

WISCONSIN LUTHERAN SEMINARY



Graduation and Assignments into Ministry

May 21, 2020

10:00 a.m.

SENIOR CLASS VERSE

Even youths grow tired and weary, and young men stumble and fall; but those who hope in the LORD will renew their strength. They will soar on wings like eagles; they will run and not grow weary, they will walk and not be faint.

Isaiah 40:30-31

ORDER OF SERVICE

PRELUDE

Come, Holy Ghost, God and Lord

Settings by Johann Sebastian Bach and Andreas Armsdorf

HYMN

Come, Holy Ghost, Creator Blest

*Christian Worship 436
Setting by Carl F. Schalk*

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

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.
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.
3. In 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.
4. Your light to every thought impart,
And shed your love in every heart.
The weakness of our mortal state
With deathless might invigorate.
5. Drive far away our wily foe,
And your abiding peace bestow.
With you as our protecting guide,
No evil can with us abide.
6. 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.
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!

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

DIALOGUE FOR THE ASCENSION OF OUR LORD

Clap your hands, all you nations. Shout to God with cries of joy.

God has ascended amid shouts of joy, the LORD amid the sounding of trumpets.

Sing praises to God, sing praises to our King,

For God is the King of all the earth; sing to him a psalm of praise.

God reigns over the nations; God is seated on his holy throne.
For the kings of the earth belong to God; he is greatly exalted.

The God of our Lord Jesus Christ exerted his power when he raised Christ from the dead and seated him at his right hand in the heavenly realms, far above all rule and authority, power and dominion, and every name that is invoked, not only in the present age but also in the one to come.

And God placed all things under his feet and appointed him to be head over everything for the church, which is his body, the fullness of him who fills everything in every way.

He 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.

Sing to the Lord, praise his name; proclaim his salvation day after day. Declare his glory among the nations, his marvelous deeds among all peoples.

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

When Christ, who is our life, appears, then we also will appear with him in glory.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray:

Lord Jesus, King of glory, on this day you ascended far above the heavens and at God's right hand you rule the nations. Leave us not alone, we pray, but grant us the Spirit of truth that at your command and by your power we may be your witnesses in all the world; for you live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

THE GOSPEL OF THE ASCENSION OF OUR LORD

Luke 24

Acts 1

When he had led them out to the vicinity of Bethany, they gathered around him and asked him, "Lord, are you at this time going to restore the kingdom to Israel?" He said to them: "It is not for you to know the times or dates the Father has set by his own authority. But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes on you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth."

After he said this, he lifted up his hands and blessed them. While he was blessing them, he left them before their very eyes and was taken up into heaven and a cloud hid him from their sight.

They were looking intently up into the sky as he was going, when suddenly two men dressed in white stood beside them. "Men of Galilee," they said, "why do you stand here looking into the sky? This same Jesus, who has been taken from you into heaven, will come back in the same way you have seen him go into heaven." Then they worshiped him and returned to Jerusalem with great joy. And they stayed continually at the temple, praising God.

SERMON

Isaiah 40:30-31

Wait for the Lord!

HYMN

Oh, Sing, My Soul, Your Maker's Praise

Christian Worship: A Lutheran Hymnal 425

Oh, sing, my soul, your Maker's praise,
In grateful hymns ascending,
Whose steadfast love has crowned your days
With heav'nly gifts unending.
I sought the Lord; he heard my cry.
His holy angels hover nigh
The tents of those who love him.

The Lord is good to those who seek
His face in times of sorrow,
Providing comfort to the weak
And grace for each tomorrow.
Though grief may tarry for the night,
The morn shall break in joy and light
With blessings from his presence.

The Lord will turn his face in peace
When troubled souls draw near him.
His loving-kindness shall not cease
To those who trust and fear him.
Our God will not forsake his own.
Eternal is his heavenly throne.
His kingdom stands forever.

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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

Lord, Take My Hand and Lead Me

Christian Worship: A Lutheran Hymnal 439

Lord, take my hand and lead me upon life's way.
Direct, protect, and feed me from day to day.
Without your grace and favor I go astray,
So take my hand, O Savior, and lead the way.

Lord, when the tempest rages, I need not fear,
For you, the Rock of Ages, are always near.
Close by your side abiding, I fear no foe,
For when your hand is guiding, in peace I go.

Lord, when the shadows lengthen and night has come,
I know that you will strengthen my steps toward home,
And nothing can impede me, O blessed Friend!
So take my hand and lead me unto the end.

PRAYER

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 these graduates 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.
Amen.

ASSIGNMENTS TO MINISTRY

Prof. Earle D. Treptow

President of the Seminary

Pastor Mark G. Schroeder

President of the Wisconsin Evangelical Lutheran Synod

ASSIGNMENTS TO VICARS

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, offering life and peace to all,
With your prayers and with your offerings 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!"

ASSIGNMENTS TO GRADUATES

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

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. Amen.

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.

LORD, WHEN YOUR GLORY I SHALL SEE

Words by Paul Gerhardt (1607–1676)

Tune by Kurt J. Eggert (1923-1993)

Arranged by Carl F. Schalk, 1992

Lord, when your glory I shall see and taste your kingdom's pleasure,
Your blood my royal robe shall be, my joy beyond all measure!
When I appear before your throne, your righteousness shall be my crown;
With these I need not hide me. And there, in garments richly wrought,
As your own bride I shall be brought to stand in joy beside you.

POSTLUDE

In Christ There Is No East or West

Charles Callahan

ASSIGNMENTS MAY BE FOUND AT

<https://www.wls.wels.net/about-wls/assignment-list/>

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Matthew Hatzung, Joshua Koelpin, Christian Willick, Jeremiah Wallander, Justin Steinke, Laura Steinke, Joel Prange, Lydia Prange, Daniel Wessel, Rebekka Wessel, Jacob Brohn, and Rachel Brohn. The anthems are included on the CD entitled *By Grace Alone*, recorded by the Seminary Chorus in 2018.

PRODUCTION

Prof. Stephen Geiger, Prof. James Tiefel, Jeff Mitchell, and Lori Guse

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