

WISCONSIN LUTHERAN SEMINARY



GRADUATION SERVICE

May 24, 2019

Seminary Auditorium

10:00 a.m.



CLASS VERSE

The words I have spoken to you are spirit and they are life.

John 6:63b

ORDER OF SERVICE

PROCESSION HYMN

Holy God, We Praise Your Name

Christian Worship 278

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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| 1. Holy God, we praise your name;
Lord of all, we bow before you.
All on earth your scepter claim;
All in heav'n above adore you.
Infinite your vast domain,
Everlasting is your reign. | 2. Hark! The glad celestial song
Angel choirs above are raising;
Prophets, martyrs join the throng,
In unceasing chorus praising
With the Church in one accord:
Holy, holy, holy Lord! |
| 3. Blest Redeemer, virgin's Son,
Over death his vict'ry claiming,
Now ascended to his throne,
Judge and king, his grace proclaiming,
Opens heav'n to all his own.
Praise and thanks to God alone! | 4. Holy Father, holy Son,
Holy Spirit, three we name you;
Though in essence only one,
Undivided God we claim you,
Then, adoring, bend the knee
And confess the mystery. |

DIALOGUE

Prof. Paul O. Wendland

President of the Seminary

In the name of the Father and of the Son ☩ and of the Holy Spirit.

Amen.

Praise be to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! In his great mercy he has given us new birth into a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead.

Christ is risen. He is risen indeed. Alleluia.

If Christ has not been raised, your faith is futile; you are still in your sins.

But Christ has indeed been raised from the dead.

He was delivered over to death for our sins and was raised to life for our justification.

Since we have been justified through faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ.

Salvation is found in no one else, for there is no other name under heaven given to men by which we must be saved.

God has made this Jesus both Lord and Christ.

It is written: "I believed; therefore I have spoken." With that same spirit of faith we also believe and therefore speak.

We know that the one who raised the Lord Jesus from the dead will also raise us with Jesus and present us with you in his presence.

Since you have been raised with Christ, set your hearts on things above, where Christ is seated at the right hand of God.

God placed all things under his feet and appointed him to be head over everything for the church.

You are a chosen people, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, a people belonging to God, that you may declare the praises of him who called you out of darkness into his wonderful light.

We cannot help speaking about what we have seen and heard.

All sing:

From all that dwell below the skies
Let the Creator's praise arise.
Alleluia! Alleluia!
Let the Redeemer's name be sung
Through ev'ry land, by ev'ry tongue.
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!
Alleluia! Alleluia!

Eternal are your mercies, Lord;
Eternal is your glorious Word.
Alleluia! Alleluia!
Your praise shall sound from shore to shore
Till suns shall rise and set no more.
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!
Alleluia! Alleluia!

Be seated.

READING

Ezekiel 34:11-16
Prof. John P. Hartwig
Secretary of the Faculty

After the reading:

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

ANTHEM

They Follow Me
Leland Sateran

My sheep hear my voice, and I know them, and they follow me:
And I give unto them eternal life, and they shall never perish;
Neither shall any man pluck them out of my hand.

READING

1 Peter 5:1-4

After the reading:

The Word of the Lord

Thanks be to God.

ANTHEM

O God, Our Help in Ages Past
Christian Worship 441

O God, our Help in ages past,
Our Hope for years to come,
Our Shelter from the stormy blast,
And our eternal Home!

Before the hills in order stood
Or earth received her frame,
From everlasting Thou art God,
To endless years the same.

Under the shadow of Thy throne
Thy saints have dwelt secure;
Sufficient is Thine arm alone,
And our defense is sure.

A thousand ages in Thy sight
Are like an evening gone,
Short as the watch that ends the night
Before the rising sun.

O God, our Help in ages past,
Our Hope for years to come,
Be Thou our Guard while troubles last
And our eternal Home!

Stand for the Gospel.

GOSPEL

John 6:53-69

After the Gospel:

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise be to you, O Christ.

Be seated.

HYMN

Thy Strong Word
Christian Worship 280

Thy strong word did cleave the darkness; at thy speaking it was done.
For created light we thank thee while thine ordered seasons run.
Alleluia! Alleluia! Praise to thee who light dost send!
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia without end!

Lo, on those who dwelt in darkness, dark as night and deep as death,
Broke the light of thy salvation, breathed thine own life-giving breath.
Alleluia! Alleluia! Praise to thee who light dost send!
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia without end!

Thy strong Word bespeaks us righteous; bright with thine own holiness,
Glorious now, we press toward glory, and our lives our hopes confess.
Alleluia! Alleluia! Praise to thee who light dost send!
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia without end!

From the cross thy wisdom shining breaketh forth in conqu'ring might;
From the cross forever beameth all thy bright redeeming light.
Alleluia! Alleluia! Praise to thee who light dost send!
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia without end!

SERMON

John 6:63b

My Strong Word Gives Life
Life to you...Life through you

Stand following the sermon and sing:

Give us lips to sing thy glory, tongues thy mercy to proclaim,
Throats to shout the hope that fills us, mouths to speak thy holy name.
Alleluia! Alleluia! May the light which thou dost send
Fill our songs with alleluias, alleluias without end!

God the Father, light-creator, to thee laud and honor be.
To thee, Light from Light begotten, praise be sung eternally.
Holy Spirit, light-revealer, glory, glory be to thee.
Mortals, angels, now and ever praise the holy Trinity!

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 pastors who have satisfactorily completed the seminary's program of post-graduate study. Those receiving degrees are listed on the back cover of the program.

CLASS HYMN

Speak, O Savior; I Am Listening
Christian Worship 283

Speak, O Savior; I am list'ning, as a servant to his lord.
Let me show respect and honor to your holy, precious Word,
That each day, my whole life through, I may serve and follow you.
Let your Word e'er be my pleasure and my heart's most precious treasure.

Oh, what blessing to be near you and to listen to your voice!
Let me ever love and fear you; let your Word still be my choice.
Many hardened sinners, Lord, flee in terror at your Word,
But to all who feel sin's burden you give peace and words of pardon.

Lord, your words are waters living where I quench my thirsty needs.
Lord, your words are bread life-giving; on your words my spirit feeds.
Lord, your words will be my light through death's cold and dreary night;
Yes, they are my sword prevailing and my cup of joy unfailing.

As I pray, dear Jesus, hear me; let your words in me take root.
May your Spirit e'er be near me that I bear abundant fruit.
May I daily sing your praise, from my heart glad anthems raise,
Till my highest praise is given in the endless joy of heaven.

Jared Natsis, director

Stand for prayer.

PRAYER

BLESSING

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.

Amen. *(spoken)*

Remain standing for the hymn.

HYMN

Dear Lord, to Your True Servants Give
Christian Worship 542

Dear Lord, to your true servants give
The grace to you alone to live.
Set free from sin to serve you, Lord,
They go to share your living Word,
The gospel message to proclaim
That all may know your saving name.

They gladly go at your command
To spread your Word o'er sea and land.
Be with them, Lord, and make them strong
To heal sin's ills, to right the wrong.
Your rule is over wind and wave,
And mighty is your arm to save.

When all their labor seems in vain,
Revive their sinking hopes again;
And when success crowns what they do,
Oh, keep them humble, Lord, and true
Until before your judgment seat
They lay their trophies at your feet.

Be seated.

RECESSION AND POSTLUDE

Kevin Becker, organist
Grace Lutheran Church, Milwaukee

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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Class of 2019**

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