

Order of Service

for the

Assignment of Candidates and Vicars

May 23, 2019

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 3:1-4:5

Paul encourages Timothy to be faithful.

HYMN

Preserve Your Word, O Savior

Christian Worship 289, alt.

Preserve your Word, O Savior,
To us this latter day,
And let your kingdom flourish;
Enlarge your Church, we pray.
O 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.

Preserve in wave and tempest
Your storm-tossed little flock;
Assailed by wind and weather,
May it endure each shock.
Come take the helm, our pilot,
And set the course aright;
Then we will reach the harbor
In your eternal light.

SERMON

John 20:19-23

Jesus Sends You

Following the sermon stand and sing:

1. Christ the Lord is ris'n again;
Christ has broken death's strong chain.
Hark, the angels shout for joy,
Singing evermore on high: Hallelujah!
2. He who gave for us his life,
Who for us endured the strife,
Is our Paschal Lamb today.
We, too, sing for joy and say: Hallelujah!
3. Now he bids us tell abroad
How the lost may be restored,
How the penitent forgiv'n,
How they all may enter heav'n. Hallelujah!
4. Savior, breathe on us, we pray,
Send your Spirit day by day.
Fill our witness with your peace
And from sin lost souls release: Hallelujah!

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 acclaim 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.

Drinks and desserts 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 E. Allen Sorum. Serving at the organ is Prof. James Tiefel. Instrumentalists are Tristan Paustian, Jared Natsis, Darian Schnose, Carl Boeder, and Drew Dey.

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