



CONCORDIA LUTHERAN SEMINARY

The Twenty-Ninth Academic Year

The Sacred Convocation

“Servants for Jesus’ Sake” 2 Cor. 4:5

Friday Evening
May 24, 2013
7:00 p.m.

Robert Tegler Student Centre, Concordia University College of Alberta
Edmonton, Alberta

A WORD OF WELCOME

Concordia Lutheran Seminary welcomes all who have come to celebrate the blessings God has showered upon us throughout this academic year. Most of our graduates have completed the Master of Divinity Degree; one of them has earned a Graduate Certificate in Theological Studies. Alongside these academic credentials, these men will receive the seminary's Theological Diploma which certifies they are ready and qualified for service as pastors in Lutheran Church–Canada. This same diploma will also be awarded to several other graduates who have completed an individualized colloquy program that prepares them for entry into our church's ministerium.

Through vicarage assignments announced this evening, the church and the seminary continue to work together in forming future pastors. Another strong indicator of this partnership is the bestowal during this celebration of a theological diploma upon a graduate of the Pastors With Alternative Training program of Lutheran Church–Canada's Council of Presidents.

All of these rites signify that these men stand ready to offer themselves for placement in the church as called "servants for Jesus' sake." In addition, we rejoice to bestow honorary awards upon three laypeople who have demonstrated each in their own way, exceptional commitment and service as servant-leaders in Christ's church.

In this Sacred Convocation, the seminary returns these "gifts of God" to the "people of God" in order that our Lord's will may be done among us. May this Sacred Convocation edify everyone in attendance and give praise and glory to our Saviour Jesus Christ.

ACADEMIC REGALIA

The ACADEMIC GOWN dates from the twelfth century. It originally gave protection against the cold of unheated buildings, but has come to symbolize academic scholarship, including variations in sleeves and decorations that represent different degrees. Although most gowns are black, some schools' designs are unique and colourful.

The ACADEMIC CAP symbolizes the dignity and freedom of scholarship. The mortarboard (a square cap) represents a book. Tassel colours may vary according to the wearer's major area of study, e.g. scarlet for theology. Gold tassels indicate a doctor's degree. As with the gowns, some schools have caps which are unique.

The ACADEMIC HOOD varies both in size and colour. The larger the hood, the more advanced the degree. The colours of the silk lining of the hood are those of the institution granting the degree. The hood of Concordia Lutheran Seminary is lined with gold and blue. The velvet edging indicates the academic discipline in which the degree has been earned. The colour for theology is scarlet; for the discipline of philosophy, dark blue.

ORDER OF THE PROCESSIONAL

Crucifer
Banner Bearer
Vicars
Candidates for the Seminary's Degree of Master of Divinity and Its Theological Diploma
Candidate for the Council of Presidents' Theological Diploma
Faculty
Honorary Award Recipients
Board of Regents
Representative of the Laity of the Church
Speaker
President

Photographs and applauding are permitted after the Hymn of the Day. Placement lists are available from the ushers after the convocation is over.

(Please turn off cell phones)

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THE SACRED CONVOCATION

Prelude

South Sudanese Choir.....Grace Lutheran Church

Processional Hymn (*The congregation shall stand.*)

“O Holy Spirit Enter In” Text: Michael Schirmer, tr. Catherine Winkworth (1, 3) *The Lutheran Hymnal* (2)

- 1 -

O Holy Spirit, enter in,
And in our hearts Your work begin,
Your dwelling place now make us.
Sun of the soul, O Light divine,
Around and in us brightly shine,
To joy and gladness wake us
That we may be truly living,
To You giving, prayer unceasing
And in love be still increasing.

- 2 -

Give to Your Word impressive pow’r,
That in our hearts from this good hour
As fire it may be glowing,
That in true Christian unity
We faithful witnesses may be,
Your glory ever showing.
Hear us, cheer us by Your teaching;
Let our preaching and our labor
Praise You, Lord, and serve our neighbor.

- 3 -

O mighty Rock, O Source of life,
Let Your dear Word, in doubt and strife,
In us be strongly burning
That we be faithful unto death
And live in love and holy faith,
From You true wisdom learning.
Your grace and peace on us shower;
By Your power Christ confessing,
Let us see our Savior’s blessing.

National Anthem: O Canada

O Canada! Our home and native land!
True patriot love in all thy sons command.
With glowing hearts we see thee rise,
The True North strong and free!
From far and wide,
O Canada, we stand on guard for thee.
God keep our land glorious and free!
O Canada, we stand on guard for thee.
O Canada, we stand on guard for thee.

God Save the Queen

God save our gracious Queen
Long live our noble Queen,
God save the Queen:
Send her victorious,
Happy and glorious,
Long to reign over us:
God save the Queen.

Invocation

Prayer of the Day

(Please be seated)

Psalm 27: "O Lord You Are My Light" Text: *Psalter 1887 (1), Psalter 1912 (2-4)*

- 1 -

O Lord, you are my light
and my salvation near:
Then who will cause me fright
or fill my heart with fear?
While God my strength, my life sustains,
secure from fear my soul remains,
secure from fear my soul remains.

- 2 -

My one request has been
and still this prayer I raise;
That I may live within
God's house for all my days.
God's glorious beauty to admire,
and in his temple to inquire,
and in his temple to inquire.

- 3 -

When troubles round me swell,
when fears and dangers throng,
securely I will dwell
in his pavilion strong.
Within the shelter of God's tent
he hides me till the storm is spent,
he hides me till the storm is spent.

- 4 -

Uplifted on a rock
above my foes around,
amid the battle shock
my song shall still resound.
Then joyful offerings I will bring;
the LORD God's praise my heart shall sing,
the LORD God's praise my heart shall sing.

Scripture Reading John 10: 1 - 10

Address: "*On My Tombstone...*" Mark 12: 14a

Offering (*Designated to support the seminary.*)

Hymn of the Day

"In Adam We Have all Been One" Text: *Martin H. Franzmann*

- 1 -

In Adam we have all been one,
One huge rebellious man;
We all have fled that evening voice
That sought us as we ran.

- 2 -

We fled Thee, and in losing Thee
We lost our brother too;
Each singly sought and claimed his own;
Each man his brother slew.

- 3 -

But Thy strong love, it sought us still
And sent Thine only Son
That we might hear His Shepherd's voice
And, hearing Him, be one.

- 4 -

O Thou who, when we loved Thee not,
Didst love and save us all,
Thou great Good Shepherd of mankind,
O hear us when we call.

- 5 -

Send us Thy Spirit, teach us truth;
Thou Son, O set us free
From fancied wisdom, self-sought ways,
To make us one in Thee.

- 6 - (*Please stand*)

Then shall our song united rise
To Thine eternal throne,
Where with the Father evermore
And Spirit Thou art one.

(Photographs may now be taken and you may applaud.)

FOUNDATIONS

Representing the Laity of the Church.....Mrs. Anke Berner
Member, Bethel Lutheran Church, Sherwood Park, Alberta

THE ORDER OF VICARAGE ASSIGNMENT

Assignment of Vicars..... The Rev. Dr. Edward G. Kettner, Th.D.
Director of Vicarage, Concordia Lutheran Seminary
..... The Rev. Nolan Astley, M.Div.
First Vice-President, Lutheran Church–Canada
President’s Charge to the Vicars..... The Rev. Dr. Norman Threinen, Th.D.
Interim President, Concordia Lutheran Seminary

RITE OF COMMENCEMENT

Presentation of the Candidates for the Master of Divinity Degree..... The Rev. Dr. Stephen L. Chambers, Ph.D.
Academic Dean, Concordia Lutheran Seminary
Conferring of the Degrees..... The Rev. Dr. Threinen
Presentation of the Candidate for the Graduate Certificate in Theological StudiesThe Rev. Dr. Chambers
Conferring of the Certificate..... The Rev. Dr. Threinen
President’s Charge to the Graduates The Rev. Dr. Threinen

RITE OF CERTIFICATION AND PLACEMENT

Offering of the “Pastors With Alternative Training” Graduate to the Church The Rev. Nolan Astley
Certification and Presentation of Council of Presidents’ Theological Diploma..... The Rev. Donald Schiemann, M.Div.
President, Alberta-British Columbia District, Lutheran Church–Canada
Offering of the Seminary’s Graduates to the ChurchThe Rev. Dr. Chambers
Certification and Presentation of the Seminary’s Theological Diplomas..... The Rev. Dr. Threinen
Assignment of Candidates by the Church.....The Rev. Prof. Jonathan Kraemer, S.T.M.
Director of Placement, Concordia Lutheran Seminary
..... The Rev. Schiemann
Church’s Charge to the Candidates The Rev. Schiemann

RECOGNITION OF SERVANT LEADERS

Presentation of the Candidate for the Degree of Doctor of Letters (*honoris causa*)The Rev. Dr. Chambers
Conferring of the Degree The Rev. Dr. Threinen
Presentation of the Candidate for the Faith in Life Award.....The Rev. Dr. Chambers
Conferring of the Award..... The Rev. Dr. Threinen
Presentation of the Candidate for the Friend of the Seminary Award.....The Rev. Dr. Chambers
Conferring of the Award..... The Rev. Dr. Threinen

Introductions and Announcements The Rev. Dr. Threinen

Closing of the Academic Year The Rev. Dr. Threinen

Prayers and Benediction (*The congregation shall stand.*)

Recessional Hymn

“God of the Prophets, Bless the Prophets’ Sons” Text: *Denis Wortman, alt.*

- 1 -

God of the prophets, bless the prophets’ sons;
Elijah’s mantle o’er Elisha cast.
Each age its solemn task may claim but once;
Make each one nobler, stronger than the last.

- 2 -

Anoint them prophets, men who are intent
To be Your witnesses in word and deed,
Their hearts aflame, their lips made eloquent,
Their eyes awake to ev’ry human need.

- 3 -

Anoint them priests, strong intercessors they,
For pardon and for love and hope and peace,
That, through their pleading, guilty sinners may
Find Jesus’ mercy and from sin release.

- 4 -

Anoint them kings, yes, kingly kings, O Lord.
Anoint them with the Spirit of Your Son.
Theirs not a jeweled crown, a bloodstained sword;
Theirs, by sweet love, for Christ a kingdom won.

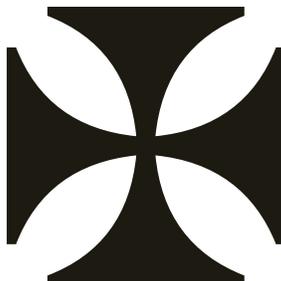
- 5 -

Make them apostles, heralds of Your cross;
Forth let them go to tell the world of grace.
Inspired by You, may they count all but loss
And stand at last with joy before Your face.

Postlude

“Tocatta” H. Pachelbel

“Improvisations on *Old 124th* and *the Saints’ Delight*” D. Mitchell



VICARAGE CLASS OF 2013

Aaron Astley
Lloydminster, Alberta

Scott Gamble
Markerville, Alberta

GRADUATING CLASS OF 2013

Todd Gordon Guggenmos
Unity, Saskatchewan

Steven Hoffman
Nanaimo, British Columbia

Vincent Thomas Moore
Dawson Creek, British Columbia

Mark T. Schultz
Grande Prairie, Alberta

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Candidate for the Council of Presidents' Theological Diploma

James Kay
Edmonton, Alberta

Candidate for the Degree of Doctor of Letters (*honoris causa*)

Lynn Gergens
Langley, British Columbia

Candidate for the Faith in Life Award

Art Timm
Saskatoon, Saskatchewan

Candidate for the Friend of the Seminary Award

Doreen Christensen
Edmonton, Alberta

PARTICIPANTS

Speaker	The Rev. Dr. Forrest Stroup <i>Pastor, Bethlehem Lutheran Church, Edmonton, Alberta</i>
Liturgist	The Rev. Dr. Norman Threinen <i>Interim President, Concordia Lutheran Seminary</i>
Lector	The Rev. Dr. Edward Kettner <i>Director of Vicarage, Concordia Lutheran Seminary</i>
Organist	Mr. David Mitchell, M.Mus. <i>Coordinator of Music, Concordia Lutheran Seminary</i>
Trumpeter	Wendy Grasdahl, M.Mus.
South Sudanese Choir	Grace Lutheran Church
Crucifer	Seminarian Keith Hoveland
Banner Bearer	Seminarian Eric Moffett
Ushers	Mrs. Kris Stroup
.....	Mr. Dwaine Ruf

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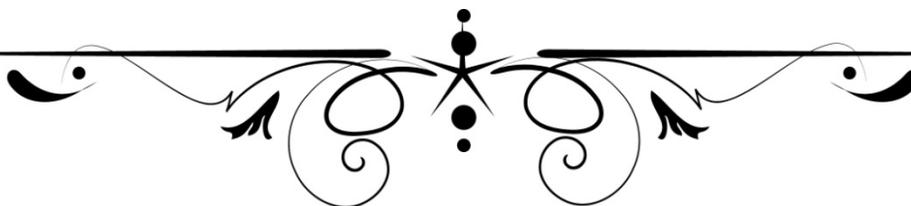
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The Rev. Rich Docekal (*Mark Schultz*)
The Rev. Vern Vansteenbergh † (*Vincent Moore*)



HONORARY AWARD RECIPIENTS

Doctor of Letters - Ms. Lynn R. Gergens

Lynn Gergens was born and raised in Ontario. In 1982 she received an Honours Bachelor of Arts in English Language, Literature and History from Wilfrid Laurier University, Waterloo, Ontario. Lynn continued her studies at the University of Alberta in 1986 and received a Master of Arts in 1988. The topic of her thesis was “Catechetical Literature.” She has also undergone extensive training in many areas including youth ministry, peer ministry, public relations, communication, team building, prayer, and peacemaking. Currently she serves as the chairperson for Ambassadors of Reconciliation Canada. She has helped and continues to help parishes with reconciliation and mediation.

Throughout Lynn’s years of service, youth ministry has been a major emphasis. She has a particular passion for teaching confirmation. In 1978 Lynn began serving on the Lutheran Church–Missouri Synod Board for Youth Services. After serving for 8 years, she then served on the Youth Committee of ABC District, from 1987–90. From 1986–98, Lynn was the chairperson for four LCC national youth gatherings. In addition to chairing the gatherings, she initiated musical ministry teams (such as The CREW) and wrote supporting materials (two devotion books for youth counselors, devotions for three year-long devotionals for teens, and a youth group fundraising manual). From 1984–93 Lynn was also the chairperson for youth gatherings in the ABC District. After working at Concordia University College of Alberta as Director of Communications and Alumni Affairs, Director of Church Recruitment, and Dean of Admissions from 1983–93, Lynn went on to found Footsteps Ministry, a ministry designed to help parishes by consulting and teaching about biblical peacemaking, youth ministry, parish planning and parish education. Lynn also was a sessional instructor at CUCA and taught “Principles of Youth and Young Adult Ministry” (1993–2004) and “Youth Ministry Practicum” (1993–1995) at CUCA.

Lynn has also been active in leadership within LCC on various district and synodical boards: the LCC Parish Services Committee and Board (1986–99), the Board of Directors, LCC (1999–2011), and the Board of Directors, ABC District (2012–Present).

She continues to be active in preparing people for mission work. She was actively involved in training many Crew teams over the years, and continues to train young adults for the BC Mission Boat Society. Lynn has also been involved in short-term missions. In addition to trips to Guatemala, Ukraine and Kenya, she continues to regularly lead trips to Nicaragua (since 2008) and Kingcome, BC (since 1999).

Since 1998 Lynn has served as the Director of Youth and Family Ministry at Walnut Grove Lutheran Church, Langley, BC. Lynn says that she is single but often confuses people by talking about her 'kids'– the young people that she mentors and loves. It is our privilege to bestow upon Lynn the degree of Doctor of Letters, *honoris causa*.

Faith in Life Award - Mr. Art Timm

Art Timm was born July 17, 1931 at Yellow Grass, SK, was baptized into the Christian faith and confirmed that faith some 13 years later. He received his elementary education at a one room school and secondary education at Luther College, Regina.

After spending a few years farming, pipe-lining, and television servicing, Art moved to Saskatoon to attend the College of Engineering. While there, a good summer job was extended to 34 years in the iron and steel industry resulting in a service life membership in the American Foundry Man's Association. Following the close of the foundry, Art was asked to be a lay worker at his home congregation St. Paul's Lutheran Church, Saskatoon, a position he held from 1992 until retirement.

He is married to Geraldine Stewart of Bridgewater Nova Scotia. Together they have two sons, Wayne and Murray, five grandchildren, and one great-grandson.

During his years at St. Paul's, Art has served on various boards and committees. He has been a long time choir member, Sunday school teacher, and Bible study leader. Currently he is the co-chair for the Board of Lay Ministry and continues to lead a seniors' Bible study during the fall and winter months.

Art has also used his gift of leadership for the good of the larger church over the years. He has served on the District Board of the Lutheran Laymen's League, the Board of Directors of Lutheran Church-Canada, and the Board of Directors of Central District of Lutheran Church-Canada, including several years as board chair. He has also served on the Foundation Board for Luther Care Communities and the Board of Malabar Mission Society. We are please to award Art the Faith in Life Award in recognition of his long record of reflecting his faith in Jesus in everyday life.

I can *do*
all things
through
CHRIST
who strengthens me.

Philippians 4:13

Friend of the Seminary - Mrs. Doreen E. Christensen

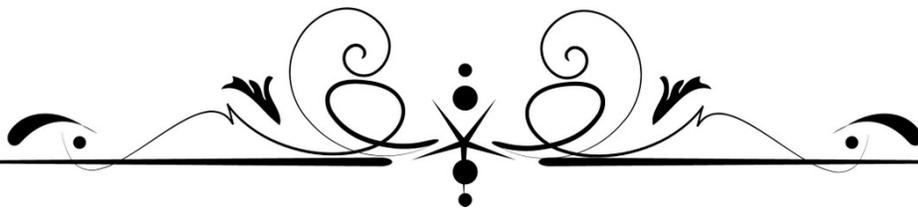
Doreen was born in Innisfail, AB to Emanuel and Mary Paul. She was baptized in Wimborne, AB, and when the family moved to Hay Lakes, attended St. Luke's Lutheran Church. Upon moving to Lloydminster, they joined First Lutheran Church, where Doreen was confirmed in 1951, and enjoyed the fellowship of the young people's group, known as the Walther League. In 1957, she moved to Edmonton and became a member of Grace Lutheran Church.

Doreen married Albert (Al) Christensen in 1963. They were blessed with a son and daughter - David in 1967, followed closely by Janis in 1968 - and their dearly loved grandchildren, Jack and Brookelyn, in 2003 and 2010.

In response to Christ's love for us, Doreen has sought to serve others throughout her life in various ways. At Grace she has taught Sunday school, led Bethel and LifeLight Bible studies, and accompanied the youth to conferences in Banff, Lake Louise and Washington, D.C. Doreen has also served on youth, fellowship and evangelism boards, the funeral committee, and Lutheran Women's Missionary League committees at the society, zone and national levels.

Her community volunteer work includes eighteen years in palliative care with the Edmonton Board of Health (now Alberta Health Services) and feeding Edmonton's homeless through The Rock and Bissell Centre. While providing care for her mother for thirteen years, and now for her husband, Doreen has been an "unofficial" volunteer at the Strathcona, Devonshire and Good Samaritan (Southgate) Care Centres, extending her assistance to staff and residents alike.

Doreen began supporting the Concordia Lutheran Seminary twelve years ago when she joined the Concordia Lutheran Seminary Guild. As the hospitality coordinator, she has been responsible for organizing luncheons, barbeques and refreshments at several seminary events each year. For one year she also served as a volunteer receptionist at the seminary once a week. Over her years of service she has enjoyed getting to know the students, faculty and staff. They hold a special place in her heart. We are pleased to recognize Doreen and a Friend of the Seminary.



ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

Concordia Lutheran Seminary invites you to greet the vicars, graduates, honorees and their guests at a reception in the mezzanine area of the Robert Tegler Student Centre, immediately following Sacred Convocation.

We give thanks to the musical offerings of the South Sudanese Choir and trumpeter, Wendy Grasdahl in our Sacred Convocation service tonight.

The Seminary thanks Concordia University College of Alberta for its generous hospitality and the members of the Concordia Lutheran Seminary Guild for serving at the reception.

We gratefully acknowledge our Concordia Lutheran Seminary Guild for their financial sponsorship of all the events associated with our Sacred Convocation today.

