

About This Issue

V/D Welcome to Sarah Hinlicky Wilson, Assistant Research Professor at the **M/A** Strasbourg Institute for Ecumenical Research and the Editor of *Lutheran Forum*. Her 2008 Princeton Seminary dissertation has just been published by T & T Clark as *Woman, Women, and the Priesthood in the Trinitarian Theology of Elisabeth Behr-Sigel*. Writing on the locus of “the Law” in the doctrinal series recently launched by Associate Editor Mark Mattes, she challenges Lutherans to “love the Law” as Martin Luther did. *Institute for Ecumenical Research, 8 rue Gustave Klotz, F-67000 Strasbourg, France; sarahhinlickywilson@gmail.com.*

V/D Welcome back to Irene Dingel who has previously shared several essays **M/A** with *Lutheran Quarterly* readers on the later Lutheran Reformation. Here she surveys collections of funeral sermons by Johann Spangenberg (1484–1550), Nikolaus Selnecker (1530–1592), and Siegfried Sack (1527–1596). Even with their different contexts and/or emphases, such evangelical funeral sermons were preached to the living, not about the dead, as marked by “the life-defining triad of true faith, Christian living, and a blessed death.” Robert Kolb, who secured this translation by Christian C. Tiews, will provide more detail about Selnecker’s preaching in a future issue. Dingel pursues her research at the *Institut für Europäische Geschichte, Alte Universitätsstrasse 19, D-55116 Mainz, Germany; dingel@ieg-mainz.de.*

V/D Lutheran missionaries are often associated with “overseas” work and **M/A** the North American context has cases of its own; Danes, for example, came across the Atlantic to encounter the Cherokee in Oklahoma. The “Holy Danes” valued a life set apart and yet, as Maria Erling documents, their mission school needed to adapt to the American culture to survive. “They entered the world in their enthusiasm to leave it behind.” Erling has written on the Swedes (*The Augustana Story*, with Mark Granquist), and here thanks the Danes for preserving such vivid archival records. She teaches the History of Christianity and World Mission at the *Lutheran Theological Seminary at Gettysburg, 61 Seminary Ridge, Gettysburg, PA 17325; merling@lts.edu.*

V/D By coincidence, the authors in this issue are all women; so too with the **M/A** “Comment” that leads into the book reviews. Athina Lexutt shares a poetic tribute to *Anfechtung*, a dynamic concept here left in German by translator Mark Dixon. Martin Luther’s own words guide the praise for *Anfechtung*, and the power in the word comes from a slow reading. Lexutt’s daily reader of Luther quotations (*A Year With Luther*) is coming out from ATF Press in Australia in an English translation by Jeff Silcock, our frequent translator of Oswald Bayer whose name also appears (twice) in the annual index closing out this issue. Lexutt is Professor of Church History at the *Institut für Evangelische Theologie, Justus-Liebig-Universität Giessen, Karl-Glöckner-St. 21, D-35394 Giessen, Germany; Athina.Lexutt@evtheologie.uni-giessen.de.*