenson, professor of systematic theology at Gettysburg whoserves as a member of the drafting subcommittee on eucharistic prayers for ILCW. The vocabulary has turned hostile. Dr. Jenson speaks now of "attacks" on the work of ILCW. He talks of controversy surrounding the proposing of a Great Thanksgiving. And as he answers most of Førde's points, one by one, he seems to be telling future "critical" respondents to be more reudite "before issuing any further statements", that a view such as Dr. Førde's, which so drastically contradicts the Commission's view, "has either been



Thunder continued

hasty or ill-willed", and the like. Indeed the tone of Dr. Jenson's reply makes the fight of Hafner and Fasolt, the giants in Das Rheingold, seem like a Saturday wrestling match! It seems now that only the brave, the well-read, the expert can afford to say a word. This hardly sounds like the commission really wants feedback.

There are other words which seem to indicate that storm clouds of controversy have set in over the ILCW landscape: where did this ALC "Review Committee" come from? Is it an official evaluative panel created to watch over the work of ILCW? Is that why Dr. Førde got such a reply? How deep does the "Controversy" to which Dr. Jenson makes reference really go? Where has all this thunder so suddenly come from such previously cloudless skies?

Jim Anderson

P.S. Since there is no copyright on the Førde-Jenson exchange, I think I am allowed to supply anyone with the eight page copy it they will send me one dollar for Xerox and postage and their name and address. Send in care of the SEMINARIAN.

CAMPUS GESCHICHTE

You can pick your friends, you can pick your nose, but you CANNOT pick your group.  
2/23/76 Chuck Krimmel

Two winners from Bob Hughes: "That kind of blows my mind... at least for a minute." and "Nothing is any good without a climax." (in reference to liturgical matters)

Foster McCurley continued his conversation from last week and added "It's not only the more you do it, but the longer you do it, the more you like it." Response: "It's not how long you make it it's how you make it long." JNJerge

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NEWS AND NOTES

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IN THE PIT

In response to an institutional desire to "stay in the black", at all costs, the seniors will be forming an ad hoc committee to make arrangements for a bake sale at Market Square Shopping Center. Proceeds from the sale will be split among the needy members of the class so that bills can be paid and bankruptcy petitions avoided. Featured will be Boston cream pie.

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Thanks to Ginny and Jimmy for their help with last week's paper.

REBUTTAL  
OR  
WHAT IS THE OFFICE OF THE MINISTRY?

Brother Bob and Brother Jim:

When I first came to Mount Airy, my calling card was "social ministry." After class one day in my Junior year, Dr. Tappert took me aside and informed me, "We don't need another social worker in the pulpit." This enrages me, but after living with his words for four years I have come to agree with him. We don't need another social worker, counsellor, administrator, lawyer, change agent, senator, doctor, nor another colonel in the pulpit. We need ministers, professional theologians, who can interpret God's message in this world. All else should only enable that function. Peter Muhlenberg fastened on to the things of this world, "his rights as an Englishman" and he left his calling to the ministry long before he gave his farewell sermon.

As a norm for our church I appeal to the interpretation of the Scriptural norm given in the 18th Article of The Augsburg Confession. "This power of the keys or of bishops is used and exercised only by teaching and preaching the Word of God and by administering the sacraments (to many persons or to individuals, depending on one's calling). In this way are imparted not bodily but eternal things and gifts, namely, eternal righteousness, the Holy Spirit, and eternal life. These gifts cannot be obtained except through the office of preaching and administering the sacraments, for St. Peter says, 'The Gospel is the power of God for salvation to everyone who has faith.' Inasmuch as the power of the church or of bishops bestows eternal gifts and is used and exercised only through the office of preaching, it does not interfere at all with government or temporal authority. Temporal power does not protect the soul, but with the sword and physical penalties it protects body and goods from the power of others." (The Book of Concord, p. 82)

If the Peter Muhlenberg story is true, then he was acting as a colonel preparing his flock for recruitment, and he had no right to do that from the pulpit. The uniqueness and holiness of the "office" of the ministry must be maintained by referring to its unique relationship to the Word of God. Otherwise the pulpit becomes the clearinghouse for the latest fad or temporal need.

Greg Johnson

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ASH WEDNESDAY

There will be two services Ash Wednesday morning. The first will be a short Penitential Liturgy at 7:00 am, and the second, at 9:40 am, will be Holy Communion.

Bishop Lyman Ogilby, Episcopal Diocese of Penna., will be in the Rotunda Ash Wednesday afternoon after attending the Anglican Studies class. Anyone who would like to meet him is invited to come during the usual time of about 4:00pm.

Confessions of a Househusband

"JARROD NATHANIAL - PHILOSOPHER"

I'd like to introduce you to the family philosopher. Jarrod is our second son and middle child. He is obviously destined for a career on the stage. His "death-of-a-poor-mistreated-child" trick is by far and away superior to anything to come out of Hollywood. He learned to speak at 1 yr. and took charge at once. Here are some philosophical gems from the horse's mouth.

On breakfast: "Give me that talking cereal; it goes snack, crapple and pok."

On waiting until his birthday to get presents: "But by then I'll be seventeen!"

On carrots: "No carrots please, I don't want to spoil my apple tight." (appetite)

On being instructed to use the whole sheet of paper: "Daddy, I can't draw an old sheep."

On his sister's bib: "That's a Bat bib."

On bread crusts: "I can't eat those Daddy, they make my crazy!"

Amen Jarrod.

Father John

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NEEDED: On-Campus Apt. or home to keep and/or use a few pieces of furniture for the summer.

- 1) one 3'x5" executive type desk
- 2) one stereo console cabinet
- 3) one recliner type overstuffed chair
- 4) one bedside table

Please see Tom Irwin-Room 219, Main Dorm.

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PASTORS IN PARTNERSHIP  
A Review

"Partnership is a voluntary unit formed between two or more people acting from a common base of respect and trust, recognizing each other's rights and conscious of each other's differences, sacrificing equally, and working together within a pattern they set for themselves toward a common goal, each contributing according to the best of his or her abilities to achieve what no one of them could have achieved alone."  
Margaret Wold, The Shalom Woman

What did we accomplish during the three day conference? We raised a lot of issues and concerns about families, team ministries, jealousy. We did not come up with too many answers. We were confronted with several different kinds of styles as different resource people helped us focus on different kinds of ministries. We shared some ideas on how difficult situations have been handled in the past. We did not have as many female ministers here as we would have liked. We spent a lot of time dealing with family and marriage concerns which sometimes left those of us who are single wondering how those situations applied to us and whether we fit into the ministry at all. In spite of all the things that did not happen we did begin to talk and to think and to share. I only hope that this sort of dialogue continues. Maybe the one thing that we came away from the conference with was that partnership is not something that just happens. It is something that takes time and energy, but that it can happen when we work at it. Hopefully this conference helped us to begin to see the concerns and problems in a realistic way, but also we began to trust each other enough to be honest about where we fit in and that's the beginning of real partnership in ministry.

The committee which helped to organize this conference will be conducting an evaluation of it. Your comments and critique are vital. Did you enjoy it? Was it helpful? How could it have been better? Would it be worthwhile to set up a similar program in future years with the students setting the agenda? Please direct any and all comments to Marie Scharfe and thank you for your participation.

Marie Scharfe

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SEMINARY SHERRY HOUR

Wednesday afternoons from 4:15 to 5:15, a Sherry Hour for the Seminary Community is held in the Upper Rotunda of the Library. It provides a mid-week break, an opportunity to relax, have some sherry, and talk with students, faculty, et.al. You may even meet someone you never knew before.

WE NEED PEOPLE to take responsibility for purchases, preparation and cleaning up. If you are interested in helping, even for just one Wednesday, please see me and arrange for a convenient date.

Billie Wright

BASKETBALL

STANDINGS

Househusbands	1-0
Tokens	2-1
Hairy Hoopers	1-1
Hustlers	1-1
Juniors	0-2

LEADING SCORERS

Fisher	41
Roberts	23
Cobbler	20
May	14.4

RESULTS: Tokens 39, Juniors 32; Hairy Hoopers 54, Hustlers 19  
Newell Embley

Maria Schartz

SPRING SHERRY HOUR

Wednesday afternoon from 4:30 to 5:15 a Sherry Hour for the  
 Community is held in the Upper rooms of the library. It  
 is a mid-work break, an opportunity to relax, have some sherry,  
 and talk with students, faculty, etc. You may even meet some of  
 the new babies.

WE WELCOME YOU TO TAKE RESPONSIBILITY FOR GIVING, preparing  
 and serving. If you are interested in helping, even for just one  
 hour, please see me and arrange for a convenient date.

Elaine Wright