



The Protest of the Augsburg Confession

The Lutheran Reformation was doctrinal, but that which gave it momentum among the people was the reaction it produced against practical evils in the Church. Its protest was against the burdensome practical forms of religion then existing in the Church. This protest did not leave even the Roman Church unaffected.

The protest, as expressed in the last seven articles of the Augsburg Confession, was on three grounds: worship, morality and Christian liberty. In regard to worship the protest was against false ceremonialism; in regard to morality against the false dualism of religion and nature and a double standard of morality; in regard to Christian liberty against hierarchical usurpation of divine authority and autocratic legalism.

The resistance to ceremonialism was not merely an objection to empty formalism. This in itself would have been a ground for changes in worship and life, because formalism tends to divert from inward piety. But the great evil of ceremonialism in that day was that it was identified with religion. Hence such a protest as this was necessary: "Christianity was thought to consist wholly in the observance of certain holy days, fasts and vestures. These observances had won for themselves the exalted title of being spiritual life and the perfect life." It had to be asserted that the true service of God "does not consist in the unmarried life, or in begging, or in vile apparel," according to monkish practice, which was considered the ideal of religious life.

Because such outward observances were confused with vital religion, the more injurious error came to prevail that they were means of commending one's self to the favor of God and of meriting His grace. This notion took the very heat out of the gospel of free grace and therefore it is repeatedly castigated in the Confession. For instance, it is declared: "Wherefore Paul also lays the greatest stress on this article, putting aside the law and human traditions, in order to show that the righteousness of the Christian is another than such works, to wit, the faith which believes that sins are freely forgiven for Christ's sake. But this doctrine of Paul has been almost wholly smothered by traditions, which have produced an opinion that by making distinctions in meats and like services, we must merit grace and righteousness."

This false ceremonialism appeared in the practice of confession, in which explicit enumeration of sins was required so that the priest could pronounce judgment upon them. Here it is necessary to make clear that the spiritual value of confession consists in the fact that it is an expression of repentance and a preparation to receive the gospel promise of forgiveness in the declaration of absolution.

Ceremonialism reached its climax in the performance of the Mass. This was the supreme work done in the Church to merit God's favor and blessing. As such it was multiplied and magnified without limit, and people were induced to express their religious devotion and their love for those dear to them by having masses upon masses said for



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them. The fundamental idea was a perversion of the Lord's institution of His Supper. This was turned into a sacrifice performed by men to propitiate God. Against this perversion it was necessary to protest that in the evangelical churches they observed the Supper diligently, according to its original institution, as a communion, and this in the language of the people, so that they could intelligently participate in the holy service. The protest was partly directed against the sordid abuse of masses for gain: "Since the world began nothing that God ever ordained seems to have been so abused for filthy lucre as the mass." But the chief protest was because the mass had been made a meritorious work to atone for sins; as it is stated, "The common opinion that the mass taketh away the sins of the living and the dead by the outward act." Here comes the fundamental reminder that our sins are forgiven for Christ's sake when we believe in Him, and not when we perform "outward acts."

Ceremonialism tended to externality in religion and to self-justification before God. It was closely connected with false ethical ideas, which confused men in respect to life's duties and caused much demoralization. Hence a protest was in order on the ground of morality. Monasticism had brought false, abnormal and distorted ideals of life into the Church. Common life was depreciated as not being holy. To attain to holiness one must turn away from natural life. This pro-

duced an unnatural dualism between nature, as something that must be as far as possible frustrated, and religion, as something that must be achieved by flight from nature and the world. As the great mass of men could not forsake the common duties and functions of life, the pernicious idea of a double standard of morality took root. The ordinary Christian lived on the lower level of merely trying to keep God's commandments; the "religious" (the name was applied to those who lived the monastic life) did more than the commandments of God, namely, some things which were not commanded, but were advised as higher holiness, like celibacy, voluntary poverty and obedience to a superior, which three things constituted the monastic vows. A double standard of morality always works to the lowering of moral life, both of those of whom the highest is not expected, and of those who presume to live above God's natural order of life. The facts proved this in the experience of the Church.

It was a notable insight into true Christian ethics when Luther emphasized the sacredness of the duties of common life in family, state and social relations according to God's ordinance of creation. Accordingly the Confession describes the ideal Christian life in these terms: "Christian perfection is to fear God from the heart, again to conceive great faith and to trust that for Christ's sake we have a gracious God, to ask of God and assuredly to expect His aid in all things that, according to our calling, are to be borne; and meanwhile to be diligent

in outward good works and to serve our calling." In harmony with this principle of the sanctity of the duties of common life the sanctity of marriage was emphasized. One of the chief monastic vows was celibacy. Chiefly on account of the implied reflection upon the sacredness of marriage, the Confession contains so vigorous a protest against monastic vows. Vow of celibacy did not lead to purer moral living. But the principal protest against them was the erroneous religious idea that a life of celibacy constituted a meritorious life of higher worth in the sight of God and is a justification before God by works.

The ceremonialism in the Church and the dualistic morality, with its distinction of life according to the commandments of God and the higher perfection of life of the monastic type, were upheld by the autocratic claims of the Church hierarchy to make regulations with divine authority, binding consciences so as to destroy Christian freedom. The prevailing conception of the Church was that of a legal institution with absolute authority. Hence it was conceived that the Church, as a higher power, has the power with divine authority to interfere with the human order of society in state, family and social relations. Against this conception the Confession protests on the Scripture ground that the order of human society has divine sanction by God's creation, and therefore, the functions of the church on the one hand and the functions of the State and all civil and social orders on the other, must be distinguished. The only divine authority of the Church is the Gospel, not any institution with legal jurisdiction like a state or a civil government. For this reason it can rightfully have only a ministry of the Gospel, but not a hierarchy with arrogated divine jurisdiction to make laws and ordinances binding on the conscience before God. "The power of the Church, according to the Gospel, is a power or commandment of God to preach the Gospel, to remit and retain sins, and to administer sacraments." There the divine authority of the Church ends. If there is any other power or jurisdiction in the organized institution of the Church, it is by human law alone. For the sake of good order Christians will conform to wholesome regulations and appointments in the Church, but always with the consciousness of Christian liberty in such matters. Especially must the claim be resisted, that the salvation of the soul depends upon the observance of such outward regulations and that they are means to merit the favor and forgiveness of God. "Ordinances instituted as things necessary or with an opinion of meriting grace are contrary to the Gospel." Hence the principle: "It is not lawful for any bishop to institute or exact such services. For it is necessary that the doctrine of Christian liberty be preserved in the churches, namely, that the bondage of the law is not necessary to justification." "We obtain grace freely by faith in Christ, and not for certain observances or acts of worship devised by men."

The protest of Protestantism, as voiced in the Augsburg Confession, is the protest of conscience, bound to the Word of God, against hierarchical domination and priestly intervention between the soul and God.

Editorial

EVER SEE THIS?

Somehow we happened to look into somebody's church records somewhere the other day. Comparing the information given by the church treasurer with the local newspaper, this is what we found:

Newspaper: "Mr. and Mrs. B. left last night for the east to attend the world series."

Treasurer's note: "Mr. B. reduced his yearly pledge from \$60 to \$35 because he could not afford the usual \$60."

N.—According to her annual custom Mrs. H. gave a garden and card party to the members of the . . . fraternity last Saturday night. The garden was beautifully illuminated, and about 75 people were served in a most elaborate way. Mrs. H. is regarded as the organization's most congenial hostess."

T.—The canvasser reports that Mrs. H. refuses to pledge this year and that she intends to resign from the Ladies Aid because of too many socials in the church.

Inspiring Meetings in Yakima

A new departure from the old time mission meetings was evident in Yakima, Wash., when the pastors of the Tacoma district met in that city a week ago for consecration purposes. The meeting began on Sunday morning and extended over Sunday, Monday and Tuesday. On Sunday the Lutheran churches of Ellensburg and Kennewick joined in the celebration. Visiting pastors from the district included C. R. Swanson, Carl A. Bengtson, Enoch Sattgen and Lawrence Holt of Seattle, E. Arthur Larson and Conrad Hoyer of Tacoma, Elmer Johnson of Olympia and Carl J. Renhard of Aberdeen and Hoquiam. All the meetings were well attended and the audience at times packed the church. The property of Central has undergone a complete restoration and is a credit to the congregation. Rev. C. Arthur Johnson is pastor of the church. The next meeting of the district will be held at Tacoma and Auburn, and the same arrangements of meeting will be tried again.

40th ANNIVERSARY OBSERVED AT PACIFIC LUTHERAN

Pacific Lutheran College paid fitting tribute to its founders, Oct. 14, in a successful celebration marking the fortieth anniversary of the dedication of its Main Building.

Festivities began Saturday afternoon when the students staged the first part of their annual Homecoming, a football contest with the Bellingham Normal School. A 5 to 3 victory for P. L. C. put the students and alumni in a happy frame of mind for the rest of the anniversary festivities. In the evening they gave vent to their happiness at a colorful party for the alumni. Former student presidents spoke, complimenting the present students on their fine spirit.

The formal anniversary celebration, planned by the Board of Trustees, began with divine services Sunday morn-

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I show mercy and bestow kindness.

I give the gifts that gold cannot buy, nor kings take away. They are given freely to all that ask.

Some time, some day, some hour in the near or far future, you will yearn for the touch of my friendly hand.

I Am The Church . . .

ing. Rt. Rev. L. C. Foss, veteran of the early struggles of the Lutheran Church on the Pacific Coast sounded a powerful and challenging keynote in his festival sermon, based on Ps. 78:1-7. The College choir sang. Six hundred persons attended the services.

Sunday afternoon Dr. C. R. Swanson of Seattle gave the invocation, following the singing of "A Mighty Fortress." Rev. O. L. Haavik made introductory remarks and introduced President Tinglestad, who gave a historical resume of the school, from 1894 to 1934. Rev. R. Bozstad, former president of Columbia College, gave a like review of the history of that institution from 1909 to 1934. Rev. H. L. Foss spoke as president of the Pacific District, legal owners of the College, and Rev. J. P. Pflueger spoke on behalf of the American Lutheran Conference, on its teamwork in Christian Education.

Representing Supt. Elmer L. Breckner of the Tacoma Public Schools Principal Elmer M. Thune spoke on "Our Common Task," and the college choir sang two numbers.

The festival closed with a banquet in the evening.

A CORRECTION

In our last issue occurs the information that Hoquiam won the final game over Portland during the Conference Luther League convention last month. That seems to be all wrong. First we receive a letter from the pastor of the Augustana church, Portland, stating that it was his boys who won the battle and that there could be no possibility of anyone else winning a game like that. Still later a letter arrives from the boys themselves stating the same thing, only in a different way. This letter even bore the signature of the War Department. Evidently the Augustana boys in Portland, Ore., won the game. What bothers us the most, however, is the absolute silence from the Ho-

quiam boys. Here is hoping that owing to our decision in the matter they have not come to believe our report too ardently and decide that they also won the war. To our good Augustana boys we have only one explanation: the editor wasn't there in any kind of sense—neither physically, nor mentally. He did ask a few who were there, but the only answer available was that the fog was so heavy that they could not see where the ball went. . . . The editor evidently took for granted that Hoquiam could fight better in a fog than the Portland lads—and so . . . well, he is a member of the Tacoma district, you know. At any rate, we are sorry. Augustana has a wonderful team and should have the honor due them.

SEATTLE LUTHERANS INAUGURATE LUTHER DAY

An annual Luther Day was proposed recently by the Lutheran pastors of Seattle during a meeting of the Pastor's Association of that city. The date set for the annual celebration is the last Sunday in October, the first meeting to be held this year.

According to information, the first celebration will be held next Sunday, Oct. 28, at the Masonic Temple, Harvard and Pine, and will commemorate the four hundredth anniversary of Luther's translation of the Bible. Dr. N. M. Ylvisaker of Chicago has been chosen as guest speaker, while Charles Smith, Mayor of the city of Seattle, will represent the city, and Dr. Edward A. Lauer, Dean of the Faculty at University of Washington, brings a message from the university. The occasion will also mark the first appearance of the newly organized All-Lutheran Choral Union, which will sing three anthems under the direction of J. O. Edwards, instructor of Music at the Pacific Lutheran College at Parkland. The festive program begins at 7:30 p. m.

ANGEL OF DEATH VISITS SPOKANE PARSONAGE

Great sorrow and loss has come to Pastor and Mrs. Wm. J. Siegel of the Grace church, Spokane, Wash., in the death of their little daughter, Roberta Emily. Little Roberta was born on June 12th and was baptized on July 8, 1934. She became seriously ill about three weeks ago and everything that tender care could do to restore her to health was of no avail. Our Heavenly Father, in His infinite wisdom, called her home to be with Jesus on October 13th at the age of four months and one day.

She is survived by her parents, two brothers Donald and David, grandparents and uncles and aunts. A beautiful service was held in the Grace Church on Tuesday October 16th when the large church was nearly filled with sympathizing friends. Many members of the Spokane Lutheran Ministerial Association were present. Two beautiful songs were sung by a girl's octette. Scripture reading and prayer was conducted by Rev. Selmer Veldey of Coeur D'Alene, a close friend of the Siegel family. The sermon was preached by Rev. N. William Anderson.

The parents requested that members of the congregation give gifts of money rather than flowers in memory of their little daughter. This money is to be given to the Bethpage Mission in Axtell, Nebraska. The impressive service closed at Riverside Park Cemetery where the remains were laid to rest, as the western sun sank behind the hills.

"Suffer the little children to come unto me and forbid them not for of such is the kingdom of heaven."

NOVEL PROGRAM AT BETHEL SEATTLE

Bethel, Seattle, celebrated its first homecoming festival last week with a Loyalty dinner with nearly the entire membership in attendance. A special program of original compositions had been prepared for the occasion. Musical numbers were composed by Milan von Lany and Ernst Oberg, the former on violin and the latter on organ. A poem of welcome was read by Herbert Youngren, a boy of eleven years who has special gifts along the lines of poetry. Rev. O. A. Bremer of the University church was the guest speaker, and Ruth Osburn, Harpist, the guest musician.

CHRISTIAN LIFE CONFERENCE

A three day Christian Life Conference, sponsored jointly by Luther Memorial Church and First Lutheran Church, Tacoma, Wash., was successfully concluded Thursday, Sept. 27.

"The Abundant Life," the theme of the conference, was divided into three parts: "A picture of the Abundant Life," 2. "Hindrances to the Abundant Life," and 3. "The Way to the Abundant Life." One evening was devoted to a discussion of each division of the theme. Two short addresses were given each evening, and after these discussions, the assembled congregation divided into six groups for informal discussion and application of the theme. These discussion groups proved very much worth while.

Six visiting pastors assisted in the conference. They were: Rev. Elmer M. Johnson, Olympia, Wash., and Rev. C. S. Odell, Portland, from the Augustana Synod; Rev. A. M. Kraabel, Portland, and Rev. M. A. Christensen, Astoria, from the Norwegian Lutheran Church; Rev. A. E. Myhre, Tacoma, from the Norwegian Lutheran Free Church and Rev. O. A. Bremer, Seattle, from the United Lutheran Church. Rev. Mikkel Lono, pastor of Luther Memorial Church, and Mr. Conrad Hoyer, student pastor of First Lutheran Church, were in charge of the conference. The pastoral discussions each morning and the splendid pastoral fellowship manifest throughout the three days contributed to the success of the conference.

MOUNT BAKER DISTRICT CONVENTION

The Mount Baker district held mission meeting at Vancouver and Westminster, B. C., Sept. 23-25. The meeting was opened on Sunday evening with Holy Communion, Dr. Jos. Anderson preaching the preparatory address in Vancouver and Rev. Carl A. V. Lund in Westminster. At Vancouver five new members were received into the congregation.

On Monday evening Rev. Lund directed a discussion on "Faith," and at the pastoral conference the following day, Rev. Harry W. Lundblad presented a paper on biblical archeology. In

the afternoon the pastors gathered in the Lutheran Home for Girls, which has been remodeled and now offers a congenial appearance. Rev. John Bildt spoke of the Christian hope. In the evening Rev. Lundblad spoke at Vancouver on the subject "Christian Love" and Dr. Anderson at Westminster on the same subject. Music and song was supplied by the local congregations, who did all in their power to make the visitors feel at home.

LUTHER LEAGUE RALLY IN AUBURN NOVEMBER 11

An invitation has been extended to the Luther Leagues of Seattle, Tacoma and Olympia to meet at Auburn, Wash., on Armistice Day, Nov. 11, for



REV. Wm. SIEGEL

a spiritual conference on the Bible. The afternoon program will center around "The Christ of the Bible," which will be presented by Rev. Wm. Siegel of Grace, Spokane. Rev. Siegel will also speak in the evening on the subject "The Life of the Bible." Musical numbers will be furnished in the afternoon by Bethany and Gethsemane of Seattle and First, Tacoma. The evening music is in charge of Bethel and Emmanus, Seattle, and Bethel, Tacoma. Brief talks will also be given by Roland Swanson of Gethsemane, Seattle, and Arthur Linn of First, Tacoma. The afternoon session will be held at 3 o'clock and the evening session at 7:30.

Engagements

Virgil Sutherland and Astrid Cedar, Gethsemane, Seattle. Gus Anderson, Seattle, and Alice Dahlberg, First, Tacoma.

Married

Lee Willey and Margaret Malin, Gethsemane, Seattle.

MOUNT BAKER DISTRICT RALLY HELD AT HARTFORD

On Oct. 7 the Mount Baker District Luther League met at Hartford for an inspiring rally. The meeting was well attended by the leaguers and by other friends and became a red letter day in the history of the district. "Stewardship" was the theme chosen for the day, and "A Life Dedicated to God" and "Our Talents Dedicated to God" were the subtopics. The former was presented by Rev. A. J. Vinje of the Norwegian church of Everett and the latter by Rev. Carl A. V. Lund, vice president of the Columbia Conference. The music was sponsored by the Everett and Hartford leagues.

Officers of the district are: Rev. Carl A. V. Lund, Mt. Vernon, Gordis Hill, Everett, Gladys Jacobson, Clearbrook, Richard Sackman, Sedro-Woolley, and Catherine Selander, Bellingham.

Immanuel Luther League News

The Immanuel Luther League of Portland sponsored a confirmation reunion Sunday, September 30th. Programs were given in the afternoon and evening. It was a reunion of all the classes since the first class was formed fifty years ago. Greetings were given by the various classes. Refreshments were served by the Ladies Aid between the two services and a social hour was thoroughly enjoyed by all present. The speaker for the evening service was Rev. A. Knerr from Aurora, Oregon.

The League is now working towards its annual Fall Festival which is to be held October 30th. Many plans are being made to arouse the leaguers and to renew their interests in the activities of the league.

Miss Alice Henrikson has returned from Washington, D. C., where she was employed by the government. She has been transferred to the Veterans Hospital in Portland. The leaguers are very happy to have her back with them as she was an active league member and also one of the soloists of the choir.

The league extends its sincere sympathy to Mrs. Rudolph Hanson in the recent death of her husband, Rudolph Hanson. Mr. Hanson was a great friend of all the leaguers, and was always ready to lend a willing hand in any of their activities. His kindness and friendliness will long be remembered in Immanuel.

The choir under the leadership of Waldemar Pearson has begun its Fall program. Many new members have been added recently, new music has been purchased, and great expectation for a successful season is evidenced.

Augustana, Portland

The Luther League recently entertained the new candidates in the Emmanuel School of Nurses—a new venture at Augustana. About thirty nurses accepted the invitation. Armistice Day, Sunday Nov. 11, all the nurses are invited to be special guests at the evening service. Miss Edith Bergquist, Superintendent of Nurses and also member of Augustana, has resigned from her position to take up new duties in Chicago.

In order to accommodate the audiences on Sunday mornings the wall of the rear room of the church has been eliminated to enlarge the seating capacity. The tower has also been repaired and the cross shined up. The expenditure has amounted to about \$400.

A class of sixteen boys and girls is to be confirmed Sunday Oct. 28. The summer plan of instruction has proved itself to perfection. The Luther League is continuing the plan of two meetings a month, one featuring topical discussion and the other Bible study. The Church Paper Week is being sponsored this year by the choir, and the money thus received will be used for the purchase of new chairs for the choir.

Dr. Herman Prens of Minneapolis will be the speaker at the annual joint Lutheran Reformation festival, which will be held this year at the Westminster Presbyterian church. The date is Nov. 4th.

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Morning worship 10:45 a. m.
Evening worship 7:30 p. m.
Prayer service Wednesdays...8:00 p. m.

Organizations

Ladies Aid, 1st Wed. at ... 2:00 p. m.
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Tuesday 7:45 p. m.
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Zion, Everett

A confirmation reunion will be held at Zion, Everett, Nov. 2, under the auspices of the Luther League. Rev. Lawrence Holt of Seattle will be the speaker. The league also sponsored a party Oct. 17 in honor of Mr. and Mrs. Virgil Crabb, who were married recently. Mrs. Crabb was formerly Miss Viola Johnson. On Oct. 2 the Hartford league was guest of honor at Zion and on Oct. 19 the league was addressed by Mrs. John Billdt, who gave a review of the epistle of St. James.

BELLINGHAM LEAGUERS TO DISCUSS PROHIBITION

The young people of the First church Bellingham, sponsored a Luther League reunion program at Bellingham Hotel recently. An interesting program was rendered, consisting of readings, talks, and musical numbers. Partaking in the program were Hiram Hogberg, Kenneth Selander, Catherine Selander, Wm. Carlson, Mrs. Lockart, Mary Lindenthal, Rev. Carl A. V. Lund, Mt. Vernon, and Rev. Harry W. Lundblad, pastor of the church. This month the league meets at church for a debate on the question: "Resolved that the 18th amendment should not have been repealed." The affirmative will be discussed by Josephine Linderthal, Myles Erickson, and Billie Carlson, and the negative by Hiram Hogberg, Elmer Lindquist, and Ann Nordquist.

Bethany Lutheran Church Warren, Oregon

The Luther League of Bethany, Warren, met at the home of Leonard and Elsie Johnson, Tuesday evening, October 9. A committee was appointed to make arrangements for the annual Thanksgiving Festival.

The Woman's Missionary Society had charge of the services Sunday evening, October 14, and the Luther League on October 21. Both services were well attended.

The Portland District held its Mission meeting at Bethany Sept. 30 to Oct. 2. The theme of the meeting was "God's Inventory of our Congregational Life." A large number assembled to worship.

Mr. and Mrs. E. Briggs and family have arrived from Pennsylvania to make their home with their aunt, Mrs. O. W. Swenson.

Trinity, Astoria.

The Luther League of Trinity Lutheran Church, Astoria, has decided to sponsor a Sunday evening service each month. This was also done last year and proved successful.

The League is also sponsoring a Bible Study period each Saturday evening in the homes of its members. The Book of Matthew is the subject for Bible study. A prayer session opens each meeting.

On Sept. 13th the league entertained in honor of those of its members who will soon be leaving for higher institutions of learning.

At a recent meeting the following officers were elected for the coming year: President, Miss Harriet Westersund; Vice-Pres. Arnold Oren; Secretary, Miss Greta Erickson; Treasurer, John Slotte.

Resolutions of the Eighth Annual Columbia Conference Luther League Convention

Be it resolved that a word of commendation be expressed to the Spokane District on their organization of a Bible institute with its spiritual emphasis and results.

Be it resolved that the treasurers of the Luther Leagues throughout the conference be congratulated on their cooperation with the conference treasurer by sending in their reports, dues and fellowship offerings.

Be it resolved that each Luther League support the Fellowship Offering scheduled for September 30, 1934.

Be it resolved that each Luther League continue more faithfully in the support of the Columbia Lutheran with articles, subscriptions and advertisements.

Be it resolved that the local Luther Leagues encourage weekly Bible study groups.

Be it resolved that each League during the coming year make a more concentrated effort in increasing their membership.

Be it resolved that the Columbia Conference Luther League extend its sincere appreciation to the Hoquiam Luther League for their zealous and splendid hospitality, and

Be it resolved that we extend to our officers a hearty thank you for their conscientious efforts during the past year: Arthur Hillman, Edith Olson, Signe Peterson, Hazel Johnson and Eleanor Anderson.

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