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Introduction

We continue the “Historical Series” of sermons by the leaders of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in Canada. The ELCIC is a very young Church, having begun its life in 1986. It was born of the merger of Canadian jurisdictional units of the Lutheran Church in America, and the autonomous Evangelical Lutheran Church of Canada, itself a former jurisdictional unit of the American Lutheran Church. Thus it incorporates a significant part of the history of Lutherans in North America.

In that same year, 1986, this journal began publishing sermons, and so it is that the preaching of the ELCIC has been represented in its pages from the Church’s beginnings. As the first leaders of the Church are already in retirement, it seems propitious to record some of their sermons, as well as those of leaders presently in office, and thus to make a contribution to the homiletical history of the ELCIC.

Included here are:

- “Historical Series, 7”: The Rev. Dr. Marlin Aadland was the first Bishop of the British Columbia Synod of the Evangelical Lutheran Church In Canada, serving in that ministry from 1986 to 1998;
- “Historical Series, 8”: The Rev. Stephen P. Kristenson became the second Bishop of the Synod of Alberta and the Territories in 1994, and will be concluding his second term in that ministry in 2006;
- “Historical Series, 9”: The Rev. Michael J. Pryse is the second Bishop of the Eastern Synod, having begun that ministry in 1998.

Included also are sermons by two ELCIC pastors, Donald C. Neville and Mark W. Harris.

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