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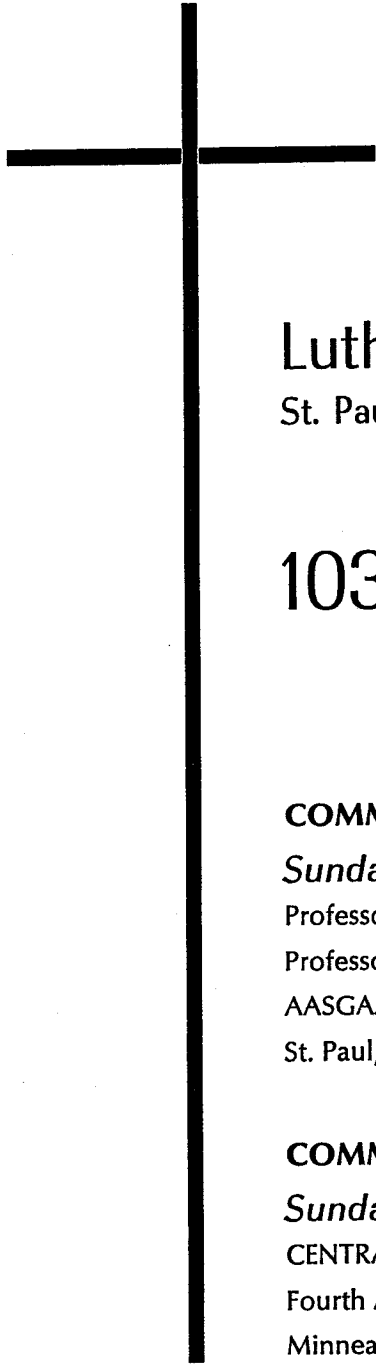
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Luther Theological Seminary  
St. Paul, Minnesota

103rd Regular Commencement

**COMMUNION SERVICE**

*Sunday, May 28, 1972 at 9:30 A.M.*

Professor Gerhard E. Frost, Preacher

Professor Charles S. Anderson, Liturgist

AASGAARD HALL

St. Paul, Minnesota

**COMMENCEMENT EXERCISES**

*Sunday, May 28, 1972 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  
Kyrie for the Masses . . . . . Couperin

Mrs. Joyce Hilary, organist

## THE PROCESSIONAL HYMN: #397 (Hyfrydol) (The congregation will rise)

Love divine, all loves excelling,  
Joy of heaven, to earth come down!  
Fix in us thy humble dwelling,  
All thy faithful mercies crown.  
Jesus, thou art all compassion,  
Pure unbounded love thou art;  
Visit us with thy salvation,  
Enter every trembling heart.

Come, almighty to deliver,  
Let us all thy life receive;  
Suddenly return, and never,  
Never more thy temples leave.  
Thee we would be always blessing,  
Serve thee as thy hosts above,  
Pray, and praise thee without ceasing,  
Glory in thy precious love.

Breathe, O breathe thy loving spirit  
Into every troubled breast;  
Let us all in thee inherit,  
Let us find thy promised rest.  
Take away the love of sinning;  
Alpha and Omega be;  
End of faith, as its beginning,  
Set our hearts at liberty.

Finish then thy new creation,  
Pure and spotless let us be;  
Let us see thy great salvation,  
Perfectly restored in thee!  
Changed from glory into glory,  
Till in heaven we take our place,  
Till we cast our crowns before thee,  
Lost in wonder, love, and praise.

Amen.

OPENING PRAYER . . . . . James H. Burtness

Professor of Systematic Theology

## THE ANTHEM

O Day Full of Grace . . . . . Arr. Carl Andersen

Luther Seminary Choir

Carl Andersen, Director

THE SERMON: "On Being a Servant" . . . . . Terence E. Fretheim

Isaiah 50:4-8a

Associate Professor of Old Testament

THE HYMN: #171 (Darmstadt)

Our God, to whom we turn  
When weary with illusion,  
Whose stars serenely burn  
Above this earth's confusion,  
Thine is the mighty plan,  
The steadfast order sure,  
In which the world began,  
Endures, and shall endure.

Wherever goodness lurks  
We catch thy tones appealing;  
Where man for justice works  
Thou art thyself revealing;  
The blood of man, for man  
On friendship's altar spilt,  
Betrays the mystic plan  
On which thy house is built.

Thou art thyself the truth:  
Though we, who fain would find thee,  
Have tried, with thought uncouth,  
In feeble worlds to bind thee,  
It is because thou art  
We're driven to the quest;  
Till truth from falsehood part  
Our souls can find no rest.

Thou hidden fount of love,  
Of peace, and truth, and beauty,  
Inspire us from above  
With joy and strength for duty.  
May thy fresh light arise  
Within each clouded heart,  
And give us open eyes  
To see thee as thou art. 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 . . . . .	Paul A. Johnson
	President, Senior Class
Presentation of Walter Wietzke, Executive Director, Board of Theological Education	

THE HYMN: #446 (Lyons)

Ye servants of God, your Master proclaim,  
And publish abroad his wonderful Name;  
The Name all victorious of Jesus extol;  
His kingdom is glorious, and rules over all.  
God ruleth on high, almighty to save;  
And still he is nigh, his presence we have;  
The great congregation his triumph shall sing,  
Ascribing salvation to Jesus our King.  
Salvation to God, who sits on the throne!  
Let all cry aloud, and honor the Son:  
The praises of Jesus the angels proclaim,  
Fall down on their faces, and worship the Lamb.

Then let us adore, and give him his right,  
All glory and power, all wisdom and might,  
All honor and blessing, with angels above,  
And thanks never ceasing, and infinite love. Amen.

THE PRAYER AND BENEDICTION . . . . Paul R. Sponheim  
Associate Professor of Systematic Theology

THE RECESSIONAL (Congregation will be seated)  
Toccata and Fugue in D Minor . . . . . J. S. Bach

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 28, 1972

- Arden K. Barden . . . . . East Jordan, Michigan  
Practical Theology, Ministry in Social Change  
"Creative Dysfunction: Ministry and Social Change"
- Kurapati D. Benjamin . . . . . Renigunta, Chittor dt., India  
Practical Theology  
"A Christian Approach to Hinduism"
- Dennis J. Everson . . . . . Addis Ababa, Ethiopia  
Practical Theology, Ministry in Social Change  
"Ministering to Militants"
- Mihreteab Gebrehiwet . . . . . Asmara, Ethiopia  
Historical Theology  
"The Doctrine of Justification in the Theology of Martin Luther: A Comparative Study of Lectures on Romans (1515, 16) and Galatians (1535)"
- Modris K. Gulbis . . . . . Minneapolis, Minnesota  
Practical Theology  
"Psychical Themes in the Writings of Leslie D. Weatherhead"
- Michael C. Hendrickson . . . . . Minnetonka, Minnesota  
Systematic Theology  
"The Place of Community in the Mind of Charles Sanders Peirce: Toward An American Theology"
- K. E. Amos Lyimo . . . . . Moshi, Tanzania  
Historical Theology  
"Lutheranism in Chaggaland Kilimanjaro Region"
- Viesturs Pavasars . . . . . St. Paul, Minnesota  
Historical Theology  
"The Development of Marian Piety to the Theotokos Controversy in Relationship to Christology"
- Vernon W. Toso . . . . . St. Paul, Minnesota  
Systematic Theology  
"The Positive Thrust of Conscience in Luther's Theology"
- Richard H. Wangen . . . . . Sao Leopoldo, Brazil  
Practical Theology, Ministry in Social Change  
"The Quest for Wholeness in a Broken World: A Hermeneutic for Christian Care in Our Time"

MASTER OF DIVINITY DEGREE  
OR DIPLOMA OF GRADUATION

Carl Edwin Andersen	Keith O. Hanson	Robert Lien Quam
Gary D. Anderson	Roger D. Hardy	Stephen David Quill
Gene V. Anderson	John Peter Hinderlie	Harley J. Refsal
James E. Anderson	John Edwin Hosmann	Richard LaVern Rierson
Kirk Elliott Anderson	Mark Gerhard Huggenvik	Peter Rogness
Wayne David Bailey	Thomas James Hunt	Merrill D. Ronning
Ronald Roy Becklund	Lauren Einar Johnson	Lawrence L. Rorem
W. Bruce Benson	Mark Randall Johnson	Philip L. Rue
Joel Silas Bjerkestrand	Paul A. Johnson	C. David Satre
Gary Victor Blumanthal	Paul D. Johnson	John Vincent Schleif
Michael Skatt Borge	John H. Jorde	Clifford John Schmidt
Conrad Arndt Braaten	L. Wayne Kendrick	Stuart J. Schroeder
Paul E. Christ	Alex Patrick Kerr	Stephen Carl Sheie
Jerry Allen Crawford	John R. Knapp	Richard H. Shouse
Frank James Dolven	Steven M. Larson	Gary Dean Simpson
Kenneth Carl Domke	William Russell Lavann	Einar Eugene Smith
David William Eggebraten	Steven C. Lombardo	William X. Smith
James P. Ehrlichmann	Raymond B. Makeever	Gary M. Solomonson
Bruce D. Engebretson	John Randolph Malm	Richard William Spiedel
Mark Jerome Engebretson	Lloyd Junior Mart	Gary B. Stangland
Paul Thorval Evenson	Tomas E. Meeks	James A. Stern
Paul Arthur Fauske	John H. Melton	George Stoddard, Jr.
Paul Flack Forde	Don E. Merkel	Ronald H. Struckmann
Keith H. Forrester	F. Orlando Molina	Charles John Taft
Howard Augustine Fosser	Zambrano	Glenn Russell Taibl
Garrett Bruce Frank	James Fraser Moore	Paul W. Tastad
Wayne Lee Fuller	Harold C. Mueller	Iver N. Torgerson
Gregory Richard Garmer	Glen A. Nicola	Robert Charles Toso
Craig Marlow Geiger	Kenneth Wayne Nyhusmoen	Oscar E. Twedt
George B. Gilbertson	Ray Alan Olson	Ronald Armand Voss
John Martin Gorder	Stanley Norris Olson	Mark Johnson Wikstrom
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James Charles Haerter	Harl Pike	Stephen Arnold Wold
John Lawrence Halvorson	Charles Robert Plaster	Teklehaimanot Woldegiorgis
Robert Dale Hansen	Wayne H. Pris	

Master of Arts in Religion and Youth Ministry Degree

Gregg Robert Anderson	Christopher Scott Hobbs	John Roger McVay
Dale Robert Halpain	Paul Craig Lounsbury	Russell Wayne Palmer

Certificate of Attendance

Occum Bruce Miller