

LUTHERAN THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY AND WATERLOO COLLEGE

WATERLOO, ONTARIO

Easter, April 16, 1922

Dear Mother:-

I suppose it is too late to convey Easter greetings but I trust you were blessed to-day with as fine weather as we had and that you enjoyed the services whose climax is the joyful message, "The Lord is risen! The Lord is risen indeed!" We had a large congregation this morning and Pastor Boekelmann preached a powerful sermon on Mark 16:5-7. His theme was (Translated): When does Easter arise in your heart? The answer to this question which formed the divisions was: 1. When you seek the crucified Jesus 2. When you find the risen Jesus 3. When you see the glorified Jesus. The sermon was short but right to the point. Pastor Boekelmann is a fast worker and a homiletician and should be a good example to our boys who understand the German. We also had communion today in which I assisted, but the communion was not large, there being only some sixty odd who communed. Bonnie went with me this morning, although he has communion in English to-night. The reason for the small communion today was the communion on Good Friday evening. That is the great communion of the year in this congregation. At that time 507 communed. I helped Pastor Boekelmann at this service and was pretty tired when it was over. We had three services in our Church the past week besides the Confessional Service on Saturday evening. I attended all three and in addition one service in First English Church. I never was in a place where the people attended the week-day Lenten Services as they do here in all our Lutheran Churches. The Churches were filled at every service. Even the Evangelicals (German Methodists) caught the spirit and held Lenten Services and advertised them as such. They even announced on their bulletin board one evening the subject "The Via Dolorosa". That is certainly getting pretty "High Church" for Methodist when they announce their theme in Latin. Of course their Church is made up of people who were originally

Lutheran and who have not yet lost all their Lutheran
conscientiousness. Last night Bonnie and I coloured Easter
eggs. We had four dozen and by noon there wasn't
an egg on the place, although I see only two eggs and
Bonnie the same number. I was afraid some of
the children would be sick, but they didn't seem any the
worse for it. They were wishing to-day that Easter would
come at least once a month, but I'm afraid they would
get tired of it at that rate. We had it very cool all last
week and I kept the furnace going steadily. To-day, however,
was considerably warmer although still cold enough for
a little fire. I haven't done anything in the way of garden-
ing yet and missed a good opportunity during the Easter holidays
but it was too early to think of it. So I will have to wait
till after 4 o'clock on school days and put the Sundays to
service. It is not yet definitely decided as to whether we will
have Day Light Evening time next month or not. Our Council
is unanimously opposed to it, although if Ketchum's friends
on they will be almost compelled to do so. I was down last
week and put in a protest to our Mayor against it and he
said he would do all in his power to defeat it. There is still
therefore some hope that we may escape this focus of war-
mania. Our school reopens Tuesday, although the public
schools have this week as their vacation. As a Church
School it has been our tradition to keep Holy week. Our
Synod has been set for the 20th of June and will be in
session for four days - too long I think, it being tedious for
us and also an imposition upon the hospitality of our hosts.
The Synod will meet at Unionville. I am on for a paper
on the subject "What degree of unity is necessary for our coopera-
tion with other Churches?" or something to that effect. I am
also the official delegate to the Canadian Synod and as the two Synods
are at loggerheads over some irregularities it is not a very en-
viable position to be in. But I will have to do the best I can
to bring about a reconciliation, which is most necessary in
view of our building project at the Seminary. Bonnie
appeared out to-day in her Easter finery though she became
very much dissatisfied with her dress after she bought. It was
too short and too long etc; but now that she has worn it

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I think she is a little better satisfied with it. It wasn't shaming silk as I stated in my last all silk looking alike to me but "taffeta". I think I have it right this top. The baby is growing a little. She is a great little rascal and is quite lively and active. She doesn't talk much yet, but can say "Arthur" as plain as anybody and is very fond of him.

Pastor Backelmann handed me \$5 to-day as an Easter present for Edum. I guess we will get her a nice dress with it. This year I didn't send out a single Easter card and also didn't get any except one from Pastor Bermon. The Board will meet here again on Tuesday and I expect we will have Pastor Bermon and perhaps also his new wife to entertain. Prof. Stenkels are the greatest people for always having company. They have some of their poor relations saddled off on them nearly all the time. Well I must close. With love and all good wishes for the season of joy, I am

Most sincerely yours
Corrobert Little.