



**CONCORDIA
LUTHERAN
SEMINARY**

The Twenty-Fifth Academic Year

The Sacred Convocation

“Servants for Jesus’ Sake” 2 Cor. 4:5

Friday Evening
May 8, 2009
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 join us in celebrating God's mercies showered upon us throughout this academic year. We rejoice with our graduates who have successfully completed their course of studies and will be awarded the appropriate degree and/or diploma. These awards signify that these men stand ready to offer themselves for placement in the church as called servant pastors. 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. Through vicarage assignments announced this evening, the church and the seminary continue to work together in forming future pastors. May this Sacred Convocation edify everyone in attendance and result in the praise and glory of our Saviour Jesus Christ.

ACADEMIC REGALIA

The ACADEMIC GOWN dates back to the twelfth century. While it may have been worn originally as protection against the cold of unheated buildings, it has come to symbolize levels of academic scholarship with variations in sleeves and decorations representing degree levels. Gowns are usually black, but some schools have gowns that 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 bullion tassels indicate a doctor's degree. As with the gowns, some schools have caps which are unique to them.

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 the colours of the institution granting the degree. The hood of Concordia Lutheran Seminary is lined with gold and blue, the school colours. The colour of the velvet edging indicates the academic discipline in which the degree has been earned. The colour for the discipline of theology is scarlet; the colour for the discipline of philosophy is dark blue.

ORDER OF THE PROCESSIONAL

Crucifer
Banner Bearers
Vicars
Candidates for the Degree of Master of Divinity and Theological Diploma
Candidate for the Graduate Certificate in Theological Studies
Faculty and Deans
Board of Regents
Representative of the Laity of the Church
Honoree
Speaker
President

*(Photographs and applauding are permitted after the Choral Anthem.)
(Placement lists are available from the ushers after the convocation is over.)*

THE SACRED CONVOCATION

Organ Prelude

“Prelude on ‘O Grosser Gott’” David Mitchell

Choral Prelude

“I Delight Greatly in the Lord” Larry Nickel

Processional Hymn (*The congregation shall stand.*)

“Our Saviour Came into This World” Edward Kettner

- 1 -

Our Saviour came into this world
And broke the curse of death and
hell.
The Sinless One took on our sin
And freed us from the devil’s spell
Now risen and ascended high,
His presence with His Church we see
Through faithful servants whom
He sends
Into the Holy Ministry

- 2 -

His servants do not vaunt themselves;
Their only boast is in their Lord.
As Christ’s redeemed they stand and
preach
Redemption to a fallen world.
Their lips serve as His lips as now
They speak our Saviour’s word of
grace
Forgiven, they themselves forgive
By His command and in His place.

- 3 -

Their hands serve as the Saviour’s
hands;
They do for us what He would do.
They wash with water in His name,
And by this we are born anew.
They feed us with the Bread of Life;
They give His body and His blood
And yet it is not they, but Christ
Who gives us this most precious food

- 4 -

Apostles, prophets in the past
Gave witness to the living Lord;
The servants whom He sends today
Proclaim the same life-giving word.
In every age He sends His word
Of peace into a world in pain;
He builds His Church and grants it
hope
Until at last He comes again.

- 5 -

O Father, Maker of us all;
O Christ, Redeemer of the World;
O Spirit, Bringer of God’s gifts
Through servants called to preach
your Word,

We offer up our song of praise
To you, O blessed Trinity,
Which all the ransomed
number raise
Now and throughout eternity!

Invocation

Prayer of the Day

Psalmody: Psalm 23 musical setting, Manfred Zeuch
(*Sung by the chorus*)

Scripture Reading (*The congregation may be seated.*) John 10:11-18

Hymn of the Day

“To the Ends of Earth” Milton L. Rudnick

- 1 -

We are charged to witness
To the ends of earth,
Of a love that sought us
E'en before our birth,
Of a Saviour slain and raised
As our Substitute
Glorious now He helps us
To bring forth much fruit.

- 3 -

Ours the awesome priv'lege
Help and hope to share;
Ours the solemn duty
To proclaim with care
That the God who made them
Wants them as His own;
And provides salvation
Through His only Son.

- 2 -

People at our doorstep
And in distant lands
Need complete obedience
To their God's commands,
Need to be forgiven
Of condemning sins—
Helpless and hopeless
Once their end begins

- 4 -

Praise to God the Father!
Praise to God the Son!
Praise to God the Spirit!
Gracious Three-in-One!
Praise throughout the heavens;
Praise throughout the earth—
To God who endows us
With astounding worth!

Address: “Not Masters, but Pastors” 2 Corinthians 4:5

Offering (*Onsite offering will be designated to support student financial aid for the seminary. Donations received online will be designated to support the cost of the webcast and future collaborative technologies. [Click here to make a donation online with Visa or Mastercard.](#)*)

Hymn: “O Lord, We Give Thanks on This Day” Carlene Rudnick

(Choir)

-1-

O Lord, we give thanks on this day for the blessings of the Spirit,
Who brought us to faith when baptized, that we through Jesus Christ life inherit.
Jesus has loved us and gave His life that we might live.
He rose from the grave and lives and reigns, our sins to forgive.

(All)

-2-

Your Word is a Light to our path, for it tells of our salvation.
Help us to proclaim to the world, give witness of Good New to each nation.
Give us the courage to share your word with those we meet,
That all Christ will know and thus rejoice in sin's defeat.

(All)

-3-

We thank You, O Father Creator, You guard, protect and keep us.
We thank You, Lord Jesus, the Son, You died upon the Cross, and in You we trust.
Thank You, O Spirit for helping us our Lord to see.
We praise you and give you thanks, the Godhead One in Three

Choral Anthem

“Trust in the Lord” Larry Nickel

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

FOUNDATIONS

Representing the Laity of the Church..... Mrs. Kristjan Stroup
Member, Bethlehem Lutheran Church, Edmonton Alberta

PASTORAL FORMATION THROUGH VICARAGE

Assignment of Vicars The Reverend Prof. Jonathan Kraemer, M.Div.
Director of Vicarage, Concordia Lutheran Seminary
The Reverend Donald R. Schiemann, M.Div.
President, ABC District, Lutheran Church–Canada
The Reverend Prof. Manfred Zeuch, Ph.D.
President, Concordia Lutheran Seminary

RITE OF COMMENCEMENT

Presentation of the Candidate for the Graduate Certificate of Theological Studies
..... The Reverend Prof. Edward G. Kettner, Th.D.
Academic Dean, Concordia Lutheran Seminary
Presentation of the Candidates for the Master of Divinity Degree.....
.....The Reverend Prof. Kettner
Conferring of the DegreesThe Reverend Prof. Zeuch
President’s Charge to the GraduatesThe Reverend Prof. Zeuch

RITE OF CERTIFICATION AND PLACEMENT

Offering of the Graduates to the ChurchThe Reverend Prof. Zeuch
Certification and Presentation of Theological DiplomasThe Reverend Prof. Kettner
Assignment of Candidates by the Church
..... The Reverend Prof. Stephen L. Chambers, Ph.D.
Director of Placement, Concordia Lutheran Seminary
The Reverend Nolan D. Astley, M. Div.
First Vice-President, Lutheran Church–Canada
Church’s Charge to the Candidates.....The Reverend Nolan D. Astley

RECOGNITION OF SERVANT LEADERS

Presentation of the Candidate for the Doctor of Divinity Degree
.....The Reverend Prof. Kettner
Conferring of the DegreeThe Reverend Prof. Zeuch

Introductions and AnnouncementsThe Reverend Prof. Zeuch

Closing of the Academic YearThe Reverend Prof. Zeuch

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

Recessional Hymn

“Forth in the Name of Jesus” Edwin Lehman

- 1 -

Forth in the name of Jesus,
Forth to a world that waits;
With lifted cross before us
We leave Thy temple’s gates.
Thy Spirit calls us forward;
Thy promise will not fail.
No foe however fearsome
Against Thee can prevail.

- 3 -

No merit makes us worthy
God’s word of grace to speak.
Our foolish wisdom fails us;
Our own strength leaves us weak.
But in the wounds of Jesus
We’re washed as white as snow.
Our tongue the seraph touches
And asks, “Now who will go?”

Grant us Thy strength, O Father,
Fill us with love, O Son,
Bestir us, Holy Spirit,
As Thee, may we be one.

- 2 -

No easy task is left us,
No burden lightly borne.
The Cross our pilgrim garment
Before the crown is worn.
Yet, with those ancient martyrs,
Whose blood the seed did sow,
Crowned with the Cross of Jesus
We to the conflict go.

- 4 -

The harvest fields have ripened;
The Bridegroom soon returns.
Earth’s destined day is dawning;
The waiting Father yearns.
From frozen northern wastelands
To pleasant coastal sands,
We herald to the nations
Our Lord for ev’ry land

- 5 -

Till kindreds, tongues, and nations
Around Thy throne shall stand
And without ceasing bless Thee
Our Lord for ev’ry land.

Postlude

“Fanfare on ‘Lancashire’” David Mitchell



VICARAGE CLASS OF 2009

Rodney Craig Parker
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GRADUATE CERTIFICATE IN THEOLOGICAL STUDIES

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Candidates for the Degree of Master of Divinity and Their Research Topics

Scott Douglas LyonsPastor and People in the Lutheran Church of Australia”
Clinton Wayne Magnus
..... “Lutheran Spirituality: Inner Transformation through External Means”

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Scott Douglas Lyons
Edmonton, Alberta

Clinton Wayne Magnus
Luseland, Saskatchewan

THE HONOREE

The Reverend Doctor Richard W. Kraemer
Doctor of Divinity

Richard W. Kraemer was born in Illinois in 1942. He entered Valparaiso University in 1960 and graduated with an Honours B.A. in Philosophy in 1964. Two years later he received an M.A. from Cambridge University in England, while studies for the pastoral ministry at Concordia Seminary in St. Louis, Missouri, culminated in an M.Div. in 1969. Further academic work while he was a pastor in Tennessee, where he ministered to a parish and a university campus from 1969 to 1977, led to the receipt of an S.T.M. degree in 1974. His lifelong passion for historical theology, especially Luther studies, culminated in a Th.D. from Concordia Seminary, St. Louis, in 1998.

Amid these formal milestones, Richard has always understood his vocation to be pastoral as well as academic. He began teaching at Concordia University College of Alberta in the Religious Studies Division (1977-1989), and served as its chair from 1982-1989, while also serving as Dean of Spiritual Life from 1977 to 1990. Further administrative appointments led to his presidency of CUCA from 1991 through 2007, a period marked by rapid expansion of the school’s facilities, programs, and enrollments. Throughout, Richard built strong and rewarding relationships not only with his CUCA colleagues and students, but also within the Lutheran community, within professional and vocational associations, and within the public-service sector in Alberta, across Canada, and internationally.

Richard married Janet Homeier during his vicarage year in Indianapolis in 1968. Their marriage was blessed with three children: Jonathan (Janet; Benjamin, Anna, and Zachary), Cheryl (Jayson; Amy and Kelly), and Rebekah (Joel).

Because of his academic, pastoral, churchly and civic leadership, and his consistent delight in the joy of the Gospel of Jesus Christ, it is our privilege to bestow upon him today the degree of Doctor of Divinity, *honoris causa*.

PARTICIPANTS

Speaker	The Reverend Robert Bugbee <i>President, Lutheran Church–Canada</i>
Liturgist	The Reverend Dr. Manfred Zeuch <i>President, Concordia Lutheran Seminary</i>
Lector	The Reverend Professor Stephen Chambers <i>Professor, Concordia Lutheran Seminary</i>
Choir	Concordia Community Chorus
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Organist.....	Mr. David Mitchell, M.Mus <i>Coordinator of Music, Concordia Lutheran Seminary</i>
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The Rev. Dr. Glenn Schaeffer, M.Div., Ph.D.
The Rev. Mark C. Lobitz, M.Div. M.C.S.
The Rev. Richard Beinert, M.Div. M.A.

ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

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

The Seminary thanks Concordia University College of Alberta for its generous hospitality, the members of the Concordia Lutheran Seminary Guild for serving at the reception, and the members of Concordia Community Chorus for sharing their musical talents with us.

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

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