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## THE EVER CIRCLING YEAR: CHURCH YEAR MEDITATIONS IN VERSE

MARTIN W. LEESEBERG

Calgary: Foothills Lutheran Press, 1970

52 pages. \$1.25

Professor Leeseberg will capture your attention with his thought provoking verse. His simple language poems for each Sunday of the Church Year either confront you with a personal challenge or reward you with a fresh insight. Many are written in the first person and some are in dialogue form. All are concise and pertinent to the Scripture selection for the week.

It was Good Friday as I reviewed this book, and the poem for the day was an excellent example of the way Dr. Leeseberg sharpens our reflections on a familiar Bible passage.

“He came before my judgement seat--a man  
Dressed like the rest of those who hate my Rome,  
The Master of this earth. He had no help  
Among the bearded leaders of His race.  
They wanted Him to die--and there He stood  
As King--yes, as a Roman would. I am  
No fool, and He--He had no friends--and so  
I yielded to their cries. I sent Him forth  
To die--and yet He was a King. That name  
I placed above His head--it was the truth.

The reader will find these poems appropriate for devotions, meditations, or personal study, and will appreciate the clarity and the brevity of the refreshing message which Martin Leeseberg shares in his poetry.

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