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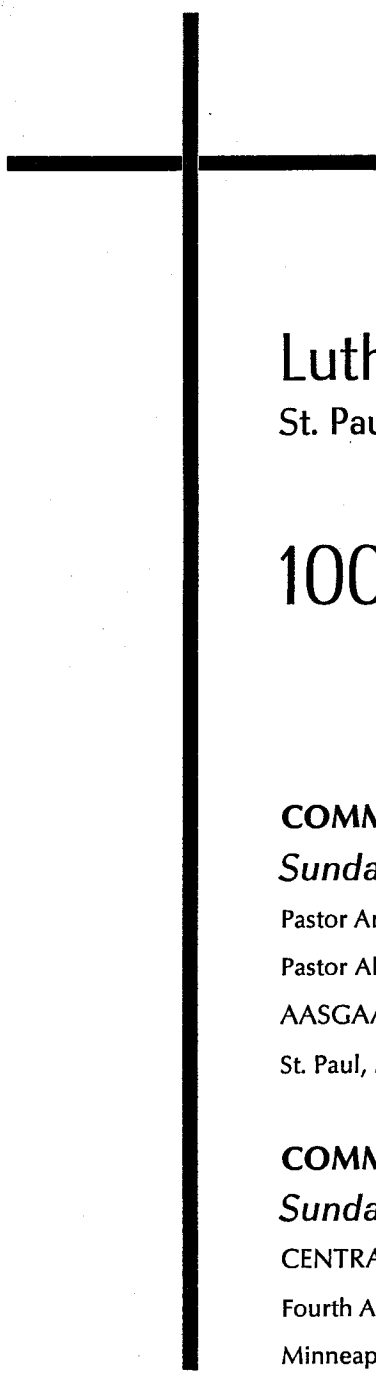
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Luther Theological Seminary
St. Paul, Minnesota

100th Regular Commencement

COMMUNION SERVICE

Sunday, June 1, 1969 at 9:30 A.M.

Pastor Arndt L. Halvorson, Celebrant

Pastor Alvin N. Rogness, Confessional Address

AASGAARD HALL

St. Paul, Minnesota

COMMENCEMENT EXERCISES

Sunday, June 1, 1969 at 3:00 P.M.

CENTRAL LUTHERAN CHURCH

Fourth Avenue South and Grant Street

Minneapolis, Minnesota

Order of Service

THE PRELUDE

O Holy Spirit, Enter In Karg-Elert
God's Time Is the Best J. S. Bach
Mrs. Joyce Hilary, organist

THE PROCESSIONAL HYMN (The congregation will rise)

Thine is the glory, Risen, conquering Son; Endless is the victory Thou o'er death hast won. Angels in bright raiment Rolled the stone away, Kept the folded grave clothes Where thy body lay.	Lo, Jesus meets thee, Risen from the tomb! Lovingly he greets thee, Scatters fear and gloom; Let his Church with gladness Hymns of triumph sing, For her Lord now liveth; Death hath lost its sting.
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Refrain:

Thine is the glory,
Risen, conquering Son;
Endless is the victory
Thou o'er death hast won.

No more we doubt thee,
Glorious Prince of Life;
Life is nought without thee;
Aid us in our strife;
Make us more than conquerors,
Through thy deathless love;
Bring us safe through Jordan
To thy home above.

THE SCRIPTURE AND PRAYER Warren A. Quanbeck
Professor of Systematic Theology

THE ANTHEMS

Cry Out and Shout Knut Nystedt
Love One Another

Luther Seminary Choir
Obed Nelson, Director

THE SERMON: "Our Impossible Calling" Olaf K. Storaasli
II Cor. 3:4-6 Professor of New Testament

THE HYMN

Thou Lord of Hosts, whose guiding hand Has brought us here before thy face, Our spirits wait for thy command, Our silent hearts implore thy peace.	While watching on our arms at night We saw thine angels round us move; We heard thy call, we felt thy light, And followed, trusting to thy love.
Those spirits lay their noblest powers As offerings on thy holy shrine: Thine was the strength that nourished ours; The soldiers of the cross are thine.	Send us where'er thou wilt, O Lord! Through rugged toil and wearying fight; Thy conquering love shall be our sword, And faith in thee our truest might.

Send down thy constant aid, we pray;
Be thy pure angels with us still;
Thy truth, be that our firmest stay;
Our only rest, to do thy will.

THE SERVICE OF DEDICATION (The congregation will rise)

Leader:

The great head of the Church
gave gifts to men
that some should be apostles,
some prophets,
some evangelists,
some pastors and teachers,
for the equipment of the saints,
for the work of the ministry,
for building up the body of Christ,
until we all attain to the unity of the faith
and the knowledge of the Son of God,
to mature manhood,
to the measure of the stature of the
fullness of Christ.

Congregation:

We are the Church—
all kinds and conditions of men,
but one body of Christ
and individually members one of another.

Leader:

There are varieties of gifts, but the same Spirit;
there are varieties of service, but the same Lord;
there are varieties of working,
but it is the same God who inspires them all in every one.
To each is given the manifestation of the Spirit for the
common good.

For there is no distinction between Jew and Greek;
the same Lord is Lord of all
and bestows his riches upon all who call upon him.
So faith comes from what is heard,
and what is heard comes by the preaching of Christ.

Congregation:

But how are men to call upon him in whom they have
not believed?
and how are they to believe in him of whom they have
never heard?
and how are they to hear without a preacher?
and how can men preach unless they are sent?

Leader:

In the presence of God we have met here,
to acknowledge the call of these students to leadership
in the Church of Christ;
to celebrate their fulfillment of all requirements set
by this faculty for academic degrees;
to honor them for their perseverance, faithfulness, and
diligence in study;
and to present them again to the Church in whose
ministries they aspire to serve.

THE ADDRESS TO THE GRADUATES

(Class shall stand, congregation be seated)

Leader:

Members of the graduating class:
Today you complete your formal education for the
Christian ministry.
In this Seminary
you have searched the Scriptures in the hope of
finding life;
you have read the records of great achievement
written not only in the blood of the martyrs,
but more significantly,
in everyday Christian living by ordinary people.

You have entered into the theological reflection
which scholars of the Church have pursued
through the centuries;
you have probed the depths of human personality
in its terrible isolation
and in community;
you have studied the arts and skills
needed by one who would minister effectively
in our time and place.

Without dedication this training will have been in vain.
Nothing but devotion to God and His children
qualifies you for this ministry.
The Jesus who said,
"I have come not to be served,
but to serve,"
has defined the meaning of your ministry.

Your school sends you forth into this ministry
with her love and her blessing,
and she will pray that you may be adequate to your task.

Graduates:

We commit ourselves
to this ministry of service,
to the way of God which Jesus Christ has illumined for us.

We pray that all our works,
through God's gracious help,
may be begun,
continued,
and ended,
in Him,
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

THE CONFERRING OF DEGREES

**AND DIPLOMAS Alvin N. Rogness
President**

**Presentation of the Class Olaf Hansen
Dean of the Faculty**

**Response on Behalf of the Class Ernest A. Mancini
President**

THE HYMN

Glorious things of thee are spoken,
Zion, city of our God;
He, whose word cannot be broken,
Formed thee for his own abode.
On the Rock of Ages founded,
What can shake thy sure repose?
With salvation's walls surrounded,
Thou may'st smile at all thy foes.

Round each habitation hovering,
See the cloud and fire appear
For a glory and a covering,
Showing that the Lord is near;
Thus deriving from their banner
Light by night and shade by day,
Safe they feed upon the manna
Which he gives them when they pray.

See the streams of living waters
Springing from eternal love,
Well supply thy sons and daughters,
And all fear of want remove.
Who can faint while such a river
Ever flows their thirst to assuage,
Grace which, like the Lord, the giver,
Never fails from age to age?

Saviour, if of Zion's city
I, through grace, a member am,
Let the world deride or pity,
I will glory in thy Name.
Fading is the worldling's pleasure,
All his boasted pomp and show;
Solid joys and lasting treasure
None but Zion's children know.

**THE PRAYER AND BENEDICTION Wendell W. Frerichs
Professor of Old Testament**

THE RECESSIONAL (Congregation will be seated)

Holy, Holy, Holy Piet Post

Graduates, their families and friends, are invited to an informal reception in the Parish Hall following the service.

Candidates for Degrees and Diplomas

MASTER OF THEOLOGY DEGREE

June 1, 1969

- Gartner, Allen A. Minneapolis, Minnesota
Biblical Studies
"The Place of 'In Christ' in St. Paul's Theological Thinking"
- Kluender, Marcus C.* Sacramento, California
Practical Theology—Pastoral Care
"Transactional Analysis: Its Meaning for Ministry"
- Kriesel, Harold T.* Los Angeles, California
Practical Theology—Pastoral Care
"Reality Therapy: An Analysis of Its Basic Concepts, Its Departure from
Conventional Therapies, and Its Applicability to Pastoral Counseling"
- Munchinsky, George Winnipeg, Canada
Biblical Studies—Old Testament
"Jeremiah 7:1-15: An Interpretation According to John Bright's Four
Hermeneutical Principles"
- Pauling, Randall D. St. Paul, Minnesota
Biblical Studies—Old Testament
"John the Baptist: A Hermeneutical Study of Mark and Malachi"
- Sponheim, Donald M. Estelline, South Dakota
Systematic Theology
"A Historical Study of the Issues Raised by Revivalism in the Lutheran
Church from 1831-1850 as Discussed in The Lutheran Observer"
- Tsui, Stephen P. K. Hong Kong, China
Practical—Missions and Religions
"A Study of the Chinese Christian Churches in the U.S.A."
- Underdahl, Eldon James Hartland, Minnesota
Church History
"The Social Thought of J. H. W. Stuckenberg, a Late 19th Century
Lutheran Social Scientist"
- VanAntwerp, Malcolm E. St. Paul, Minnesota
Practical—Homiletics
"Sophia Pneuma in Paul's Kerygma in I Cor. 1:17-2:16 with Impli-
cations for Preaching Today"

*With Honors

BACHELOR OF DIVINITY DEGREE
OR DIPLOMA OF GRADUATION

Einar H. Aarsheim
Beverly Burkum Allert
Rolf Francis Amundsen
Bruce Elmo Anderson
Barbara Louise Andrews
Lowell H. Asplund
Charles Walter Bachman
Dean E. Baer
Willis Lawrence Bloedow
Andrew Brenne Boe
Donald Bruce Brekhus
Donald R. Brendtro
Paul M. Dirks
John L. Drier
Ronald Dybvig
Philip Edward Eaves
Richard Eugene Edmonds
Gene R. Eidsness
Stanley B. Ellison
Bruce Alan Engebretson
James David Engh
Thomas Ervin von Fischer
Hans Stavig Theodore Floan
Leslie E. Foss
Donald Robert Francis
Warren H. Funk*
Ordean Leonard Grant
Phillip Alfred Gugel
Gary Allan Hagen
Richard Arndt Halvorson
John Stephen Hanson*
Roald K. Harswick
Dennis L. Heaney
Charles Allen Helffrich
John Douglas Heruth
David Roger Herwick
Erich Paul Hoefer*
Daniel A. Holm
Dennis A. Hugdahl
Reuben B. Jacobson, Jr.
David Gene Johnson
Larry Dean Johnson*
Ronald F. Johnson
Larry George Juergensen
Bruce M. Kelley
Lanny Dean Knutson
Norwood R. Knutson
Jerry L. Laehn
Charles Philip Larson*
George W. Larson

Eugene A. Lehrke
Kenneth M. Lillestrand
James George Lindekugel
Samuel Ole Lotegeluaki
Julio Antonio Loza
Paul Sigfrid Lundborg
Ronald Arthur Lundeen
John G. Lygre
Ernest Albert Mancini, Jr.
Wayne Warren Mensing
Gerald Charles Monge
Dennis C. Morreim
David G. Mullen
Larry Lee Naber
David Harold Nelson
Obed Eugene Nelson
Paul Harold Nelson
Edward M. Nervig
Joseph N. Nilsen
Ronald James Nordin
William August Olsen
Gary Kenneth Olson
John Keith Olson
Linn Alan Opderbecke
Leslie N. Paulson
Stuart Warner Peterson
Dawn Marie Proux
Michael Paul Reisetter
James L. Riede
Paul F. Rogers
Aaron Ronken
Neal W. Ruedisili
Duane O. Salness
Roger Gene Schelinder
Roy Arthur Seger
Clayton Skurdahl
Robert A. Solberg
Howard Eugene Stockman
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Lloyd T. Tobiassen
Stephen A. Torkko
Daniel Trejo-Coria
C. Bruce Ulstad
Lyndon W. West
Robert R. Westerhoff
Robert Paul White, Jr.
Virgil Roy White
Carl Fredrick Wilfrid*
Paul H. Wold

*With Honors