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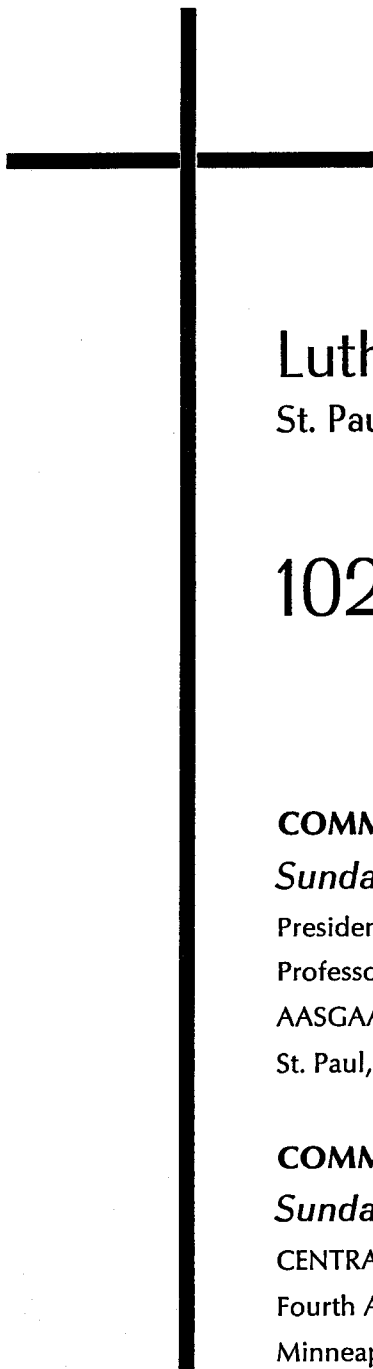
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Luther Theological Seminary
St. Paul, Minnesota

102nd Regular Commencement

COMMUNION SERVICE

Sunday, May 30, 1971 at 9:30 A.M.

President Alvin N. Rogness, Preacher

Professor Wendell W. Frerichs, Liturgist

AASGAARD HALL

St. Paul, Minnesota

COMMENCEMENT EXERCISES

Sunday, May 30, 1971 at 3:00 P.M.

CENTRAL LUTHERAN CHURCH

Fourth Avenue South and Grant Street

Minneapolis, Minnesota

Order of Service

THE PRELUDE

The Church's One Foundation Flor Peeters
In Heaven Is Joy Knut Nystedt
Mrs. Joyce Hilary, organist

THE PROCESSIONAL HYMN (The congregation will rise)

Praise to the Lord, the Almighty, the King of creation;
O my soul, praise him, for he is thy health and salvation:
All ye who hear,
Now to his temple draw near;
Joining in glad adoration.

Praise to the Lord, who o'er all things so wondrously reigneth,
Shelters thee under his wings, yea, so gently sustaineth:
Hast thou not seen?
All that is needful hath been
Granted in what he ordaineth.

Praise to the Lord, who doth prosper thy work and defend thee;
Surely his goodness and mercy here daily attend thee.
Ponder anew
What the Almighty can do,
If with his love he befriend thee!

Praise to the Lord, O let all that is in me adore him;
All that hath life and breath, come now with praises before him!
Let the Amen
Sound from his people again;
Gladly for aye we adore him. Amen.

THE SCRIPTURE AND PRAYER William E. Hulme
Professor of Pastoral Counseling

THE ANTHEM

Ps. 4 When I Call Joseph Gelineau
Luther Seminary Choir
Jan Flaaten, Director

THE SERMON: "A Day for Good Tidings" . . . Paul G. Sonnack
Professor of Church History

THE HYMN

Holy God, we praise thy Name;
Lord of all, we bow before thee!
All on earth thy sceptre claim,
All in heaven above adore thee;
Infinite thy vast domain,
Everlasting is thy reign.

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

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

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

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.

Leader:

Do you confess . . .

as in the presence of God, that Jesus Christ is Lord and that you are
now living in fellowship with Him by faith?

Do you promise . . .

that, by the grace of the Lord, you will ever be loyal in life and in
teaching to God's Holy Word and the Lutheran Confession?

God give you grace to make this confession in spirit and in truth.

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

Harvey Nelson
President, Student Association

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.

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. Amen.

THE PRAYER AND BENEDICTION . . . John V. Halvorson
Professor of Old Testament

THE RECESSIONAL (Congregation will be seated)
Sanctus, Deus, Trinitas Knut Nystedt

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

May 30, 1971

Robert W. Gustafson St. Paul, Minnesota
Biblical Studies
"The Reliability of Isaiah 6 in the Masoretic Text—A Study in Textual Criticism"

John K. Harms New Brighton, Minnesota
Church History
"The Theological Crisis in 16th Century Music"

Luther Marlyn Johnson Kansas City, Missouri
Practical Theology, Ministry in Social Change
"Cooperative Ministries: A Way to Discover the Church?"

Bruce M. Kelley Arlington, Virginia
Practical Theology, Ministry in Social Change
"A Constructive Look at Conflict in the Local Congregation"

Lawrence R. Likness Saskatoon, Saskatchewan, Canada
Church History
"The Influence of American Religious Movements on the Development of Protestantism in the Canadas, 1760-1820"

Glen H. Nelson Sterling Park, Virginia
Practical Theology, Ministry in Social Change
"Grace and Ministry for a Time of Social Change"

MASTER OF DIVINITY DEGREE
OR DIPLOMA OF GRADUATION

Cletus E. Alley	Paul Lane Harrington	Steven A. Olsen
David Harlan Almlie	Kenneth Hauge	Dan Gordon Olson
Paul Andrew Baker	L. Keith Hedstrom	Darrel Richard Olson
Louis Francis Balderach	Duane G. Hetland	Douglas K. Olson
David J. Barber	David Ernest Hinrichs	Bjørn Pedersen
David C. Barker	Paul T. Hirdman	Gerald L. Petersen*
George Henry Bauman	Donald Hodson	Wallace B. Peterson, Jr.
Alvin C. Berg	David Morris Holm	Gerald L. Rafferty
Lowell Orville Berg	Clifford R. Hoper	Roger W. Rattmann
Richard Olaf Blomker	Robert DeForest Hurlbut	William Fredrick Reck
James L. Boyce*	David Loren Isaacson	Mark H. Reitan
Douglas E. Brandt	Allen M. Jerdee	Robert L. Rendahl
Spencer David Brien	Allan Edward Johnson*	Gerald Arthur Ripley, Jr.*
Ronald C. Burke	David Milton Johnson	John Lee Ross*
Bruce Lawrence Burslie	Joseph James Johnson*	Loyal Duane Rue
Thomas Warren Burtch	Arleigh E. Jorgenson	Thomas James Sahl
George G. Carlson	Gregory B. Karlsgodt	Ronald C. Sample
Paul G. Christopher	Curtiss Allen Karlstad	Gary Ward Sartain
Roger Lee Churness	John Delano Kautz	Allen James Saterbak
William R. Coffman	Timothy Paul Kellgren	David Hartman Skordahl
Robert L. Dahl	Harold B. Kildahl, III	Howard A. Skulstad
James Sydney Davis	David J. Kilde	Terry B. Sletto
David B. Deem*	Franklin D. Kjørvestad	Percy James Smerek
Donald L. Deines	Robert B. Kridler	David Einer Hansen Solevad
Philip A. Demers	John O. Lee	John K. Stake
Harold John Dragseth	James E. Leschensky	Lowell Eugene Stime
Arthur Erling Ellickson	Ronald Dwight Letnes	Loren Eric Swanson
Richard T. Engen*	Philip Albert Lewison	James Edward Swiecichowski
Robert F. Ericson	Wilfred H. Lien	Darryl Douglas Aanel Torrin
John E. Fortin*	John Torris Lohre	Gary Peter Tweet
Richard John Foss	James Mark Magelssen	John O. Tweeten
K. David Gabrielsen	David John Monge	James T. Ulrikson
Ronald R. Gilthvedt	John Henry Moody	Larry Allan Vigen
Rolfe Evan Gjellstad	Dennis Richard Nelson	Rolf P. Wangberg
James A. Gullickson	Harvey LeRoy Nelson*	Charles Ralph Weagel
James Truman Gullickson	James A. Nelson	Brian Lynn Wermager
Wayne H. Hagen	Edmund Kent Nesselhuf	Raymond E. Wiebold
Wayne Orald Hall	James Arne Nestingen*	Kurt Milton Wied
Dale Alfred Halverson	Eddie A. Nilsen	John Douglas Wogsland
Gary K. Hanson	Robert D. Nordvall	David Thomas Wold
Jerry A. Hanson	James O. Olia	Paul Frederick Wolff
Isaiah W. Harriday	Terry Ray Oliver	

* With Honors

Master of Arts in Religion and Youth Ministry Degree

David O. Carter

John Alan Stoltzfus