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Ein Prediger muss nicht allein *weiden*,  
also dass er die Schafe unterweise, wie  
sie rechte Christen sollen sein, sondern  
auch daneben den Woelfen *wehren*, dass  
sie die Schafe nicht angreifen und mit  
falscher Lehre verfuehren und Irrtum ein-  
fuehren. — *Luther*.

Es ist kein Ding, das die Leute mehr  
bei der Kirche behaelt, denn die gute  
Predigt. — *Apologie, Art. 24.*

If the trumpet give an uncertain sound,  
who shall prepare himself to the battle?  
*1 Cor. 14, 8.*

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## By Way of Introduction.

At the thirty-fourth regular convention of the Ev. Luth. Synod of Missouri, Ohio, and Other States, assembled at River Forest, Ill., June 19—28, 1929, the following resolutions were passed with regard to the professional theological magazines issued by Synod under the editorial management of the faculty of Concordia Seminary in St. Louis, Mo.: —

"1. That *Lehre und Wehre*, the *Theological Monthly*, and the *Homiletisches Magazin* be merged into one monthly;

"2. That the name proposed by the committee, *The Theological Monthly*, be stricken;

"3. That the suggestion, 'This monthly is to have a spread of eighty pages or more and cost no more than \$3.50 a year,' be referred to the Board of Directors of Concordia Publishing House and the Faculty of St. Louis."

In agreement with this resolution the designated bodies, acting both *in pleno* and through duly elected committees, have taken the necessary steps to effect a satisfactory merger of the three periodicals concerned, and the first number of the new journal, magazine, or review is herewith presented to our readers.

The CONCORDIA THEOLOGICAL MONTHLY is, in a manner of speaking, a new periodical. It has a new name, selected from a long list of names submitted for consideration, a new cover, a new arrangement of contents; and it is, quite frankly, a bilingual magazine. But it intends, under the gracious guidance of God and assisted by the prayerful help of the brethren whom it chiefly intends to serve, to continue the policies of the former tried and proved periodicals. Its name — CONCORDIA THEOLOGICAL MONTHLY — not only identifies it with the doctrinal position of the Missouri Synod, but proclaims that it intends to adhere with full allegiance to all the Confessions of the Lutheran Church as collected in the Book of Concord of 1580. What *Lehre und Wehre* taught and defended for seventy-five years, what the *Magazin fuer Ev.-Luth. Homiletik* presented for more than fifty years, what the *Theological Quarterly* and the *Theological Monthly* have proclaimed since 1897, that the new CONCORDIA THEOLOGICAL MONTHLY intends to be identified with, to teach, and to proclaim as long as it exists. And in this new undertaking, as in all other projects launched for the benefit of God's Kingdom, our motive and object shall be —

SOLI DEO GLORIA!