

Order of Service

for the

Assignment of Candidates and Vicars

May 24, 2018

Seminary Auditorium

10:00 a.m.

HYMN

Come, Holy Ghost, Creator Blest
Christian Worship 177

Veni, Creator Spiritus has been sung at the ordaining and commissioning of pastors for over 800 years.

Stand for the final stanza.

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| 1. Come, Holy Ghost, Creator blest,
And make our hearts your place of rest;
Come with your grace and heav'nly aid,
And fill the hearts which you have made. | 4. Drive far away our wily foe,
And your abiding peace bestow;
If you are our protecting guide,
No evil can with us abide. |
| 2. To you, the Counselor, we cry,
To you, the gift of God most high;
The fount of life, the fire of love,
The soul's anointing from above. | 5. Teach us to know the Father, Son,
And you, from both, as Three in One
That we your name may ever bless
And in our lives the truth confess. |
| 3. Your light to ev'ry thought impart,
And shed your love in ev'ry heart;
The weakness of our mortal state
With deathless might invigorate. | 6. To you, with graces seven-fold,
We God's almighty hand behold;
While you with tongues of fire proclaim
To all the world his holy name. |
| 7. Praise we the Father and the Son
And Holy Spirit, with them One,
And may the Son on us bestow
The gifts that from the Spirit flow! | |

DIALOGUE

- M:** Praise the Lord, all you servants of the Lord, who minister in the house of the Lord. Lift up your hands in the sanctuary and praise the Lord.
- C:** Praise the Lord, O my soul; all my inmost being, praise his holy name. Praise the Lord, O my soul, and forget not all his benefits.
- M:** Give thanks to the Lord, call on his name; make known among the nations what he has done. Sing to him, sing praise to him, tell of all his wonderful acts.

C: I will sing of the love of the Lord forever; with my mouth I will make your faithfulness known through all generations. I will declare that your love stands firm forever, that you established your faithfulness in heaven itself.

M: May the Lord, the maker of heaven and earth, bless us.

C: God will bless us, and all the ends of the earth will fear him.

PRAYER

M: O Lord God, source of all abiding knowledge, through Word and Sacrament you both enlighten the minds and sanctify the lives of those you draw to your service. Therefore, look with favor on our seminary, blessing those who teach and those who learn, that they may apply themselves with eager diligence to your will and faithfully fulfill their service according to your purpose; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen.

Be seated.

READING

2 Timothy 2:1-13

Paul encourages Timothy to be faithful.

HYMN

With the Lord Begin Your Task

Christian Worship 478

With the Lord begin your task; Jesus will direct it.
For his aid and counsel ask; Jesus will perfect it.
Ev'ry morn with Jesus rise, and, when day is ended,
In his name then close your eyes; be to him commended.

Let each day begin with prayer, praise and adoration.
On the Lord cast ev'ry care; he is your salvation.
Morning, evening, and at night Jesus will be near you,
Save you from the tempter's might, with his presence cheer you.

With your Savior at your side foes need not alarm you;
In his promises confide and no ill can harm you.
All your trust and hope repose in the mighty Master,
Who in wisdom truly knows how to stem disaster.

If your task is thus begun with the Savior's blessing,
Safely then your course will run, naught your soul distressing.
Good will follow ev'rywhere while you here must wander;
You at last the joy will share in the mansions yonder.

SERMON

Ezekiel 37:1-14

My Young Brothers, Can These Bones Live?

Following the sermon stand and sing:

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"?

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!"

Be seated.

ASSIGNMENTS TO MINISTRY

Prof. Paul O. Wendland
President of the Seminary

Pastor Mark G. Schroeder
President of the Wisconsin Evangelical Lutheran Synod

Following the reading of the assignments, stand and sing:

WE PRAISE YOU, O GOD

Te Deum Laudamus

We praise you, O God, we acclaim / you as Lord;
All creation worships you, / Father everlasting.
To you all angels, all the / pow'rs of heaven,
Cherubim and seraphim, / sing in endless praise:
Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of / heav'nly hosts,
Heaven and earth are / full of your glory.
The glorious company of apostles / praise you.
The noble fellowship of prophets / praise you.
The white-robed army of martyrs / praise you.
Throughout the world the / holy Church acclaims you:
Father of majesty unbounded, your glorious, true, and / only Son,
And the Holy Spirit, / advocate and guide.
You, Christ, are the King of / glory,
The eternal Son / of the Father.
When you became man to / set us free,
You humbled yourself to be born / of a virgin.
You overcame the / sting of death
And opened the kingdom of heaven to / all believers.
You sit at the right / hand of God
In the glory / of the Father.
We believe that / you will come
To / be our judge.
Come then, Lord, and help your / people,
Bought with / the price of your own blood,
And bring us / with your saints
To glory / everlasting.

PRAYER

M: Almighty God, look with favor on those whom you have called to serve 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, your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

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

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

God's Word Is Our Great Heritage
Christian Worship 293

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.

Be seated.

Copies of the list of the assignments are available from the ushers at the back 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 partake either in the dining hall or, weather permitting, at tables set up on the seminary grounds.

The presiding minister and preacher is Professor Richard Gurgel. Serving at the organ is Prof. James Tiefel.

The Seminary Chorus will present its Graduation Concert this evening at 7:00 p.m.