WISCONSIN LUTHERAN SEMINARY

GRADUATION SERVICE

CLASS VERSE

This, then, is how you ought to regard us: as servants of Christ and as those entrusted with the mysteries God has revealed. Now it is required that those who have been given a trust must prove faithful.

1 Corinthians 4:1-2

ORDER OF SERVICE

HYMN OF THE PROCESSION

Holy, Holy, Holy

Christian Worship 195 Setting by John Ferguson

The faculty, members of the governing board, the graduates, and members of the chorus process during the hymn.

Stand as the hymn is introduced and follow the path of the cross to the chancel where it serves as the focus of worship.



- **M:** O give thanks unto the Lord, call on his name, make known his deeds among the peoples! Sing to him, sing praises to him, tell of all his wonderful works!
- C: The works of the Lord are great and glorious. His name is worthy of praise!
- **M:** O Father most holy, gather us together in the name of Jesus whom the saints and angels adore as the Lamb on his throne and whose name is above every name,

that all we do might be done at your bidding, filled with your grace, directed by your wisdom, informed by your truth, accomplished to your glory.

- C: The works of the Lord are great and glorious. His love endures forever!
- M: O Father most gracious, bring us together in the name of Jesus, that in him we might be a spiritual temple, that founded on him we might be built together as living stones; that in him we might offer to you the spiritual service

of praise and thanksgiving, of lives lived in your love, of proclaiming your words and work, and of sharing your gifts to us.

- C: The works of the Lord are great and glorious. Tell of all his wonderful deeds!
- **M:** O Father eternal, you have sent out an invitation, you have prepared a great feast that all might enter the courts of your presence and the mansions of your paradise. Grant to us your blessing and peace,

that we may be witnesses of your truth, the reflection of your glory, and the ambassadors of your kingdom.

- C: The works of the Lord are great and glorious. May our mouths be filled with his praise!
- **M:** To you, O Father, together with the Son and the Holy Spirit, one God from all eternity and to all eternity, be glory, wisdom, power, and dominion forever.

All sing

O Lord, our Lord, how glorious is your name in all the earth.

Almighty God, merciful Father, you crown our life with your love.

You take away our sin; you comfort our spirit;

you make us pure and holy in your sight.

You did not spare your only Son, but gave him up for us all.

O Lord, our Lord, how glorious is your name in all the earth.

O Son of God, eternal Word of the Father, you came to live with us;

you made your Father known;

you washed us from our sins in your own blood.

You are the King of glory; you are the Lord!

O Lord, our Lord, how glorious is your name in all the earth.

Be seated

ANTHEM

O Church Arise

Words and music by Keith Getty and Stuart Townend Arranged by John Hudson

O Church, arise and put your armor on; hear the call of Christ our captain; For now the weak can say that they are strong in the strength that God has given. With shield of faith and belt of truth we'll stand against the devil's lies; An army bold whose battle cry is "Love!" reaching out to those in darkness.

Our call to war, to love the captive soul, but to rage against the captor; And with the sword that makes the wounded whole we will fight with faith and valor. When faced with trials on ev'ry side, we know the outcome is secure, And Christ will have the prize for which he died—an inheritance of nations.

Come, see the cross where love and mercy meet, as the Son of God is stricken; Then see his foes lie crushed beneath his feet, for the Conqueror has risen!

So Spirit, come, put strength in ev'ry stride, give grace for ev'ry hurdle, That we may run with faith to win the prize of a servant good and faithful. As saints of old still line the way, retelling triumphs of his grace, We hear their calls and hunger for the day when, with Christ, we stand in glory.

READING 2 Timothy 4:1-8

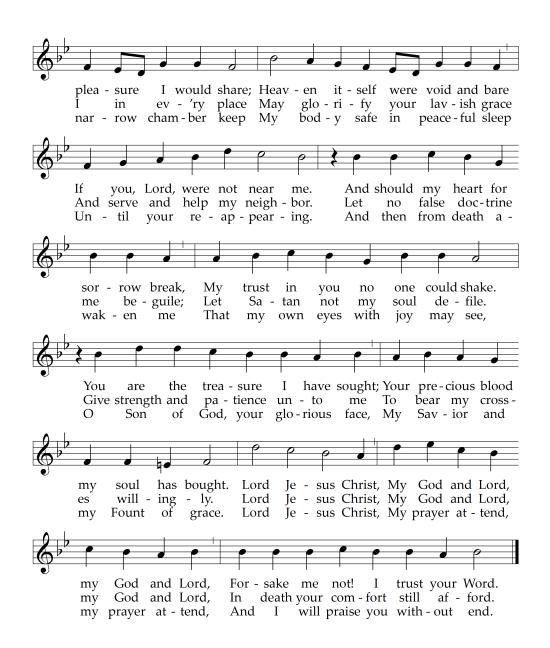
HYMN

Lord, You I Love with All My Heart

Christian Worship 434, alt. Arranged by Dale Witte

The Chorus sings stanza 2.





SERMON 1 Corinthians 4:1-2

As Servants of Christ, Be Faithful

Stand following the sermon

All sing

Oh, for a thousand tongues to sing My great Redeemer's praise, The glories of my God and King, The triumphs of his grace. My gracious Master and my God, Assist me to proclaim, To spread through all the earth abroad The honors of your name.

Be seated

DISTRIBUTION OF DIPLOMAS & CONFERRAL OF DEGREES

on students who have satisfactorily completed the seminary's prescribed course of study and have declared themselves to be in confessional agreement with the public doctrine of the Wisconsin Evangelical Lutheran Synod;

and on students who have satisfactorily completed the seminary's program of post-graduate study.

CLASS HYMN

Lord Jesus Christ, with Us Abide

Christian Worship 541 Directed by Caleb Schmiege

Lord Jesus Christ, with us abide, for round us falls the eventide, Nor let your Word, that heav'nly light, for us be ever veiled in night.

In these last days of sore distress grant us, dear Lord, true steadfastness That pure we keep, till life is spent, your holy Word and sacrament.

Oh, keep us in your Word, we pray; the guile and rage of Satan stay! Oh, may your mercy never cease! Give concord, patience, courage, peace.

Oh, grant that in your holy Word we here may live and die, dear Lord, And when our journey's ending here, Receive us into glory there.

PRAYER

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, amen. (sung)

Remain standing for the hymn

HYMN

Go Forth and Preach the Gospel

Words and setting by James Chepponis

Go forth and preach the gospel to all who are in need. As witness to the Savior, go teach by word and deed. The Spirit is upon us, and sends us to declare The good news of the kingdom to people everywhere.

Go forth and preach the gospel to all who live in fear, And share the joyful message that God is always near. The Spirit is upon us, and sends us in peace To bring the poor glad tidings, that mercy may increase.

Go forth and preach the gospel; go spread the news abroad! Proclaim to every nation the greatness of our God. The Spirit is upon us, that all may understand The promise of salvation revealed to every land.

Be seated

RECESSION AND POSTLUDE

Graduates may be greeted on the walkway northwest of the auditorium.

Desserts and beverages will be served from 11:00 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. The serving line is in the dining hall. Guests are welcome to eat either in the dining hall or, weather permitting, at tables set up on the seminary grounds.

Copies of the list of the assignments, distributed at yesterday's Call Day service, are available from the ushers at the back of the auditorium.

CDs of recent recordings by the Seminary Chorus, including the 2016 recording, *Rejoice in the Lord*, are available at the faculty secretary's office for \$12.00.

Serving in the ministry of music were members of the Seminary Chorus directed by Prof. James Tiefel. Ryan Kolander and Lloyd Harter accompanied the Chorus. Kenneth Rodrigue served as organist. Instrumentalists were Lucas Proeber, Peter Plagenz, Jared Natsis, and Isaiah Horn.

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