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Editorial Comment

This issue of our journal reaches our readers in the month of the Feast of the Resurrection.

While articles and studies on resurrection do not appear in every issue of CTM, it is dedicated to the task of sharing with our readers the Biblical faith of the early church and the church of all centuries in the fact and the event of the resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ, in the person and lordship of the risen Jesus Christ.

Some years ago a Swiss writer returned from the United States and presented his chief impressions under the title "America Lives with Death." Public and private air-raid shelters proved to him that citizens of the United States live, and are conscious of living, on the very brink of death.

We suggest that all men — now or at any time — always live with death everywhere. The Resurrection Gospel tells us, however, that we live with life, not just with life as existence but, what is much more important, with Life as a person. While death stalks in 1959, Life saves, embraces, enfolds, supports, and elevates. For Jesus, who calls Himself the Life, overcame death through His resurrection. This is the Gospel of the Gospels and the Epistles: He lives, and all men can have life in Him.

To read, to hear, to explore the length and width, to plumb the depth, and to scale the height of the Gospel, and thus to believe and know the living Word, the risen Christ, is once more here asserted as our purpose and our burden, so that more men — all men — may believe in Him whom God has sent.

In the name of our glorious, living, present, and coming Lord, the editorial staff and all who are responsible for this journal extend greetings, in fraternity and love, to all our readers and friends in the traditional refrain: "The Lord is risen. He is risen indeed. Hallelujah!"

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