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The
One Hundred and Twenty-third
Commencement

**Luther Northwestern
Theological Seminary**

3:00 p.m., Sunday, May 24, 1992
Central Lutheran Church
Minneapolis, Minnesota

The Order of Service

THE PRELUDE

Luther Brass

THE PROCESSIONAL HYMN

"Built on a Rock"

No. 365

The congregation shall rise when the procession enters the sanctuary.

Built on a rock the Church shall stand,
Even when steeples are falling;
Crumbled have spires in ev'ry land,
Bells still are chiming and calling —
Calling the young and old to rest,
Calling the souls of those distressed,
Longing for life everlasting.

Not in our temples made with hands
God, the Almighty, is dwelling;
High in the heav'ns his temple stands,
All earthly temples excelling.
Yet he who dwells in heav'n above
Deigns to abide with us in love,
Making our bodies his temple.

We are God's house of living stones,
Built for this own habitation;
He fills our hearts his humble thrones,
Granting us life and salvation.
Were two or three to seek his face,
He in their midst would show his grace,
Blessings upon them bestowing.

Yet in this house, an earthly frame,
Jesus the children is blessing;
Hither we come to praise his name,
Faith in our Savior confessing.
Jesus to us his Spirit sent,
Making with us his covenant,
Granting his children the kingdom.

Through all the passing year, O Lord,
Grant that, when church bells are ringing,
Many may come to hear God's Word
Where he this promise 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

WELCOME

Stephen J. Cornils
Pastor, Central Lutheran Church

DIALOGUE

Leader: Show us your mercy, O Lord,
Cong.: **and grant us your salvation.**
Leader: Clothe your ministers with righteousness.
Cong.: **Let your people sing with joy.**
Leader: Give peace, O Lord, in all the world;
Cong.: **for only in you can we live in safety.**
Leader: Lord, keep this nation under your care,
Cong.: **and guide us in the way of justice and truth.**
Leader: Let your way be known upon the earth;
Cong.: **your saving health among all nations.**
Leader: Let not the needy, O Lord, be forgotten,
Cong.: **nor the hope of the poor be taken away.**
Leader: Create in us clean hearts, O God,
Cong.: **and sustain us with your Holy Spirit.**

I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.
I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.
He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit
and born of the virgin Mary.
He suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried.
He descended into hell.
On the third day he rose again.
He ascended into heaven,
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again to judge the living and the dead.
I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic Church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

The Lord be with you.
And also with you.

The congregation shall be seated.

FIRST LESSON

Genesis 7:11, 17-21; 8:1, 13-15

PSALM 140 Paraphrase

"Praise the Lord! O Heavens"

No. 540

Praise the Lord! O heav'ns, adore him;
Praise him, angels, in the height;
Sun and moon, rejoice before him;
Praise him, gleaming stars and light.
Praise the Lord, for he has spoken;
Worlds his mighty voice obeyed;
Laws which never shall be broken.
For their guidance he has made.

Praise the Lord, for he is gracious;
Never shall his promise fail.
God has made his saints victorious;
Sin and death shall not prevail.
Praise the God of our salvation;
Hosts on high, his pow'r proclaim;
Heav'n and earth, and all creation,
Laud and magnify his name!

THE GOSPEL

Matthew 8:23-27

THE ADDRESS

"Going Down the River in a
Fragile Craft and Loving the Journey"

THE HYMN

"How Firm a Foundation"
No. 507

How firm a foundation, O saints of the Lord,
Is laid for your faith in his excellent Word!
What more can he say than to you he has said
Who unto the Savior for refuge have fled?

Fear not, I am with you, oh, be not dismayed,
For I am your God and will still give your aid;
I'll strengthen you, help you, and cause you to stand,
Upheld by my righteous, omnipotent hand.

When through fiery trials your pathway shall lie,
My grace, all-sufficient, shall be your supply.
The flames shall not hurt you; I only design
Your dross to consume and your gold to refine.

Throughout all their lifetime my people shall prove
My sov'reign, eternal, unchangeable love;
And then, when gray hairs shall their temples adorn,
Like lambs they shall still in my bosom be borne.

PRESENTATION OF
CHRISTUS LUX MUNDI AWARD

THE CALL TO MISSION President David L. Tiede
The congregation shall rise.

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,
between slave and free;
between male and female;
the same Lord is Lord of all
and bestows his riches upon all who call upon him.

People:

**We are the church — all kinds and conditions of
people, but one body of Christ and individually
members of one another.**

Leader:

Graduating students, in the presence of God
we have met here
to honor you for your perseverance, faithfulness,
and diligence in study
and to present to the Church all of you who aspire to
serve the Church of God in a variety of ministries.

When he said,

"I have come not to be served, but to serve,"
Jesus defined the meaning of ministry.

Your school sends you forth into this service
with its love and blessing, and prays that you may be
adequate to your task.

Candidates:

**With faith in the Triune God, we commit ourselves
to this ministry of service.**

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

The congregation shall be seated.

THE CONFERRING OF DEGREES

Welcome President Tiede

Presentation of the Class Daniel J. Simundson
Dean of Academic Affairs

Conferring of Degrees President Tiede

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Director of Doctor of Ministry Program

RESPONSE IN BEHALF OF THE GRADUATES

Margaret I. Nutter

THE PRAYER

The congregation shall stand.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Our Father in heaven,
hallowed be your name,
your kingdom come,
your will be done,
on earth as in heaven.
Give us today our daily bread.
Forgive us our sins
as we forgive those
who sin against us.
Save us from the time of trial
and deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power,
and the glory are yours
now and forever. Amen.

THE BENEDICTION

THE RECESSIONAL HYMN

"On Our Way Rejoicing" No. 260

On our way rejoicing Gladly let us go.
Christ our Lord has conquered; Vanquished is the foe.
Christ without, our safety; Christ within our joy;
Who, if we be faithful, Can our hope destroy?
On our way rejoicing; As we forward move,
Hearken to our praises, O blest God of love!

Unto God the Father Joyful songs we sing;
Unto God the Savior Thankful hearts we bring;
Unto God the Spirit Bow we and adore,
On our way rejoicing Now and evermore.
On our way rejoicing; As we forward move,
Hearken to our praises, O blest God of love!

THE POSTLUDE

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

Participants in the Service

PRESIDING

David L. Tiede

President, Luther Northwestern

PRESIDING MINISTER

Loren Halvorson

*Retiring Professor of Pastoral Theology and Ministry,
Church and Society*

READERS

David N. Anderson

Master of divinity degree candidate

Barbara Sikkink

Master of arts degree candidate

SPEAKER

Margaret J. Thomas

Executive Director, Minnesota Council of Churches

CRUCIFER

Lee Dudycha

Senior master of divinity student

BANNER BEARERS

Margo Martens

Middler master of divinity student

Katherine Michael

Second year master of arts student

MARSHALS

Kyle Halverson

Graduate Student

Karoline Lewis

Middler master of divinity student

Mark Orvick

Middler master of divinity student

Leesa Schmidt

Middler master of divinity student

ORGANIST

Mark Sedio

Luther Northwestern Organist

LUTHER BRASS

Peter Soli, trumpet

Kathy Saxe, trumpet

John Miller, Jr., trumpet

Pamela Marolla, horn

Michael Engh, horn

Grant Christensen, trombone

James Limburg, trombone

Daniel Engh, trombone

Robert Brusic, baritone

Daniel Ankerfelt, baritone

Vincent Marolla, tuba

The Commencement Speaker

Margaret J. Thomas, the speaker for Luther Northwestern Theological Seminary's 123rd Commencement, is executive director of the Minnesota Council of Churches.

Thomas, an ordained minister of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.), has been executive director of the Minnesota Council since 1985. Prior to her current position she had served in the national office of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) and its two predecessor denominations for more than 19 years.

The council Thomas heads is an ecumenical organization comprised of Protestant, Orthodox and Catholic judicatories and other religious organizations in the state of Minnesota.

Thomas earned a bachelor of science degree in mathematics from Michigan State University and a master of divinity degree from Union Theological Seminary of Virginia. She holds the doctor of ministry degree from San Francisco Theological Seminary and has done additional graduate work in the area of clinical psychology.

The Christus Lux Mundi Award

The first Christus Lux Mundi Award is being presented as part of Luther Northwestern's 123rd commencement service today. The name of the award originates from the inscription carved in the stone above the main entrance to Gullixson Hall, the home of the Luther Northwestern library.

That inscription (translated Christ the Light of the World) articulates the central purpose of the seminary and identifies the kind of ministry and service to which the seminary is committed.

The Christus Lux Mundi Award is the most distinguished award to be presented by Luther Northwestern. It honors the witness and service of persons who have manifested the light of Christ during a long and distinguished career either in the pastoral office or as a lay person. No more than one of the awards is presented a year.

The first recipient of Luther Northwestern's Christus Lux Mundi Award is President Emeritus Alvin N. Rogness, who was president and professor of pastoral theology and ministry from 1955 until he retired in 1974.

May 24, 1992 LNTS

Candidates for Degrees

Master of Arts

(2)

- Chris Bradley Anderson
St. Mark's Lutheran Church, Grand Forks, N.D.
- Suzanne Shirley Arens
St. James Lutheran Church, Crystal, Minn.
- Drew W. Blankinan
Hope Presbyterian, Richfield, Minn.
- Mary Jane Chapin
Second Church of Christ, Scientist, Minneapolis, Minn.
- Beatrice Nduhukiire Garubanda*
Anglican Church of Uganda, Mbarara, Uganda
- James Cloyd Giles
Silver Creek Lutheran Church, Thief River Falls, Minn.
- Julie Maria Green*
Normandale Lutheran Church, Edina, Minn.
- Kathryn Holum
Central Lutheran Church, Minneapolis, Minn.
- Julie Anderson Jones*
Redeemer Lutheran Church, Indianola, Iowa
- Frank A. Kerkemeyer
Morning Star Lutheran Church, Omaha, Neb.
- Michael A. Larson
Messiah Lutheran Church, Fargo, N.D.
- Charles Rhodes Noel
Church of St. Cecilia, St. Paul, Minn.
- Dennis John Oslund
Lord of Life Lutheran Church, Ramsey, Minn.
- Barbara Sikkink
Glendorado Lutheran Church, Princeton, Minn.
- Melissa Jean Staub
Vineyard Christian Fellowship, Roscoe, Ill.
- Valerie A. Stein°
Epiphany Lutheran Church, Dayton, Ohio

- Emily Marie Stelter
Our Savior's Lutheran Church, Los Angeles, Calif.
- Joanna Carlson Swanson
Normandale Lutheran Church, Edina, Minn.
- Sherry Lea Swanson
First Lutheran Church, Colorado Springs, Colo.
- Paul M. Tjostem
Decorah Lutheran Church, Decorah, Iowa
- Lorraine King Wiklander
Christ Lutheran Church, Minneapolis, Minn.

Master of Arts in Worship

(3)

- Julie M. Lindorff*
Holy Trinity Lutheran Church, Minneapolis, Minn.
- Richard Dean Paulsen*
Trinity Lutheran Church, Rapid City, S.D.
- James Berthol Ryberg*
Calvary Lutheran Church of Golden Valley (Minn.)

Master of Divinity

(97)

- David Nathan Anderson
Holy Cross Lutheran Church, Menomonee Falls, Wis.
- Dwight Lyman Myhre Anderson
Augustana Lutheran Church, Minneapolis, Minn.
- Gretchen Eve Myhre Anderson*
Vision of Glory Lutheran Church, Plymouth, Minn.
- Mark Philip Astrup
Good Shepherd Lutheran Church, Moorhead, Minn.
- Patricia Elaine Baglien
St. Andrew Lutheran Church, East Bethel, Minn.
- Allan Charles Bakke
Peace Lutheran Church, Cosmos, Minn.
- Bradley Michael Barr
Mount Calvary Lutheran Church, Excelsior, Minn.
- Jodie Rennee Belknap*
St. John's Lutheran Church, Eau Claire, Wis.

Names of churches are the candidate's home and/or supporting congregation.

°John Milton Prize in Old Testament

*Requirements to be completed by Sept. 1, 1992.

Steven Allen Bruer
Trinity Lutheran Church, Alberta, Minn.

John Ernest Carlson
Gethsemane Lutheran Church, Hopkins, Minn.

Dennis John Cooley
Phunney Ridge Lutheran Church, Seattle, Wash.

Stephen George Cruys
Trinity Lutheran Church, Lindstrom, Minn.

A. Lee Daugherty
St. Luke Lutheran Church, Spokane, Wash.

Lynn A. DeYoung
Zumbro Lutheran Church, Rochester, Minn.

Scott R. Duffus
Trinity Lutheran Church, Owatonna, Minn.

Clay Eric Ellingson
Redeemer Lutheran Church, Wayne, Neb.

Richard G. Erickson
*Trinity Lutheran Church of Minnehaha Falls,
Minneapolis, Minn.*

Michael Fall-Vetsch*
St. Peder Lutheran Church, Minneapolis, Minn.

Eric Paul Finsand
Holy Trinity Lutheran Church, Mercer Island, Wash.

Richard Alan Fitzer
Grace Lutheran Church, Luverne, Minn.

Larry W. Gerbitz
Trinity Lutheran Church, Hammond, Wis.

Tania Marie Hammer
Trinity Lutheran Church, Moorhead, Minn.

Paul Jonathan Harder
Grace Lutheran Church, Saginaw, Mich.

Susan Marie Harning
Family of God Lutheran Church, Duluth, Minn.

Arden Duane Haug
St. Olaf Lutheran Church, Austin, Minn.

Paul Allen Hauschild
American Lutheran Church, Windom, Minn.

Andrew Bernard Hinderlie*
Woodlake Lutheran Church, Richfield, Minn.

Thomas John Holtey
Olvet Lutheran Church, Fargo, N.D.

Allyne Marie Holz
Our Saviour Lutheran Church, Cedar, Minn.

Philip Gideon Houser
North Heights Lutheran Church, Roseville, Minn.

Eric J. Hulstrand
North Heights Lutheran Church, Roseville, Minn.

Sharon Ann Israel
*Evangelical Lutheran Church of the Redeemer,
Atlanta, Ga.*

Scott Douglas Jakel
St. John Lutheran Church, Raymond, Minn.

Barbara Wallace Johnson
Lamb of God Lutheran Church, Houston, Texas

Timothy Johnson*
Trinity Lutheran Church, Glenburn, N.D.

Diane S. Krumm
First Lutheran Church, St. Ansgar, Iowa

Rose Marie Lewis
Our Savior's Lutheran Church, Los Angeles, Calif.

Mark D. Lingle*
Calvary Lutheran Church, Park Rapids, Minn.

Hansel Hing-Chow Lo
Chinese Lutheran Church, San Francisco, Calif.

Mary Elise Lowe
Central Lutheran Church, Anchorage, Alaska

Rebecca Linn Lucky[§]
First Lutheran Church, Richmond Beach, Wash.

Barbara Ruth MacKinnon
Family of Christ Lutheran Church, Chanhassen, Minn.

Shawn R. Mai
St. John Lutheran Church, Russell, Kan.

Michael J. Mandsager
First Lutheran Church, Decorah, Iowa

Pamela Marie Marolla
St. Peter's Lutheran Church, Northfield, Minn.

Vincent Edward Marolla
St. Peter's Lutheran Church, Northfield, Minn.

[§]Roy Harrisville, Sr., Prize in Homiletics

Robert Brent Marsalis*
St Mark Evangelical Lutheran Church, St. Louis, Mo.

Paul James Mattson
Gloria Dei Lutheran Church, Anchorage, Alaska

John Alan Mayer
North Heights Lutheran Church, Roseville, Minn.

Breck David McHan*
Messiah Lutheran Church, Camrose, Alberta, Canada

Janice Lynn Mehlhoff
Hosanna Lutheran Church, Forest Lake, Minn.

Karin Marie Agnes Moberg
Calvary Lutheran Church, Bemidji, Minn.

Megan Beth Morrow
First Lutheran Church, Lincoln, Neb

Peter Karl Muschinske
Bethany Lutheran Church, Rice Lake, Wis.

Kevin W. Nelson
First Lutheran Church, Fargo, N.D.

Lynne Newell Nelson*
*Royal Redeemer Lutheran Church,
Mendota Heights, Minn.*

Paul Andrew Nelson*
Christ the King Lutheran Church, Bloomington, Minn.

Douglas Paul Norquist*
Gustavus Adolphus Lutheran Church, St. Paul, Minn

Margaret I. Nutter
Our Saviour Lutheran Church, Cedar, Minn.

Barbara Carol Pampu*
Faith Lutheran Church, Golden, Colo.

Mary Elizabeth Pechauer
Lake Edge Lutheran Church, Madison, Wis

April Ann Peterson*
English Lutheran Church, Hazen, N D.

Mark A. Peterson
Trinity Lutheran Church, Owatonna, Minn.

Michelle Marie Rem
Prince of Peace Lutheran Church, Schawmburg, Ill.

Warren Jay Riley
Nazareth Lutheran Church, Cedar Falls, Iowa

William Edwin Rindy
Mayville Lutheran Church, Mayville, N D.

Nancy J. Risty
First English Lutheran Church, Cannon Falls, Minn.

Timothy Scott Robertson
Prince of Peace Lutheran Church, Burnsville, Minn.

Kathryn Hoff Rothman
*Redeemer Lutheran Church, Succasunna, N.J.
Christ the King Lutheran Church,
White Bear Lake, Minn.*

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*Mount Olivet of Plymouth Lutheran Church,
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Christ Lutheran Church, Wisner, Neb

Lynn Marie Seep*
Gloria Dei Lutheran Church, St Paul, Minn.

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Bethlehem Lutheran Church, Portland, Ore

Eric John Silberschmidt
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First Lutheran Church, Little Falls, Minn.

Sally Ann Smith
First Lutheran Church, Little Falls, Minn.

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St. Matthew's Lutheran Church, St Paul, Minn.

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Westwood Lutheran Church, St. Louis Park, Minn

Rebecca J. Parrish Wegner*
King of Glory Lutheran Church, Dallas, Texas

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St. Luke's Lutheran Church, Minneapolis, Minn

Timothy Ronald White
Newport Lutheran Church, Newport, Minn.

Darin E. Wiebe §*
Canton Lutheran Church, Canton, S.D.

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Nativity Lutheran Church, Minneapolis, Minn

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Pedro Caceres-Larreategui, Dallas, Texas*
"Questions for Christian Stewards"

Rollen Martin Halvorson, Redwood Falls, Minn.
"The Biblical Practice of Tithing as an Adequate
Parish Stewardship Program"

John D. Hopper, Westbrook, Minn.
"Caring Community: Developing an Intentional
Caring Ministry of the Baptized"

James F. McDonald, Plymouth, Minn. †
"The Pastoral Preparation of Deacons in the Archdiocese
of St. Paul/Minneapolis"

Scott Arthur Ofsdahl, Bussier City, La.
"The Mentor Project: A Proposal of Peer Support for
Clergy in the Synods of the Evangelical Lutheran Church
in America"

Gene V. Sikkink, Princeton, Minn.
"The Glendora-Good Shepherd Lutheran Parish —
A Study of Continuity in the Small Rural Congregation"

Jack L. Sowers, North Branch, Minn.
"Ministry to Infertile Couples within the Evangelical
Free Church"

Brian L. Wermager, Duluth, Minn. †
"A Model for Evangelism as a Task of the Congregation"

Carl M. Westby, Jr., Tokyo, Japan
"What Is a Lutheran Christian Spirituality?"

*G.M. and Minnie Bruce Prize in New Testament
§Roy Harrisville, Sr., Prize in Homiletics

†With Distinction

Master of Theology

Ronald Baesler, *Guaiba, Brazil*

"The Notion of One History in the Theology of Gustavo Gutierrez and Juan L. Segundo"

Kenneth Anthony Bartel, *Waseca, Minn.*

"Concrete or Abstract Presence: The Character of Theophany in Exodus 33:17-34:10"

Yadesa Daba, *Addis Ababa, Ethiopia*

"Traditional Marriages of the Oromo People in Ethiopia: A Christian Perspective"

Daphne Doreen Hamborg, *Omaha, Neb.*

"'The Bright Chaos:' Ralph Waldo Emerson's Understanding of Human Nature"

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Steven A. Haggmark, *Apple Valley, Minn.*[†]

"Luther and Boehme: Investigations of a Unified Metaphysic for Lutheran Theological Discourse"

Paul Richard Knudtson, *Edmonton, Alberta, Canada*

"The Antioch Incident: An Investigation into the Hospitable Character of Paul's Gospel"

Paul Gordon Meierding, *Waverly, Iowa*

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Jeremiah Olson, *St. Paul, Minn.*

"The Royal Priesthood of Believers. Toward a House of Living Stones: A Re-appropriation of the Doctrine for the Renewal of the Church"

James L. Sack, *Tokyo, Japan*[†]

"The Dynamics of Shame in Japanese Chronically Absent Students: A Study of the Theological-Psychological Meaning and Pastoral Implications of Shame in Caring for Chronically Absent Students"

Mark D. Tranvik, *Robbinsdale, Minn.*[†]

"The Other Sacrament: The Doctrine of Baptism in the Late Lutheran Reformation"

[†]*With Distinction*