

## About This Issue

**V/D** *Lutheran Quarterly* (new series) completes its twenty-fifth year of publication  
**M/A** with this issue, number 100. See the Notes on “LQ at 25” below and in previous issues this year. Fittingly, the first item in this 100<sup>th</sup> issue is not about *Lutheran Quarterly* itself, nor even about Lutheran history or theology, but a classic Lutheran essay about how to read God’s Word with faith and prayer, namely, with piety. Pietists like August Hermann Francke are the specialty of translator Jonathan Strom, who also here introduces Francke’s little gem, and translated the companion essay by Oswald Bayer. Strom teaches at the Candler School of Theology, *Emory University, 1531 Dickey Drive, Atlanta, GA 30322*; JSTROM@emory.edu.

**V/D** It is also fitting that the appreciation and interpretation of Francke à la Martin  
**M/A** Luther should fall to Oswald Bayer, our most frequent author over these twenty-five years. Bayer models the theological, historical, and devotional commitments of the evangelical-Lutheran tradition at its best. Like Luther and Francke, he points away from himself to the heart of the biblical message, the faithful promise of God. *Kurhausstrasse 138, G-53773 Hennef, Germany*; Bayer@unitybox.de.

**V/D** Before Bayer, Karl Holl (1866–1926) had discovered, or recovered, the  
**M/A** importance of the concept of “promise” for Luther’s dynamic understanding of God’s ways with us. As Gregory Walter sketches this theme within the life and work of Holl, such an impetus to Luther studies had several ramifications. Walter concentrated on H. J. Iwand in our volume 21 in 2007, and teaches in the Religion Department at *St. Olaf College, Northfield, MN 55057*; walter@stolaf.edu.

**V/D** Is the finite capable of the infinite? Since the Reformation, this question has  
**M/A** helped distinguish Lutheran theology from Reformed, in general and in Christology and especially regarding the presence of Christ in the Lord’s Supper. Calvinists may not give Erlangen much credit on this point, or vice versa, but the Dutch know how to look closely at the deeper motivations of both traditions, as Klaas Zwanepol does here, with a Lutheran conclusion. Zwanepol, kzwane@hetnet.nl, is Emeritus Professor of Lutherana at the Protestant Theological University in Utrecht; *Leeuwerikstraat 78, 3853 AE Ermelo, The Netherlands*.