



CONCORDIA LUTHERAN SEMINARY

The Twenty-Sixth Academic Year

The Sacred Convocation

“Servants for Jesus’ Sake” 2 Cor. 4:5

Friday Evening
May 7, 2010
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 a called servant pastor. 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.

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

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
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THE SACRED CONVOCATION

Organ Prelude

“Prelude and Fugue on ‘Grosser Gott’” David Mitchell

Choral Prelude

“Santo, Santo, Santo” Text: Reginald Heber, trans. Juan Batista Cabrera

..... Music John B. Dykes, arr. Donald Moore

Processional Hymn (*The congregation shall stand.*)

“Holy God, We Praise Thy Name” Text: Trans. Clarence A. Walworth, alt.

- 1 -

Holy God, we praise Thy Name;
Lord of all, we bow before Thee!
All on earth Thy scepter claim,
All in Heaven above adore Thee;
Infinite Thy vast domain,
Everlasting is Thy reign.

- 3 -

Lo! the apostolic train
Join Thy sacred Name to hallow;
Prophets swell the glad refrain,
And the white robed martyrs follow;
And from morn to set of sun,
Through the Church the song goes on.

- 2 -

Hark! the glad celestial hymn
Angel choirs above are raising,
Cherubim and seraphim,
In unceasing chorus praising;
Fill the heavens with sweet accord:
Holy, holy, holy, Lord.

- 4 -

Thou art King of glory, Christ:
Son of God, yet born of Mary;
For us sinners sacrificed,
As to death a tributary:
First to break the bars of death,
Thou hast opened Heaven to faith.

- 5 -

Holy Father, Holy Son,
Holy Spirit, Three we name Thee;
Though in essence only One,
Undivided God we claim Thee;
And adoring bend the knee,
While we own the mystery.

National Anthem: O Canada

- 1 -

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.

- 2 -

O Canada! Terre de nos aïeux,
Ton front est ceint de fleurons glorieux.
Car ton bras sait porter l'épée,
Il sait porter la croix.
Ton histoire est une épopée,
Des plus brillants exploits.
Et ta valeur, de foi trempée,
Protégera nos foyers et nos droits.
Protégera nos foyers et nos droits.

Invocation

Prayer of the Day

Psalmody *(The congregation may be seated)*

Psalm 23Musical Setting, Manfred Zeuch
(Sung by the chorus)

Scripture Reading John 16:5-15

Address: "What Do You Know" 1 Corinthians 2:1-5

Hymn of the Day

"Built on the Rock the Church Shall Stand" Text: Nicolai Grundtvig, trans. Carl Döving

- 1 -

Built on the Rock the Church shall stand,
Even when steeples are falling;
Crumbled have spires in every land,
Bells still are chiming and calling;
Calling the young and old to rest,
But above all the souls distressed,
Longing for rest everlasting.

- 2 -

Surely in temples made with hands,
God, the Most High, is not dwelling;
High above earth His temple stands,
All earthly temples excelling;
Yet He who dwells in heav'n above
Chooses to live with us in love,
Making our bodies His temple.

- 3 -

We are God's house of living stones,
Built for His own habitation;
He through baptismal grace us owns,
Heirs of His wondrous salvation;
Were we but two His Name to tell,
Yet He would deign with us to dwell,
With all His grace and His favor.

- 4 -

Here stands the font before our eyes
Telling how God has received us;
Th' altar recalls Christ's sacrifice
And what His Supper here gives us;
Here sound the Scriptures that proclaim
Christ yesterday, today, the same,
And evermore, our Redeemer.

- 5 -

Grant, then, O God, Your will be done,
That, when the church bells are ringing,
Many in saving faith may come
Where Christ His message is bringing:
"I know My own, My own know Me;
You, not the world, My face shall see.
My peace I leave with you. Amen."

Offering

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Choral Anthem

"Now the Green Blade Rises" Text: John Crum
Arranged: David Mitchell

Seminary Hymn

“Standing Firm”(Text based on the Seminary themes of the first 25 years)

Text & Music: David Mitchell

Refrain:

Standing firm on the Scriptures,
Standing firm in confession,
Standing firm on Lord Jesus our Rock!
Lord God bless us in our mission,
Lift us up, bear us forward,
As we learn, grow and serve
Servants for Jesus’ Sake!

- 1 -

Call'd to press on into all the world;
on to the ends of the earth.
We look to Jesus
the faith of our fathers:
we will learn, we will grow, we will serve!

Refrain

- 2 -

There's no other foundation;
dwell in the Word of the Christ.
In partnership with Jesus,
who makes all things new
raise your hands, rejoice, give thanks and sing!

Refrain

- 3 -

We are sent forth, we are God's blessing:
Be strong in grace, search His Word;
He's the same; yesterday,
today and forever.
Beggars trust in Him; learn, grow and serve!

Refrain

- 4 -

Let your light shine, be an open door;
Remember the wonders He's done!
O the Lord is my strength,
my future, my hope;
I will learn, I will grow, I will serve!

Refrain

- 5 -

Call on Jesus’ name, fix your eyes on Him:
Great is your faithfulness Lord!
Press on to the Goal,
making known His great deeds:
Praised be God! Here am I, send me forth!

Refrain

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

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..... The Rev. Prof. Manfred Zeuch, Ph.D.
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RITE OF COMMENCEMENT

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| Presentation of the Candidates for the Master of Divinity Degree | The Rev. Prof. Edward G. Kettner, Th.D. <i>Academic Dean, Concordia Lutheran Seminary</i> |
| Conferring of the Degrees | The Rev. Prof. Zeuch |
| President's Charge to the Graduates..... | The Rev. Prof. Zeuch |

RITE OF CERTIFICATION AND PLACEMENT

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| Offering of the Graduates to the Church | The Rev. Prof. Zeuch |
| Certification and Presentation of Theological Diplomas..... | The Rev. Prof. Kettner |
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| | The Rev. Thomas Kruesel, M. Div. <i>Third Vice-President, Lutheran Church–Canada</i> |
| Church's Charge to the Candidates | The Rev. Kruesel |

RECOGNITION OF SERVANT LEADERS

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| Presentation of the Candidate for the Doctor of Divinity Degree | The Rev. Prof. Kettner |
| Conferring of the Degree | The Rev. Prof. Zeuch |
| The Presentation of the Candidate for the Faith in Life Award..... | The Rev. Prof. Kettner |
| The Conferring of the Award | The Rev. Prof. Zeuch |
| Introductions and Announcements | The Rev. Prof. Zeuch |
| Closing of the Academic Year | The Rev. Prof. Zeuch |
| Prayers and Benediction (<i>The congregation shall stand.</i>) | |

Recessional Hymn

"Rejoice, O Pilgrim Throng"..... Text: Edward H. Plumptre, alt.

- 1 -

Rejoice, O pilgrim throng!
Rejoice, give thanks, and sing;
Your festal banner wave on high,
The cross of Christ your king.
Refrain: Rejoice! Rejoice! Rejoice,
give thanks, and sing!

- 2 -

With voice as full and strong
As ocean's surging praise,
Send forth the sturdy hymns of old,
The psalms of ancient days.
Refrain

- 3 -

With all the angel choirs,
With all the saints on earth
Pour out the strains of joy and bliss,
True rapture, noblest mirth.

Refrain

- 5 -

Still lift your standard high,
Still march in firm array,
As pilgrims through the darkness wend
Till dawns the golden day.

Refrain

- 4 -

Yet on and onward still,
With hymn and chant and song,
Through gate and porch and columned aisle
The hallowed pathways throng.

Refrain

- 6 -

At last the march shall end;
The wearied ones shall rest;
The pilgrims find their home at last,
Jerusalem the blest.

Refrain

- 7 -

Praise Him who reigns on high,
The Lord whom we adore:
The Father, Son, and Holy Ghost,
One God forevermore.

Refrain

Postlude

- “Fanfare” David Mitchell
- “Rejoice, O Pilgrim Throng” David Schack



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Dawson Creek, British Columbia

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Nanaimo, British Columbia

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Calgary, Alberta

GRADUATING CLASS OF 2010

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- Daniel William Barr The Authority of Scripture in the Development of the ELCIC in Reference to Homosexuality
- Jeffery B. Dul Paul’s Expectation of the Christian Church in Regard to Her Mission, Based on Philipians 2:12-16
- Roger Richard Schremmer [non-thesis]
- Ling Pui Yeong..... Adiaphora: Freedom in the Gospel

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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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