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Introduction

The first volume in the original *Augsburg Sermons* series was published in 1973 to help pastors become familiar with the new Lectionary and Calendar prepared by the Inter-Lutheran Commission on Worship (ILCW). Ten volumes in all comprised that first *Augsburg Sermons* series—three volumes on the Gospels, three volumes on the Epistles, three volumes on the Old Testament Lessons, and one volume on texts for the Lesser Festivals. The widespread acceptance of these volumes is an indication both of the quality of the sermons and of the favorable reception of the Lectionary and Calendar.

One outstanding feature of the Lectionary is its use of a Gospel of the Year. Each year, one of the Synoptic Gospels is featured, providing continuity to the reading and telling of the Gospel story throughout the entire church year. This approach makes the uniqueness of each Gospel stand out in all its clarity and richness. It also enables pastors to study the Gospel of the Year with greater thoroughness and to share their insights with their congregations in preaching.

Augsburg Sermons 2 builds on the momentum of the original volumes. It provides a fresh look at the Gospel of Luke, the basis for Series C. And it is offered with the confidence that the message of Luke the Evangelist will speak as clearly and powerfully to Christians in the 1980s as it has to all previous generations.