

A Service of Prayer and Preaching

remembering

40 Years in the Holy Ministry

Prof. James F. Korthals and Prof. James P. Tiefel

Seminary Chapel

October 21, 2016

Order of Service

PRE-SERVICE MUSIC

Prelude on *Kommst du nun, Jesu, vom Himmel herunter*
from Sechs Schübler Chorales
Johann Sebastian Bach

Day by Day
from Day by Day: Hymn Arrangements for Piano
Rachel Trelstad Porter



HYMN

O God, Our Help in Ages Past
CW 441
Setting by Carl. F. Schalk

The Chorus sings stanzas 3 and 5. Stand for the final stanza.



1 O God, our help in a - ges past, our hope for years to come,
2 Un - der the shad - ow of your throne your saints have dwelt se - cure;
3 Be - fore the hills in or - der stood or earth re - ceived its frame,
4 A thou - sand a - ges in your sight are like an eve - ning gone,



our shel - ter from the storm - y blast, and our e - ter - nal home:
suf - fi - cient is your arm a - lone, and our de - fense is sure.
from ev - er - last - ing you are God, to end - less years the same
short as the watch that ends the night be - fore the ris - ing sun.

5 Time, like an ever-rolling stream,
soon bears us all away;
we fly, forgotten, as a dream
dies at the opening day.

6 O God, our help in ages past,
our hope for years to come,
still be our guard while troubles last
and our eternal home.

M: In the name of the Father and of the Son ✠ and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

DIALOGUE

- M:** Praise the LORD, all you servants of the LORD who minister by night in the house of the LORD. Lift up your hands in the sanctuary and praise the LORD.
- C:** **I will extol the LORD at all times; his praise will always be on my lips.**
- M:** Come and see what God has done, how awesome his works on our behalf.
- C:** **Who can proclaim the mighty acts of the LORD or fully declare his praise?**
- M:** Remember the wonders he has done, his miracles, and the judgments he pronounced.
- C:** **He has brought down rulers from the thrones but has lifted up the humble.**
- M:** Everything that was written in the past was written to teach us, so that through endurance and the encouragement of the Scriptures we might have hope.
- C:** **Since my youth, O God, you have taught me, and to this day I declare your marvelous deeds.**
- M:** Remember your leaders, who spoke the Word of God to you. Consider the outcome of their way of life and imitate their faith.
- C:** **Even when I am old and gray, do not forsake me, O God, till I declare your power to the next generation, your might to all who are to come.**
- M:** Be strong in the grace that is in Christ Jesus. And the things you heard in the presence of many witnesses, entrust to reliable men who will be qualified to teach others.
- C:** **I will speak of your statutes before kings and will not be put to shame.**
- M:** Therefore, since we are surrounded by such a great cloud of witnesses, let us throw off everything that hinders and the sin that so easily entangles, and let us run with perseverance the race marked out for us.
- C:** **May the Lord our God be with us as he was with our fathers. May he never leave us nor forsake us.**

All sing:

**God's Word is our great heritage
and shall be ours forever.
To spread its light from age to age
shall be our chief endeavor.
Through life it guides our way;
in death it is our stay.
Lord, grant, while worlds endure,
we keep its teachings pure
Throughout all generations.**

PRAYER OF THE DAY

M: Almighty God, look with favor on those whom you have called to minister to your people. Fill them with faithfulness to your doctrine and clothe them with holiness of life that they may joyfully serve to the glory of your name and for the benefit of your Church; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen.

Be seated.

FIRST READING

Jeremiah 1:4-10

Chosen at birth; called to proclaim.

M: The Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

PSALM OF THE DAY

Psalm 71

Setting by Peter Hallock

The choir sings the refrain. All repeat the refrain and sing it again as indicated.

Organ *Everyone*

My tongue will pro -

claim your right - eous - ness, O God.

The choir sings the verses of the psalm.

In you, O LORD, have I taken refuge;
let me never be ashamed.
In your righteousness deliver me and set me free;
incline your ear to me and save me.

Refrain

Be my strong rock, a castle to keep me safe;
You are my crag and my stronghold.
Deliver me, O God, from the hand of the wicked,
From the clutches of the evil doer and the oppressor.

Refrain

For you are my hope, O LORD God,
my confidence since I was young.
I have been sustained by you ever since I was born;
from my mother's womb you have been my strength;
my praise shall always be of you.

Refrain

My mouth shall recount your mighty acts and saving deeds all day long;
though I cannot know the number of them.
O God, you have taught me since I was young,
and to this day I tell of your wonderful works.

Refrain

SECOND READING

2 Corinthians 2:14-3:6

Our competence comes from God.

M: The Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

Stand.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

The Chorus sings the refrain. All repeat the refrain.

Refrain

Al-le-lu-ia, al - le - lu - ia! Al-le-lu-ia, al - le - lu - ia!

Al-le-lu-ia, al - le - lu - ia! Al-le-lu-ia, al - le - lu - ia!

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

The choir sings the Verse of the Day.

Speak, Lord, your servant is listening: you have the words of everlasting life.

All sing the refrain.

GOSPEL

Matthew 9:35-38

Pray for workers for the harvest field.

Following the Gospel:

M: The Gospel of the Lord.
C: Praise be to you, O Christ.

Be seated.

ANTHEM

A Faithful Shepherd Is My Lord

Johann Naegeli

A faithful shepherd is my Lord,
Who doth great plenty me accord,
Who leadeth me to pastures green,
Gives me to drink from waters unseen.
A faithful shepherd is my Lord,
A faithful shepherd is my Lord.

With loving hands he giveth bread,
His gentle spirit calms my dread;
With health my body he endows,
With blessings all my labor crowns.
A faithful shepherd is my Lord,
A faithful shepherd is my Lord.

On pathways narrow with him I go;
I shun not hardships, fear no foe.
He is my Rod, he is my Staff,
True joy affords, my soul doth laugh.
A faithful shepherd is my Lord,
A faithful shepherd is my Lord.

HYMN OF THE DAY

Lord Jesus Christ, with Us Abide

CW 541

Stanza 1 – All
Stanza 2 – Seniors
Stanza 3 – Middlers

Stanza 4 - Juniors
Stanza 5 – Faculty
Stanzas 6-7 - All

SERMON

2 Corinthians 3:4-6

"God Makes a Minister."

APOSTLES' CREED

I believe in God, the Father almighty, maker of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died and was buried. He descended into hell. The third day he rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of God the Father almighty. From there he will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Christian Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

Be seated.

HYMN

Lord, You I Love with All My Heart

CW 434

The assembly sings stanzas 1 and 3. The organist presents a setting of stanza 2 by Aaron David Miller.

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

Stand.

M: Eternal Father, ever-living and everlasting Lord, in Christ Jesus you call us your children and invite us to bring our prayers to you with the steady trust that you will hear and answer them.

C: **O Lord, hear our prayer.**

M: We praise you and give you our thanks for pouring out your blessings for so many years on your servants, James Korthals and James Tiefel, and for calling them into the public ministry of the gospel despite their own frailties and weaknesses.

C: **To you we give thanks.**

M: You gave them a heart of faith through Holy Baptism and strengthened them with your Word and Sacrament, you empowered them to rely on your grace and guidance, instilled in them a deep love for your Scriptures, and endowed them with compassion for the lost and a commitment to their labor. And with these gifts you have granted victories for your gospel and blessings to your Church.

C: **To you be the praise.**

M: Now we pray that you would continue to use your servants according to your will and ways. Give them opportunities to share their wisdom with men at the seminary and with brothers in the synod. Protect them from trouble, keep their families under the shadow of your wings, and give them joy as they pursue the labor of each day.

C: **O Lord, hear our prayer.**

M: Raise up, O Lord, from the ranks of your Church, another generation of men who are willing and eager to carry the torch of your gospel into the world. With the proclamation of that message of grace, bring many into your fold to enjoy the pleasures of your love forever.

C: **O Lord, hear our prayer. Amen.**

LORD'S PRAYER

Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins, as we forgive those who sin against us. Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours now and forever. Amen.

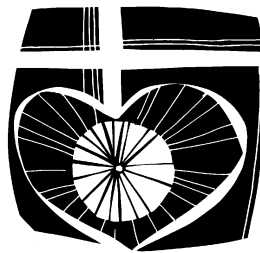
EXHORTATION

BLESSING

M: The Lord bless you and keep you.
The Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you.
The Lord look on you with favor and give you peace.

C: **Amen.** *(spoken)*

Remain standing for the closing hymn (following page).



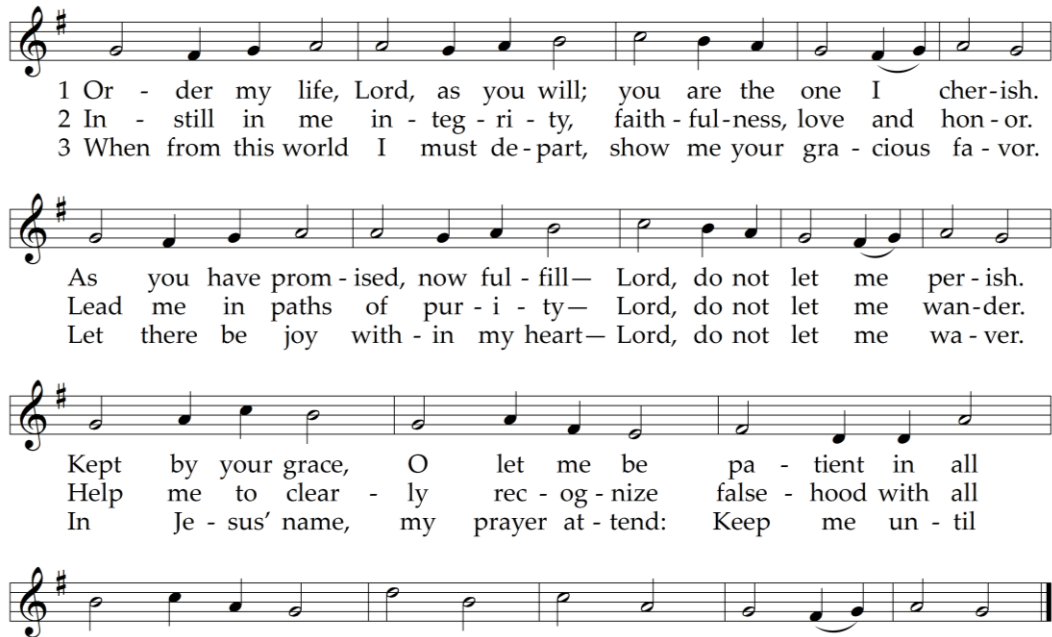
HYMN

Order My Life, Lord, as You Will

Words by Kasper Bienemann, 1574

Tune: HERR, WIE DU WILLST

Strassburg, 1525



1 Or - der my life, Lord, as you will; you are the one I cher-ish.
2 In - still in me in - teg - ri - ty, faith - ful-ness, love and hon - or.
3 When from this world I must de-part, show me your gra - cious fa - vor.

As you have prom - ised, now ful - fill— Lord, do not let me per - ish.
Lead me in paths of pur - i - ty— Lord, do not let me wan-der.
Let there be joy with - in my heart— Lord, do not let me wa - ver.

Kept by your grace, O let me be pa - tient in all
Help me to clear - ly rec - og - nize false - hood with all
In Je - sus' name, my prayer at - tend: Keep me un - til

ad - ver - si - ty, for you know how best to bless me.
its sub - tle lies; send your Word of truth to bless me.
my jour-ney's end; then, in death, my Sav - ior, bless me.

This new translation of a Reformation-era hymn was prepared by Pastor Michael Schultz.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

POSTLUDE

Herzlich Lieb hab ich dich, O Herr

J. L. Krebs

Sämtliche Orgelwerke III, Edition Breitkopf #8415

A reception will be held in the dormitory commons immediately after the service.
Fourth hour classes begin at 10:45 a.m.

Serving at Worship

Presiding Minister

Mark Voss
President of the Student Body

Preacher

Pastor David Valleskey
President emeritus
Wisconsin Lutheran Seminary

Organist

Pastor Aaron Christie
Trinity Lutheran Church
Waukesha, WI

Choir

The Seminary Chorus
Joshua Jensen, student director

Instrumentalists

Tristan Paustian and Joshua Jensen, trumpet
Jared Natsis, horn
Nathanael Plocher, baritone and piano
Peter Schlicht, guitar
Sam Jeske, bass
Jacob Limpert, percussion
Adam Lambrecht, recorder

Professor James F. Korthals

James Frederick Korthals was born August 2, 1950, in LaCrosse, Wisconsin. His parents, John and Alice nee Schauble, brought him to the font of St. Peter Lutheran Church in rural Chaseburg, Wisconsin, on August 27, 1950. He was confirmed at St. Peter and then attended Luther High School in Onalaska, Wisconsin. He was graduated from Northwestern College in 1972. During his seminary training, he served as tutor and instructor at Northwestern Lutheran Academy in Mobridge, South Dakota, during the 1973-74 school year. After returning to Wisconsin Lutheran Seminary to complete his studies, he was graduated in 1976.

Professor Korthals' first parish call was an assignment to serve St. Paul Lutheran Church in Stevensville, Michigan. In 1980 he accepted a call to serve Mt. Sinai Lutheran Church in Montrose, Michigan. The following year he was led by the Lord to accept the call extended by the board of control of his alma mater, Northwestern College. For the next thirteen years he served as professor of history, and for nine of those years was also Northwestern's academic dean. In carrying out the responsibilities of his call, Professor Korthals undertook additional studies, earning a Master of Arts degree in history from the University of Wisconsin – Oshkosh. He also studied at Marquette University in a doctoral program, studies that were interrupted when he accepted the call to serve Faith Lutheran Church in Oregon, Wisconsin. He served that parish from 1994 until coming to the seminary in 1997, where he has taught church history and homiletics. He has also served as the seminary's academic dean for six years and currently serves on our synod's Reformation 500 Committee.

On June 29, 1974, Professor Korthals married Jean Kobleska at St. Peter Lutheran Church in rural Tomah, Wisconsin. Jean has taught in Lutheran elementary schools for 36 years. She retired from teaching in June 2015. The Korthals have been blessed with three children—John (Kim) of Kingston, Michigan; Peter (Sarah), a pastor in Amherst, New Hampshire; and Rachel (Joel Neumann) of Black River Falls, Wisconsin—and ten grandchildren.

Professor James P. Tiefel

James Paul Tiefel, the son of Pastor Arnold W. Tiefel and his wife Grete nee' Mahnke, was born on December 8, 1949, in Detroit, MI. He was baptized by his father at Emanuel Lutheran Church in Greenwood, Michigan, on January 29, 1950. In October, 1951 he moved with his parents to Menasha, Wisconsin, where he attended the parish school of Bethel Lutheran Church. He began his high school education at Fox Valley Lutheran High School in Appleton and then, after his father accepted a call to Kewaunee, Wisconsin, was graduated from Manitowoc Lutheran High School in 1968. He attended Northwestern College in Watertown and was graduated in 1972. After three years of classroom study and a year of vicaring at St. Paul Lutheran Church, North Mankato, Minnesota, he was graduated from Wisconsin Lutheran Seminary in 1976. He was assigned as associate pastor at St. Paul Lutheran Church in Saginaw, Michigan, where he served for nine years. In 1985 he was called to teach liturgics and Christian education at Wisconsin Lutheran Seminary. Currently, he teaches courses in worship and homiletics, serves as the seminary's dean of chapel and director of student field services, and directs the Seminary Chorus.

In 1984 Prof. Tiefel was appointed to the committee (eventually known as the Joint Hymnal Committee) that was responsible for producing *Christian Worship: A Lutheran Hymnal*. He served on the Commission on Worship for 25 years as well as on other committees and commissions, most recently as an initial member of the Commission on Congregational Counseling. He has been instrumental in the creation and planning of the triennial WELS National Worship Conference and is actively involved in the planning of our synod's next hymnal, scheduled for completion in September of 2021. Since 1986 he has been pulpit assistant at Grace Lutheran Church in Milwaukee and since 1994 has served as Minister of Music at Grace.

On June 12, 1976, Prof. Tiefel was married to Brenda Klukas of Balaton, Minnesota, who has taught piano lessons for 40 years and currently also works in the seminary library. The Tiefels have three sons: David, of Las Vegas, Nevada; John (Naomi), of Jackson, Wisconsin; and Mark (Katherine), who is a pastor in New London, Wisconsin. The Lord has also blessed them with five grandchildren.

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