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Introduction

The *Historical Series*, featuring the sermons of the Bishops of the Evangelical Lutheran Church In Canada, continues in this Number. The ELCIC began its life in 1986, its birth marking the culmination of a lengthy history of Lutheranism in Canada, as well as reflecting the broader streams of European and American ecclesiastical developments. Since the year 1986 is also the year in which this journal began publishing sermons, the preaching of the ELCIC has been represented in its pages from the Church's beginnings. It is appropriate, therefore, to enhance this informal "history of the preaching of the ELCIC" with a deliberate recording of the preaching of the Church's leaders, especially so since the first generation of these are already in retirement. Included here are:

- "Historical Series 10": The Rev. Dr. Allan A. Grundahl was the second Bishop of the Saskatchewan Synod of the Evangelical Lutheran Church In Canada, serving in that ministry from 1993 to 2002;
- "Historical Series 11": The Rev. Cynthia G. Halmarson is the third Bishop of the Saskatchewan Synod of the Evangelical Lutheran Church In Canada, having begun that ministry in 2002;
- "Historical Series 12:": The Rev. Dr. Gottlieb W. ("Lee") Luetkehoelter was the first Bishop of the Manitoba/Northwestern Ontario Synod from 1986 to 1994. This sermon stems from the time of his ministry as Bishop of the Central Canada Synod of the Lutheran Church in America, 1975 to 1985, and thus reaches back to the life of one of the units that merged to form the Evangelical Lutheran Church In Canada.

Included also are sermons by two ELCIC pastors, David Schnasa Jacobsen and Alan Ka Lun Lai.

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