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Introduction

We continue, in this Number, the “Historical Series” of sermons begun in the previous Number. This Series records the preaching of the leaders of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in Canada.

The ELCIC is a very young Church. It was formed through mergers of jurisdictional units of Lutheran Churches based in the United States of America, and began its life in 1986. It was in that same year that this journal began publishing sermons, and so it is that the preaching of the ELCIC has been represented in its pages from this Church’s beginning. As the first leaders of this Church are already in retirement, it seems propitious to record some of their sermons, as well as those of leaders currently in office, and thus to make a contribution to the homiletical history of the ELCIC.

- “Historical Series, 4”: The first National Bishop of the ELCIC was the Rev. Donald W. Sjoberg (1986 to 1993). Having begun the Series with his sermon at the First Convention of the Church, 1987, we here feature his sermon at the Fourth Biennial Convention, 1993, his last as National Bishop.
- “Historical Series, 5”: The Rev. Telmor G. Sartison was the first Bishop of the Saskatchewan Synod (1986 to 1993). He succeeded the Rev. Donald W. Sjoberg as National Bishop in 1993.
- “Historical Series, 6”: The Rev. J. Robert Jacobson was the first Bishop of the Synod of Alberta and the Territories (1986 to 1994).

In addition to these sermons, we include sermons by two ELCIC pastors, Clifford Reinhardt and Matthew Anderson.

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