

# Table Talk

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## GERMAN MASS ON REFORMATION NIGHT

October 30th brings in the Martin Luther Colloquium again this year; in keeping with its theme, "Luther, Worship, and Liturgical Renewal," a special service is being planned to cap off the day's events. The Seminary community will celebrate the Eucharist in a service designed along the lines set forth by Martin Luther for his German Mass, dated to 1526. In 1523, Luther had compiled a work detailing the evangelical mass in Wittenberg, basically a Latin form of the Roman Catholic Mass without those portions reflecting doctrines Luther did not subscribe to; only its hymns and sermon were in vernacular German. In the years 1522 to 1525, a number of German masses were popularized. Luther was urged to present one himself, to avoid confusion from their numbers; in its introduction he writes: "This is being published... because of the widespread demand for German masses and services and the general dissatisfaction and offense that has been caused by the great variety of new masses."

Seminarians will notice several changes this original presents over the service to which we are accustomed. Dr. Leigh Jordahl, in charge of the project, says: "The major Lutheran contribution to liturgy has been in hymnody, and that has been personified in the German mass." Traditional Liturgical responses in the service give way to 16th century hymns; these will be sung by the congregation with the help of the mixed choir. There was no procession in Luther's mass and there was no Eucharistic prayer: the procession was a later development in our liturgy, and the traditional Eucharistic prayer known to Luther, that of the Roman Catholic Church, was so full of works' righteousness that he discarded it altogether. On the whole, Dr. Jordahl feels the original mass will appear more plain than the liturgy we are used to, with the exception of the striking German music. Dr. Jordahl will be the liturgist and the sermon will be delivered by Dr. Thomas Ridenhour. For additional information on the history and make-up of the service, consult Luther's Works, vol. 53, pp. 53-90.

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The seminary community is cordially invited to assembled at Krauth House for refreshments following the Reformation Service.

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TO THE EDITOR

Dear Editor,

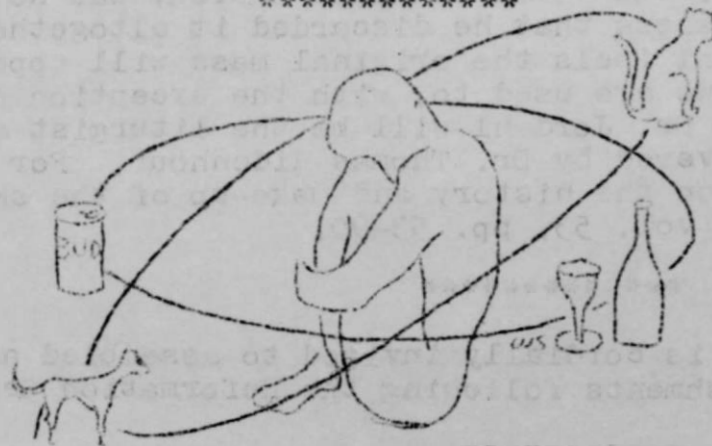
Something about this community of ours has always put me off a bit, and until recently, I was never able to put my finger on exactly what it was. But then all of a sudden it came to me: too many people here take themselves entirely too seriously.

There are those who apparently O.D.'ed on CPE and who now "feel" that their feelings and emotions are the universal fixation around which the earth, sun, moon, and stars revolve. There are those who mistake quiet moral pietism for Christianity and virtually fall prostrate at every veiled reference to the Holy Trinity, and who really can't understand why beer and wine and cigarettes are even allowed on the grounds of a Christian seminary. Then there's your garden variety conceited person whose tests and papers are always better even if we are on a pass/fail system. These are the ones who are not quite sure about their lack of divinity and live in the hope that one day soon, preferably during a chapel service, the heavens will open up and a resonant bass voice will say, "This is my beloved son or daughter with whom I am well pleased." The list could go on to include those who take a legalistic approach to the entire pet question, and envision Clarence Darrow-like impassioned pleas for the right to the pursuit of happiness, which the founding fathers obviously intended to mean the inalienable right to keep and bear pets. Or those on the other side who say, "Well, you signed a lease, and a rule is a rule is a rule." If you catch my meaning, if you catch my drift, you can fill out the list with examples from your own personal experiences.

Granted, what we are about here in this community is serious business: the saving of souls, or whatever else you might care to call it. But, by God, just because what we are about is serious doesn't mean that we ourselves have to be so blasted weighty and morose all the time. All indications are that Jesus and Luther thoroughly enjoyed life lived to its joyfullest. Are we better off doing any less? Loosen up. There are enough people and things that we must take seriously. Taking ourselves with a grain of salt or with tongue in cheek can be a refreshing break.

Mark Badecke

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Portrait of Shea in Concert

Brief strokes  
of an indifferent brush  
show cold faces  
dripping like graphitti from cafe walls.  
Graphite women and clay-fotted lovers  
lock hands and limbs in grey penumbras.

Shaded figures mold the scene  
and lashed to the center like Ixion  
is the artist's hand squeezed into guitar and harmonica  
and David Shea struggling with a Hegelian chord.

David Shea...  
white hair hiding his sensitive ears,  
ears that have heard in the hollow guitar  
the clamor and noise of the black other world  
...feels the whirlwind of stagefright rip through his mind  
and die with a flash on the stroke of twelve.

The houselights are dim.

A searching eye on the sinking faces  
An ear on the fading noise of the crowd  
The head lowered  
White locks falling like curtains over the face  
Erasing sight, hearing  
Then...  
the sound of lips on harmonica

--Tim Bingman

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REPORT FROM THE WORSHIP COMMITTEE

The Worship Committee met Sept. 29 and took action on a wide range of issues. The committee agreed to complete the obligation undertaken by last year's committee by continuing to support an orphan adopted through Lutheran World Relief. This support amounts to \$30 a month and will continue at least through November. Closer to home, the committee voted to donate \$100 to the Trappist Nuns of Genolita, Arizona, to be used in connection with their good works with the Spanish-American community, and \$324 to Gettysburg's Christ Lutheran Nursery Day School to provide a full scholarship for a needy child. Members of the community who may have suggestions for other charitable expenditures are urged to contact any member of the committee.

On the home front, it was agreed that the chapel could use some new paraments and banners, and the necessary funds were provided for the purchase of materials. Volunteers are needed to help make the new paraments and banners, however, and anyone

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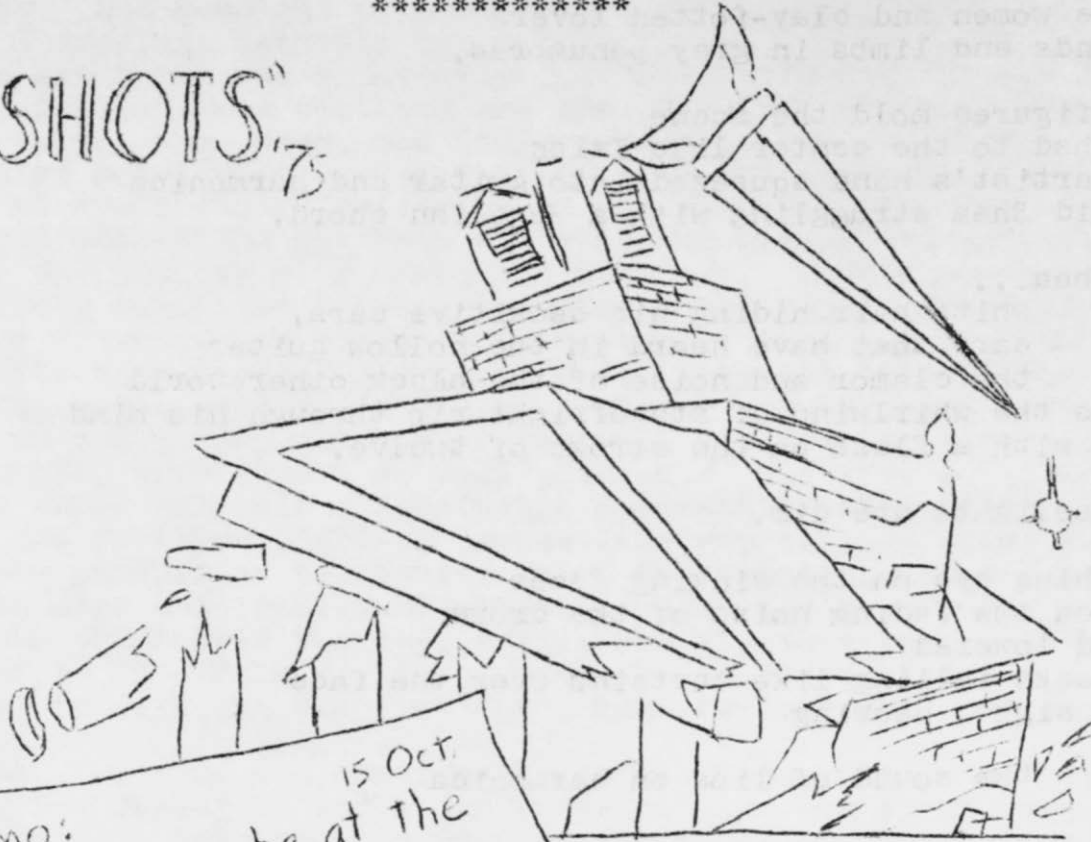
interested should contact Dan Strobøl or Fran Lantz.

Present at this meeting were Jay Christner, Bob Gago, Phil Squire, Neal Hively, Rae Bloomquist, Robert Driesen, Dan Strobel, Fran Lantz, Roy Washill, Mr. Ridenhour, Mr. Jenson, and Mr. Jordahl.

The next meeting will be Oct. 20, at 2:30.

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"POTSHOTS" '75



Memo:  
 We'd rather be at the  
 podium than at the  
 Lord's Table! 15 Oct.  
 Seminary Board

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Editor's note:

The editor wishes to thank the student body for their generous contributions to T.T. so far this year. We would only like to urge that, if at all possible, the contributions by typed. This makes it much easier to put it all together.

Thank you

ADIAPHORA

- October 16      Civilisation film, "Man, the Measure of All Things" (4:00 p.m. and 7:30 p.m. in College Union, Gettysburg College)
- Films of the Depression, "Dead End" (Masters Auditorium, Gettysburg College)
- Meeting of Business Managers and Directors involved in the Washington Consortium (10:30 a.m. in Chapel Lecture Room)
- 17                W. Hockey vs. Ursinus (Gettysburg College-- 8:30 p.m.)
- JV Football vs. Bucknell (Gettysburg College-- 3:00 p.m.)
- 18                Sigma Nu Fraternity Recycling Drive for Easter Seal Society (9-1 at King's and Giant Parking Lots)
- Spaghetti Supper (4:30-6:30 at Gettysburg United Methodist Church)
- Film Series, "Jeremiah Johnson" (8:00 p.m. in College Union Ballroom, Gettysburg College)
- Jesse Colin Young (8:00 p.m. in Pucillo Gym, Millersville State College)
- 20                Worship Committee Meeting (2:30 p.m. in Valentine 202)
- Student Faculty Relations Committee Meeting (3:30 p.m. in President's Office)
- Football Game (3:45 p.m.--Mid'lers vs. Juniors) Community Meal (5:45 in Refectory)
- Intern Night (7:30 p.m. in Aberly Room)
- Pentagon (7:30 p.m. in Littlestown High School Auditorium)
- 22                Football Game (4:15 p.m.--Seniors vs. Middlers)
- 27                S.E.M. invites the Seminary Community to hear Dr. Stroup and Ms. Wood speak(7:30 in Heiges Hall)
- 30                Martin Luther Colloquium
- Current Movies:    Majestic Theatre--"Bite the Bullet"  
                         Coming Soon --"The Hiding Place"  
                         "Tommy"  
                         "Funny Lady"

SPORTS MENU

--Harold Hand

Due to a conflict with a retreat for the middler class of Philadelphia, the game which had been scheduled for the 10th has now been re-scheduled for the 31st. Ironically, this being Reformation Day, the game can now be billed as the "Martin Luther Classic". It is hoped that we will have a good turn-out for this game--both players and fans. Practice will be held the week preceding the game.

Seniors 14, Juniors 13

Those who came out to watch this game, played last Wednesday, were rewarded with the most exciting contest to date. In their first rematch, both teams played a strong defensive game and it looked for a while as if neither team would score. Then with just 26 seconds left in the first half, Cliff Suehr hit Bob Williams with a long pass for the TD, with Phil Huber adding the conversion. The half ended, 7-0, Juniors. But the Seniors were not to be outdone and they tied the game with less than a minute gone in the second half. Stef Zehrhuhs threw a sideline pass to Jerry Yarnell who was all alone and he ran almost the length of the field for the score. The two combined for the conversion and it was 7-7. Once again the defense took over for both teams and both sides exchanged punts throughout most of the second half. At the two minute mark, Cliff Suehr again found Bob Williams open for the go-ahead points. The conversion try was no good. At this point, the Juniors seemed to have the game wrapped up, but on the following kick-off, they were given an unexpected surprise as Rich Bigelow took the kick-off and, with excellent blocking, ran down the sidelines for a TD. Zehrhuhs then hit Yarnell again for the crucial conversion and the Seniors took the lead, 14-13. This most exciting game finally came to an end.

Middlers 7, Seniors 0

Playing their second game in a week, the Seniors had a victory over the Middlers in mind which would put them in first place. However, it was not to be, as once again the defense of both teams played very good ball. So good were the efforts of the defensive units that neither side could get on the scoreboard in the first half. The offense for both sides had to give up the ball repeatedly as neither team showed any serious threat. It looked like the game would continue that way in the second half, until, with about nine minutes left, Ted Hummel hit Roy Christell on a sideline pass, and Roy took it in for the score. Steve Reed took the conversion from Hummel and it was 7-0. The defense of the Middlers then responded and kept the Seniors out of scoring range, as the defensive line played the most important part in the closing minutes. Jim Slater, Mark Radecke and Tim Anderson did a great job on the line, as Tim picked up an interception as did Dale Johnson.

Notes: Jerry Yarnell continues to lead the scoring parade with

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26 points. Bob Williams follows with 18, and Steve Reed has 15..... The Middler defense has given up only 6 points thus far--an average of 2 points a game.....Practice for the Philadelphia game is the week prior to the game, Oct. 27-30.

Standings

	W	L	PCT.	IF	PA	
1 Middlers	3	0	1.000	40	6	Next Week:
2 Seniors	2	2	.500	33	39	Mon. Middlers vs. Juniors
3 Juniors	0	3	.000	25	53	Wed. Seniors vs. Middlers

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HOW I SPENT MY SUMMER VACATION--PART II

CPE is ever with us; Monday night after Mr. Sandstedt delivered the law to the junior class, several middlers present shared the gospel. Below are some more CPE impressions from the middler class. Earlier we presented the impressions of two single students; here are the thoughts of a CPE wife, and then a husband and wife.

Kathy Brown writes:

When two people are married they promise to be together through good times and bad, insickness and in health. That's the idea of marriage. He loves her and she loves him. She brings her abilities and he brings his. They pool resources and together they succeed.

It is a good idea to offer a student an opportunity for greater comprehension of illness, of pastoral skills, and of himself. This knowledge can be of the utmost importance to the student and anyone thereafter he encounters. It is not a good idea to separate husband and wife. This separation can cause a reduction in learning not to mention the barriers in communication that it brings.

By offering the CPE experience in nearby hospitals to those couples who need to stay in the area, and by the further away hospitals offering housing for the complete student it is possible to improve this program.

Adrian & Joyce Schearer:

The experience of CPE as a married student was, in my case, an extremely rewarding and growthful process. I start the letter this way to dispell many of the "ghost stories" which float about the campus.

In our case, including both my wife and son, it was a period of studying the human docturment within the context of the controlled environment of a State correctional institution.

Observations were directed outward and inward. The correctional

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[ Gen. 4:1 ]

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QUOTES OF THE WEEK

"I don't get it."

--George Post

"Moses didn't really write the Pentateuch, it was someone else by the same name."

--Father Kearney

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SESQUICENTENIAL MINUTES

In 1825 Dr. Benjamin Kurtz, a close friend and ally of S. S. Schmucker and longtime editor of the Lutheran Observer, was appointed by the General Synod to visit Europe for the purpose of soliciting funds and books for the contemplated theological seminary. Dr. K. was a rather puritanical sort, and passionately opposed to (in his words) "...inordinate attachment to liturgical services, forms and ceremonies, chants, crosses and cricifixes in the church, together with flowers and evergreens, burning candles, gowns and bibs." It was quite an event, therefore, when Dr. K. himself publicly appeared in a gown. He later related the incident, with unusual

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restraint, this way: "I was to hold forth in the royal chapel in Berlin, Prussia, for the celebrated professor and court preacher, Dr. Strauss. A messenger arrived, announcing that the royal family, together with several foreign princes, then on a visit to the Court of Prussia, would attend the service. When about to leave the sacristy to ascend the pulpit, Dr. Strauss offered me an elegant silk gown to put on. I resisted for a long time, arguing that I had never yet preached in a gown; that on previous occasions I had been excused; that it would embarrass me; that I was opposed to the practice, etc. On the other hand it was urged that I was now to appear before assembled royalty; that no minister was permitted to do so except in clerical robes; that it would be interpreted into disrespect, nay, regarded as an insult to His Majesty and their Royal Highnesses if I refused. I at last perceived that I must comply or disappoint the immense concourse of people, and at the same time blight all my fair prospects of obtaining contributions for our Gettysburg Seminary."

In the end the mission was quite a success, providing over twelve thousand dollars and six thousand books to get the seminary on its feet. Unknown to Dr. K., however, an artist in the congregation took down his likeness and subsequently produced an engraving of him in the gown which soon appeared on both sides of the Atlantic. This engraving haunted Dr. K. for years as he preached against just such "paraphrenælia of ritualism," and its mere mention was enough to unloose his quite substantial wrath.

And that's the way it was--150 years ago today.