

COMMON SERVICE

Part IV. (1845-1881)

With the **1868 Church Book**, the General Council was making progress in purifying the English liturgy and hymnody. The Ev. Lutheran Tennessee Synod made an attempt with an English ed. of the 1786 liturgy with hymns written by the Rev. Paul Henkel.

German language efforts

p.63-66, **J.A.A. Grabau** of the Buffalo Synod (est. 1845), *Evangelisch-Lutherisches Kirchen-Gesang-Buch* (1842, 1865). Grabau left homeland due to Prussian unionism.

--examined 33 old German hymn-books, "The most faithful German hymnal and liturgy to that time." Many hymns from Babst 1545 hymnbook, church year, etc. The order of services based on Luther's Deutsche Messe

p.66-68, **C.F.W. Walther** of the Missouri Synod (est. 1847)

--repeated Grabau's efforts with the *Kirchengesangbuch für Evangelisch-Lutherische Gemeinde ungeänderter Augsburgischer Confession*. 1847, 1857, then 1862, 1917
--*Kirchen-Agende* 1856, order based on Luther's Deutsche Messe.

p.68 The efforts of two immigrant congregations... of limited effect in North America.

p.69 The General Council used their English *Church Book* (1868) and translated it back into German for the 1877 *Kirchenbuch*. p.71 The music for German is provided by John Endlich's *Cantional und Choralbuch* (1879).

p.71-73 The music for the English liturgy was published in *The Church Book with Music* in 1872 by Miss Harriet Reynolds Krauth (later Spaeth), the daughter of Dr. Charles Porterfield Krauth.

p.73 The history between Church Book of 1868 (p.59-61) and "**Common Service**" of 1888.

p.74 The **General Synod of the South** proposal in 1870 for a worship book of greater uniformity by the Rev. Dr. John Bachman was declined. In 1876, the Rev. J. B. Remensnyder's proposal was accepted by the General Synod of the South. In 1878 they asked with the General Synod and the General Council would consider working together to adopt "one Book containing the same hymns and the same Order of Service and liturgical forms."

p.76 The laying down of "**The Rule.**" "The common consent of the pure Lutheran Liturgies of the sixteenth century, and when there is not an entire agreement among them, the consent of the largest number of those of the greatest weight."

p.77 In 1882, General Synod South adopts "the Rule."

p.78-79, **Edward T. Horn's "Feasibility of a Service for All English Speaking Lutherans" is the first to use the term "Common Service."** Horn noted that "all the large synodical bodies...had not yet completed an English service which was entirely in conformity with historical Lutheran practice. Horn evaluated the Lutheran liturgies according to six historic exemplars and contrasting them with the "Normal Type."

p.80 Not Anglican, but Lutheran worship. "Revision will not end until we adopt the ideal, the normal Lutheran Service."