

WISCONSIN LUTHERAN SEMINARY



GRADUATION SERVICE

May 25, 2018

Seminary Auditorium

10:00 a.m.

CLASS VERSE

The grass withers and the flowers fall, but the word of our God endures forever.

Isaiah 40:8

ORDER OF SERVICE

HYMN OF THE PROCESSION

Christ Is Made the Sure Foundation

Christian Worship 531

Prof. James Tiefel, organist

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.

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| <p>1. Christ is made the sure foundation,
Christ, our head and cornerstone,
Chosen of the Lord and precious,
Binding all the Church in one,
Holy Zion's help forever
And our confidence alone.</p> | <p>2. To this temple, where we call you,
Come, O Lord of hosts, and stay;
Come with all your loving-kindness,
Hear your people as they pray,
And your fullest benediction
Speak within these walls today.</p> |
| <p>3. Grant, we pray, to all your faithful
All the gifts they ask to gain,
What they gain from you forever
With the blessed to retain,
And hereafter in your glory
Evermore with you to reign.</p> | <p>4. Praise and honor to the Father,
Praise and honor to the Son,
Praise and honor to the Spirit,
Ever Three and ever One,
One in might and one in glory
While unending ages run!</p> |

DIALOG OF PRAISE

Prof. Paul O. Wendland

President of the Seminary

M: Praise be to the Lord, the God of Israel, because he has come to his people and redeemed them.

C: **Glory to God in the highest heaven, and on earth peace to those on whom his favor rests.**

M: He has performed mighty deeds with his arm; he has scattered those who are proud in their inmost thoughts. He has brought down rulers from their thrones but has lifted up the humble. He has filled the hungry with good things but has sent the rich away empty.

C: **Our eyes have seen his salvation, which he prepared in the sight of all nations, a light for revelation to the Gentiles and the glory to his people Israel.**

M: Christ Jesus, being in very nature God, did not consider equality with God something to be used to his own advantage; rather, he made himself nothing by taking the very nature of a servant, being made in human likeness. And being found in appearance as a man, he humbled himself by becoming obedient to death—even death on a cross!

C: **Salvation belongs to our God, who sits on the throne, and to the Lamb.**

M: Therefore God exalted him to the highest place and gave him the name that is above every name, that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every tongue acknowledge that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

C: **Worthy is the Lamb, who was slain, to receive power and wealth and wisdom and strength and honor and glory and praise!**

M: Great and marvelous are your deeds, Lord God Almighty. Just and true are your ways, King of the nations. All nations will come and worship before you, for your righteous acts have been revealed.

C: **Oh, the depth of the riches of the wisdom and knowledge of God! To him be the glory forever!**

Sing:

**Praise to the Lord, the Almighty, the King of creation!
O my soul, praise him, for he is your health and salvation!
Let all who hear now to his temple draw near,
Joining in glad adoration!**

**Praise to the Lord, who will prosper your work and defend you;
Surely his goodness and mercy shall daily attend you.
Ponder anew what the Almighty can do
As with his love he befriends you.**

**Praise to the Lord! Oh, let all that is in me adore him!
All that has life and breath, come now with praises before him!
Let the Amen sound from his people again;
Gladly forever adore him!**

Be seated.

READING

Isaiah 40:1-8
Prof. John P. Hartwig
Secretary of the Faculty

ANTHEM

Blessing, Glory, Wisdom, and Thanks
Johann Sebastian Bach

Blessing, glory, and wisdom and thanks, power and might to the Lord our God,
be unto our God forevermore. Amen. Alleluia. Amen.

ANTHEM

Hark, the Voice of Jesus Crying

Words by Daniel March (1816-1909)

Setting by Ralph Manuel, 1999

Hark! The voice of Jesus crying, "Who will go and work today?
Fields are ripe and harvests waiting; who will bear the sheaves away?"
Loud and long the Master calleth; rich reward he offers thee.
Who will answer, gladly saying, "Here am I—send me, send me"?

If you cannot be a watchman, standing high on Zion's wall,
Pointing out the path to heaven, off'ring life and peace to all,
With your prayers and with your off'rings you can do what God demands;
You can be like faithful Aaron, holding up the prophet's hands.

Let none hear you idly saying, "There is nothing I can do,"
While the multitudes are dying, and the Master calls for you.
Take the task he gives you gladly; let his work your pleasure be.
Answer quickly when he calleth, "Here am I—send me, send me!"

HYMN

God Has Spoken by His Prophets

Christian Worship 281



1 God has spo - ken by his proph-ets, Spo - ken his un -
2 God has spo - ken by Christ Je - sus, Christ, the ev - er -
3 God is speak - ing by his Spir - it, Speak - ing to the



chang - ing Word, Each from age to age pro - claim - ing
last - ing Son, Bright-ness of the Fa - ther's glo - ry,
hearts of all, In the age - less Word ex - pound - ing



God the one, the right-eous Lord. In the world's de - spair and
With the Fa - ther ev - er one, Spo - ken by the Word in -
His own mes - sage for us all. Through the rise and fall of



tur - moil One firm an - chor holds us fast: God is
car - nate, God from God, be - fore time was, Light from
na - tions One sure faith is stand - ing fast. God a -



king, his throne e - ter - nal, God the first and God the last.
Light, to earth de - scend - ing— He re - veals our God to us.
bides, his Word un - chang - ing, God the first and God the last.

Verbum Dei Manet in Aeternum

Stand following the sermon and sing:

Preserve your Word, O Savior,
To us this latter day,
And let your kingdom flourish;
Enlarge your Church, we pray.
Oh, keep our faith from failing;
Keep hope's bright star aglow.
Let nothing turn us from you
While wand'ring here below.

Preserve your Word and preaching,
The truth that makes us whole,
The mirror of your glory,
The pow'r that saves the soul.
Oh, may this living water,
This spring of heav'nly grace,
Sustain us while here living
Until we see your face.

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

Verbum Dei Manet in Aeternum

*Words: Timothy Leistikow, Lucas Proeber,
Noah Willitz, and Benjamin Zamzow*

Melody and accompaniment: Benjamin Zamzow

Directed by Lucas Proeber

Refrain: Verbum Dei manet in aeternum.

Lord, send your heralds forward
And bless them by your holy Word.
Which never fails or falters,
Though all else passes from your world.
Fields and beasts and man will fall,
Yet your Word stands over all. *Refrain*

Water and Word washed o'er me,
Marked me for life forever more,
And as a lamb you held me,
And carried me up from the shore.
Kept me as the apple of your eye
From my soul's baptismal cry. *Refrain*

Lord, when dreams break asunder
And fade from what they seem to be,
Youth's flower washes under,
The rising edge of Jordan's stream.
Flowers will fade and grass will die,
On your Word I shall rely. *Refrain*

And when my vision shudders,
And life is straining at the seam,
Then gather me, dear Shepherd,
And lead me on to pastures green.
When in the dust of death I lie
Unto you, Lord, shall I fly. *Refrain*

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, 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; 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

Jonathan Lehmann, organist

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 are available at the faculty secretary's office for \$12.00.

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