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The
One Hundred and Twenty-ninth
Commencement

LUTHER SEMINARY

3:00 p.m., Sunday, May 24, 1998
Central Lutheran Church
Minneapolis, Minnesota

Participants in the Service

PRESIDING

David L. Tiede
President, Luther Seminary

PRESIDING MINISTERS

Roland E. Miller
Visiting Professor of Missions

READERS

Julie A.S. Christensen
Master of Divinity Degree Candidate
Leon Zavadil
Master of Divinity Degree Candidate

SPEAKER

Merton P. Strommen
Founder, Search Institute

STUDENT RESPONDENT

Musa Panti Filibus
Doctor of Philosophy Degree Candidate

CRUCIFER

Marilyn Preus
Member of the Luther Seminary Alumni/ae Council

BANNER BEARERS

Deborah Gensmer
Master of Divinity Degree Senior
Tony K. Wong
Master of Divinity Degree Senior

MARSHALS

Mark J. Donald
Master of Divinity Degree Junior
Marc L. Hander
Master of Divinity Degree Middler
Laurie A. Johnson
Master of Divinity Degree Senior
Heather Lampert
Master of Divinity Junior

ORGANIST

Mark Sedio
Luther Seminary Organist
Cantor, Mt. Olive Lutheran Church, Minneapolis

Notes

The crucifer is a graduate in the class of '83 and a member of the Alumni/ae Council. Her participation today affirms the continuing leadership and support of the Luther Seminary Alumni/ae Council in the life of the school.

The student respondent and readers were elected by the senior class. Banner bearers and marshalls were chosen by the Office of the Registrar.

Graduates, together with their families and friends, are invited to an informal reception following the service. Due the construction going on near Central Lutheran Church, the reception will be in the Parish Hall. Note that multiple refreshment tables are being provided for your convenience, so if the line is long at one, please look for another. People are encouraged to take their refreshments outside on the shady lawn north of the Central Lutheran education unit.

The Order of Service

THE PRELUDE

"Variations on 'Hyfrydol'"
Mark Sedio

THE PROCESSIONAL HYMN

"Alleluia! Sing to Jesus"
LBW No. 158

*The congregation shall stand
when the procession enters the sanctuary.*

Alleluia! Sing to Jesus; His the scepter, his the throne;
Alleluia! His the triumph, His the victory alone.

Hark! The songs of peaceful Zion

Thunder like a mighty flood:

"Jesus out of ev'ry nation Has redeemed us by his blood."

Alleluia! Not as orphans Are we left in sorrow now;

Alleluia! He is near us; Faith believes, nor questions how.

Through the cloud from sight received him

When the forty days were o'er,

Shall our hearts forget his promise:

"I am with you evermore"?

Alleluia! Bread of heaven,

Here on earth our food, our stay;

Alleluia! Here the sinful Flee to you from day to day.

Intercessor, friend of sinners,

Earth's redeemer, hear our plea

Where the songs of all the sinless

Sweep across the crystal sea.

Alleluia! King eternal, Lord omnipotent we own;

Alleluia! Born of Mary,

Earth your footstool, heav'n your throne.

As within the veil you entered,

Robed in flesh, our great high priest,

Here on earth both priest and victim

In the eucharistic feast.

Alleluia! Sing to Jesus; His the scepter, his the throne;

Alleluia! His the triumph, His the victory alone.

Hark! The songs of peaceful Zion

Thunder like a mighty flood:

"Jesus out of ev'ry nation Has redeemed us by his blood."

The congregation shall be seated.

WELCOME

Dennis V. Griffin
Senior Interim Pastor, Central Lutheran Church

DIALOGUE

The congregation shall stand.

Leader: Show us your mercy, O Lord,

Cong.: **and grant us your salvation.**

Leader: Clothe your ministers with righteousness.

Cong.: **Let your people sing for 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.**

THE CREED

**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.

Let us pray . . .

Amen

The congregation shall be seated.

FIRST LESSON

1 Timothy 4:12-13

THE GOSPEL

John 17:20-26

THE ADDRESS

"The Mission: Changing Lives"
Merton Strommen

THE HYMN OF THE DAY

"I Love to Tell the Story " LBW No. 390

The congregation shall stand.

I love to tell the story Of unseen things above
Of Jesus and his glory, Of Jesus and his love.
I love to tell the story, Because I know it's true:
It satisfies my longings As nothing else can do.

REFRAIN:

I love to tell the story; I'll sing this theme in glory
And tell the old, old story Of Jesus and his love.

I love to tell the story: How pleasant to repeat
What seems, each time I tell it, More wonderfully sweet!
I love to tell the story, for some have never heard
The message of salvation From God's own holy Word.

REFRAIN:

I love to tell the story, For those who know it best
Seem hungering and thirsting To hear it like the rest.
And when, in scenes of glory, I sing the new, new song,
I'll sing the old, old story That I have loved so long.

REFRAIN:

The congregation shall be seated.

WELCOME

David L. Tiede

ANNOUNCEMENT OF AN ENDOWED CHAIR

PRESENTATION OF THE CHRISTUS LUX MUNDI AWARD

The Conferring of Degrees

Presentation of the Class Marc Kolden
*Professor of Systematic Theology
Dean of Academic Affairs*

Conferring of Degrees David L. Tiede

Osamu Matsutani
Chair, Board of Directors

Diane Doncits
Registrar

Paul S. Berge
*Professor of New Testament
Director of Master of Arts Program*

Frederick J. Gaiser
*Professor of Old Testament
Director of Graduate Studies*

Carl A. Volz
*Professor of Church History
Secretary of the Faculty*

Wendell R. Debner
Director of Doctor of Ministry Program

THE ANNOUNCEMENT OF AWARDS AND HONORS

Winners of the John Milton Prize in Old Testament, the
G.M. and Minnie Bruce Prize in New Testament, the
A.E. Hanson Prize in Homiletics, and the Roy Harrisville,
Sr., Prize in Homiletics receive modest cash awards.
Descriptions of all awards are on page 11.

RESPONSE ON BEHALF OF THE GRADUATES

Musa Panti Filibus

The Call to Mission

The congregation shall stand.

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

Graduates:

**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 PRAYER

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

"Lord, You Give the Great Commission "
WOV No. 756

Lord, you give the great commission:
"Heal the sick and preach the Word."
Lest the Church neglect its mission,
and the Gospel go unheard,
help us witness to your purpose with renewed integrity.

REFRAIN:

With the Spirit's gifts empow'r us
for the work of ministry.

Lord you call us to your service:
"In my name baptize and teach."
That the world may trust your promise,
life abundant meant for each, give us all new fervor,
draw us closer in community.

REFRAIN:

Lord, you make the common holy:
"This my body, this my blood."
Let us all, for earth's true glory,
daily lift life heavenward,
asking that the world around us
share your children's liberty.

REFRAIN:

Lord, you show us love's true measure:
"Father, what they do, forgive."
Yet we hoard as private treasure
all that you so freely give.
May your care and mercy lead us to a just society.

REFRAIN:

Lord, you bless with words assuring:
"I am with you to the end."
Faith and hope and love restoring,
may we serve as you intend and,
amid the cares that claim us, hold in mind eternity.

REFRAIN:

THE POSTLUDE

"Concerto in C"

J.S. Bach

The Commencement Speaker

Merton Strommen, a Luther Seminary alumnus, is a research psychologist and founder of Search Institute. He has served as a parish pastor, college pastor, and youth director of a national church body.

Search Institute, founded in 1958, is currently one of the premier research science institutions in the area of children, youth, families, and communities.

The institute's national studies address issues of special interest to professionals and volunteers serving youth and working in the context of a religious institution. Those works have included: a national survey of Lutherans; a project on clergy counseling youth; a study of 18 Lutheran colleges, a study of an institution's readiness to effect needed change; and a study of young adolescents and their parents.

He also founded, in 1987, the Augsburg Youth and Family Institute, a collaborative effort of Search Institute, Augsburg College, and Luther Seminary on the cutting edge of effective ministry to children, youth, families, congregations, and communities.

Although retired, Strommen continues to study, write, evaluate, and develop new strategy.

He earned the bachelor of arts degree in history and music from Augsburg College, the master of divinity degree from Augsburg Seminary (a predecessor of Luther Seminary), and both the master of arts and doctor of philosophy degrees in educational psychology from the University of Minnesota.

The Christus Lux Mundi Award

The name of the Christus Lux Mundi Award derives from the Latin inscription carved in the stone above the main entrance to Gullixson Hall, the home of the Luther Seminary library. That inscription (translated "Christ the light of the world") articulates the central purpose of Luther Seminary.

The Christus Lux Mundi Award is the most distinguished award presented by Luther Seminary. It honors the witness and service of persons who have manifested the light of Christ during a distinguished career either in the pastoral office or as a lay person.

The award is a crystal block etched with the name of the recipient and a sketch of the entrance to Gullixson Hall, including the words Christus Lux Mundi.

The fifth Christus Lux Mundi Award is presented today to Howard and Edna Hong, best known for their translations of Søren Kierkegaard's writings.

Prior recipients are: Alvin N. Rogness, president of Luther Theological Seminary from 1955 to 1974; Andrew Hsiao, president of Lutheran Theological Seminary of the Lutheran Church in Hong Kong; Conrad John Bergendoff, former president of Augustana College, Rock Island, Ill.; and Arley R. Bjella, Lutheran layman, business and civic leader in Minneapolis.

Howard and Edna Hong

Howard and Edna Hong are best known for their collaborative translations and publication of Søren Kierkegaard's writings. Their work in translation led to efforts that resulted in the establishment of the Kierkegaard Library at St. Olaf College in Northfield, Minn. It remains the largest collection of materials for Kierkegaard studies outside of Denmark.

Howard was professor of philosophy at St. Olaf College for 40 years, from 1938 until his retirement in 1978.

The library began as the private collection of the Honges who made use of the materials to support their work translating Kierkegaard's works into English.

The Honges gave their library to St. Olaf College in 1976 with the understanding that it would continue as a study and publication center.

The library now includes more than 10,000 books and 3,000 periodical articles. The collection also includes microfilm copies of Kierkegaard's manuscripts located in the Royal Library in Copenhagen.

The Honges' first large-scale translation project was Kierkegaard's seven-volume *Journals and Papers*. They won the National Book Award for their work in 1968.

The last of the 26 volumes of Kierkegaard's writings edited by the Honges is being published this year.

Both Honges are graduates of St. Olaf College, Howard in 1934, and Edna in 1938.

They worked together in Lutheran efforts to minister to a war-ravaged Europe in the '40s and contributed to the renewal and reinvigoration of American Lutheranism when they returned to the United States.

One of Howard's best known books, *This World and the Church*, originated in a series of lectures at Luther Seminary.

Edna has created an independent career as a popular writer and speaker in addition to being a mother and homemaker. Her published articles, stories, poems, and novels are the work of a sensitive teacher and evangelist.

The Endowed Chair

The Fredrik A. Schiotez Endowed Chair in Christian Missions being announced today was made possible through three different gifts.

First, a grant of half a million dollars was made to Luther Seminary for the teaching of missions by the former The American Lutheran Church at the time of the merger which formed the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America (ELCA).

Second, several anonymous gifts totalling about \$200,000 were made to honor Dr. Schiotez and were designated for the same purpose.

Finally, this spring, Lutheran Church of the Master in Edina, Minn., disbanded, and in distributing its \$1.3 million in assets, gave Luther Seminary \$295,000 to complete the \$1 million funding package needed to endow a faculty chair.

Fredrik and Dagny Schiotez were members of Lutheran Church of the Master.

Fredrik Schiotez was the first president of The American Lutheran Church and also was president of the Lutheran World Federation (LWF). Earlier, as president of the Evangelical Lutheran Church (ELC) he led that body into membership in the World Council of Churches (WCC). Already then, his vast global experience had equipped him to lead the church into the ecumenical world.

Throughout his ministry, Dr. Schiotez combined great administrative and leadership skills with an extraordinary pastoral heart. In his work with LWF, he had great impact on world missions as he set new directions for the church in areas such as Tanzania, Ethiopia, Palestine, Indonesia, New Guinea, and China.

He graduated with honors from St. Olaf College in Northfield, Minn., and taught high school for two years to pay off college debts. He entered Luther Seminary, but took a year off to be part of the traveling secretarial staff for the Student Volunteer Movement for Foreign Missions before returning to the seminary and graduating in 1930.

He served Zion Lutheran Church in Duluth, Minn. (1930-32) and Trinity Lutheran Church in Moorhead, Minn. (1932-38).

The Fredrik A. Schiotez Chair in Christian Missions is the fourth fully funded endowed chair announced during the last three Luther Seminary Commencements.

Paul V. Martinson, a member of the Luther Seminary faculty since 1972, is the first appointed to the Schiotez Chair in Christian Mission.

He was born in China of missionary parents. He went to Hong Kong as a missionary two years after he graduated from Luther Seminary in 1961. He is a Phi Beta Kappa, magna cum laude graduate of St. Olaf College and earned the M.A. and Ph.D. degrees from the University of Chicago Divinity School.

Candidates for Degrees

Master of Arts

Linda Marie Zakowski Bade*
*University Lutheran Church of Hope,
Minneapolis, Minn.
First English Lutheran Church, Wisconsin Rapids, Wis.*

Christopher William Thomas Bernard
*Faith Christian Reformed Church,
New Brighton, Minn.*

Linda L. Botner*
St. Olaf Lutheran Church, Minneapolis, Minn.

Christopher J. Conner*
Immanuel Lutheran Church, Des Plaines, Ill.

R. Tyler DeArmond
Woodland Hills Church, St. Paul, Minn.

Terri Martinson Elton
Prince of Peace Lutheran Church, Burnsville, Minn.

Amy Marie Fuller
Balsamlund Lutheran Church, Aldrich, Minn.

Beth A. Gardner*
Mt. Zion Lutheran Church, Hudson, Wis.

Suzanne Schulz Hequet
Jehovah Lutheran Church, St. Paul, Minn.

Roswitha C.W. Hilse
Easter Lutheran Church, Eagan, Minn.

Mark Joseph Hinton
*Park Avenue United Methodist Church,
Minneapolis, Minn.*

Robert O. Lerfald

Bonnie K. Lomen
Prairie Lutheran Church, Eden Prairie, Minn.

Carly Michelle Loreth
Cormorant Lutheran Church, Lake Park, Minn.

Ruth Ann Loughry
*Bethany Lutheran Church, Englewood, Colo.
First United Methodist Church, Cheyenne, Wyo.*

Judith K. Lund
St. Stephen's Episcopal Church, Edina, Minn.

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

*** With Distinction*

** Requirements to be completed by Sept. 1, 1998*

Nancy Ruth Lund
Prince of Peace Lutheran Church, St. Louis Park, Minn.

Jason Andrew Mahn
St. Andrew's Lutheran Church, Mahtomedi, Minn.

Joan Marie Nolte
St. Anthony Park Lutheran Church, St. Paul, Minn.

Chamie Shelburne*
First United Methodist Church, Aberdeen, S.D.

Amy P. Simso**
Minnetonka Lutheran Church, Minnetonka, Minn.

Sara Ann Spohr
Faith Lutheran Church, Morris, Minn.

Kimberly Ann Tomlinson*

Melissa Maria Williams
St. Andrew Lutheran Church, Eden Prairie, Minn.

Jonathan Rob Wilson
*St. Paul's Evangelical Lutheran Church,
Williamsville, N.Y.*

Master of Religious Education

Sheldon O. Christenson
Nativity Lutheran Church, St. Anthony, Minn.

Douglas Bertrand Spiotta*
St. John's Evangelical Lutheran Church, Shakopee, Minn.

Master of Sacred Music

Kathy Lynn Matychuk
Bethesda Church, Minneapolis, Minn.

Matthew J. Penning
Our Savior's Lutheran Church, Austin, Minn.

Master of Divinity

D. Rolf Aanestad

First Lutheran Church, Fargo, N.D.

Janelle D. Aldrich-Dale

Christ Evangelical Lutheran Church, Edmonds, Wash.

Robert Vernon Alle

Our Redeemer Lutheran Church, Pine City, Minn.

Daniel Ray Anderson

St. Matthew Lutheran Church, Beaverton, Ore.

Pari Raelyn Bailey

Lutheran Church of the Redeemer, St. Paul, Minn.

Trevor Allan Bailey

Lutheran Church of the Redeemer, St. Paul, Minn.

Nancy Nord Bence

St. James Lutheran Church, Crystal, Minn.

Julie Marie Blum

Ascension Lutheran Church, Kennewick, Wash.

Julie Anne Mohrbacher Brooks

Holy Shepherd Lutheran Church, Lakewood, Colo.

Kristi Gay Bummer

All Saints Lutheran Church, Novato, Calif.

Trinity Lutheran Church, Phoenix, Ariz.

Catherine Mary Burnette

Bethlehem Lutheran Church, DeKalb, Ill.

Marsha L. Burt

Shepherd of the Valley Lutheran Church,

Apple Valley, Minn.

Bethlehem Lutheran Church, Fargo, N.D.

Mt. Zion Lutheran Church, Tucson, Ariz.

Janet Audrey Carlson*

Central Lutheran Church, Minneapolis, Minn.

David Allan Christensen

Central Lutheran Church, Minneapolis, Minn.

Julie Anne Solberg Christensen

Hope Lutheran Church, Fargo, N.D.

Timothy Joel Coltvet*

Our Savior's Lutheran Church, Rochester, Minn.

Brian J. Crocker

St. Andrew's Lutheran Church, Jacksonville Beach, Fla.

Denise C. Croskey

Celebration Lutheran Church, Sartell, Minn.

Timothy Charles Delkeskamp

Emanuel Evangelical Lutheran Church, La Habra, Calif.

Joseph M. Doherty ❖

St. John Lutheran Church, Chehalis, Wash.

Nancy Dreier

Westwood Lutheran Church, St. Louis Park, Minn.

Bryan C. Dziadik-Willingham

Good Shepherd Lutheran Church, The Colony, Texas

Christ the King Lutheran Church, Brookfield, Wis.

Susan Mae Eidahl

Bethany Lutheran Church, Rice Lake, Wis.

Randy Paul Emgarten

Grace Lutheran Church, Watertown, S.D.

Jonathan Erickson

Christ Lutheran Church, Faribault, Minn.

Peter Frederick Erickson

Atonement Lutheran Church, Missoula, Mont.

Brenda Jane Ertl

Our Saviour's Lutheran Church, Merrill, Wis.

Jean E. Gfall

Cross Lutheran Church, Roberts, Wis.

Kimberly Ann Morrill Goodman

Shauna K. Hannan❖

First Lutheran Church, Litchfield, Minn.

Shelley Cunningham Harber

Emmanuel Lutheran Church, Vienna, Va.

Peter Harrington

Immaculate Heart of Mary, St. Paul, Minn.

Mark Daniel Hasty*

Our Savior's Lutheran Church, Mason City, Iowa

Marcia Ann Hegna

Shepherd of the Hills Lutheran Church,

Canon City, Colo.

Arlene Joyce Hensley*

St. Mark's Lutheran Church, St. Louis, Mo.

Kathleen Marie Hesterberg

St. Paul Lutheran Church, Maynard, Iowa

David Eugene Hoadley

Prince of Peace Lutheran Church, Burnsville, Minn.

Doreen Faye Jeffers
Bucyrus Lutheran Church, Hettinger, N.D.

Harvey Holden Jeffers
Bucyrus Lutheran Church, Hettinger, N.D.

Mark Eric Johnson
St. John's Lutheran Church, Springfield, Minn.

Peter Christian Johnson
St. John Lutheran Church, Fargo, N.D.

Peter Erik Johnson*
Lutheran Church of the Master, Minneapolis, Minn.

Sean Stephen Kelly
Redeemer Lutheran Church, Rowland Heights, Calif.

Deborah E. Kielsmeier
Stadium Village Church, Minneapolis, Minn.

David Stephen Killeen*
Holy Nativity Lutheran Church, New Hope, Minn.

Paula Knutson
Our Savior's Lutheran Church, Park River, N.D.

Jeffrey A. Krogstad
Elim Lutheran Church, Port Orchard, Wash.

James A. Kuemmerle
Christ Lutheran Church, Webster Groves, Mo.

Melissa D.F. Kuemmerle
St. Mark Lutheran Church, Storm Lake, Iowa
New Home Lutheran Church, Mitchell, S.D.

Mark Lerseth
Mount Olivet Lutheran Church,
Sherwood Park, Alberta, Canada

Peder John Paul Lerseth
Mount Olivet Lutheran Church,
Sherwood Park, Alberta, Canada

James Christian Lindberg
Good Shepherd Lutheran Church, Sacramento, Calif.

Erik Adam Wright Lindell
Normandale Lutheran Church, Edina, Minn.

Lisa Ellen Lucas
University United Methodist Church,
Baton Rouge, La.

Paula Marie Lund
First Lutheran Church, Williston, N.D.

Todd Donald Lynum
Dhaka International Christian Church,
Dhaka, Bangladesh
Grace Evangelical Lutheran Church,
San Francisco, Calif.
Lord of Life Lutheran Church, Columbus, Ohio

Naomi Lynum Mahler
Como Park Lutheran Church, St. Paul, Minn.
Ascension Lutheran Church, Thousand Oaks, Calif.

Terrance D. Mahnke
Good News Lutheran Church, Fargo, N.D.

John Charles Marboe◇
First Lutheran Church, Alexandria, Minn.

Matthew Joe Marohl
Bethel Lutheran Church, Wahpeton, N.D.

Russell A. McDowell
Holy Cross Lutheran Church, Oakdale, Minn.
St. Philip's Lutheran Church, Hastings, Minn.

Emily Preus Lawrence Meyer
Christ Lutheran Church, Stoughton, Wis.

Jason Christopher Misselt

Tessa Rae Moon
McVile Lutheran Church, McVile, N.D.

Ellen Munter
Good Shepherd Lutheran Church, Sandy, Utah

Janice Alene Nairn
St. Andrew's Lutheran Church, Los Angeles, Calif.

Robert H. Norris-Weber*
St. Timothy Lutheran Church, Menasha, Wis.
Bethlehem Lutheran Church, Minneapolis, Minn.

Heidi Jo Olson
St. John's Lutheran Church, Sumner, Iowa

Steffan Lyle Olson
First Lutheran Church, Galesburg, Ill.

Steven W. Pannkuk
Grace University Lutheran Church, Minneapolis, Minn.

Timothy Lindberg Paulson
Grace University Lutheran Church, Minneapolis, Minn.

- ◇ A.E. Hanson Prize in Homiletics
 ❖ John Milton Prize in Old Testament
 ✚ American Bible Society Award
 * Interpretation Award

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** Requirements to be completed by Sept. 1, 1998*

Kelley Leroy Pedersen
Elk Horn Lutheran Church, Elk Horn, Iowa

Craig Alan Pederson*
Fron Lutheran Church, Starbuck, Minn.

Jonathan Joseph Pederson
Calvary Lutheran Church, Golden Valley, Minn.

Maria Christine Pederson*
Good Shepherd Lutheran Church, Novato, Calif.

Thad Steven Person* ✠
Our Savior Lutheran Church, Pinehurst, Idaho

Peter Lawrence Pilger
Emmanuel Lutheran Church, Warren, Ohio

Jane Eleanor Monson Prestbye*
First Evangelical Lutheran Church, Bothell, Wash.

Andrew H. Prin
Mount Olivet Lutheran Church, Minneapolis, Minn.

Karl Norman Redelsheimer
Christ the King Lutheran Church, New Brighton, Minn.

Philip Paul Reimers
Trinity Lutheran Church, Hartington, Neb.

Kristi Lin Rockswold
Central Lutheran Church, Winona, Minn.

Andrea Kreager Roles✠
*Park Avenue United Methodist Church,
Minneapolis, Minn.*

John L. Rooney*
Gethsemane Lutheran Church, Maplewood, Minn.

Jeffrey Norman Schlesinger
Prince of Peace Lutheran Church, Addison, Ill.

Frank W. Schmeling
St. Mark's Lutheran Church, North St. Paul, Minn.

Mark David Schoenhals
St. John's Lutheran Church, Waterloo, Ontario, Canada

Geoffrey Louis Scott
Hay River Lutheran Church, Wheeler, Wis.

Paul Charles Schroeder✠
St. Mark's Lutheran Church, Spokane, Wash.

Herbert Chia-Peng Shao
*Chinese Lutheran Church of Honolulu,
Honolulu, Hawaii*

Richard Thomas Sherrill
Christ Lutheran Church, Aptos, Calif.

Joseph B.W. Smith
Lutheran Church of the Good Shepherd, Olympia, Wash.

Julie Ann Smith◇*
Hemnes Lutheran Church, Minneota, Minn.

Patrick James Southam*
Warrendale Presbyterian Church, St. Paul, Minn.

Diane Ayres Wood Sponheim
*University Lutheran Church of Hope,
Minneapolis, Minn.*

Victor L. St. George
*Emanuel Evangelical Lutheran Church,
Minneapolis, Minn.*

Rebecca Jeanette Stelle
*St. Luke Evangelical Lutheran Church,
Silver Spring, Md.*

Rebecca Ann Sullivan
Gethsemane Lutheran Church, Maplewood, Minn.

Rebecca Lynn Thomas
Resurrection Lutheran Church, St. Joseph, Minn.

Curtis James Tillerias
House of Hope Presbyterian Church, St. Paul, Minn.

Marty D. Tollefson
Zion Lutheran Church, Churchs Ferry, N.D.

Paul Thomas Wallace
American Lutheran Church of Sun City, Sun City, Ariz.

William Paul Walles
Mt. Cross Lutheran Church, Tacoma, Wash.

Melanie J. S. Wallschlaeger
Christ the King Lutheran Church, Mankato, Minn.

Michael Todd Weaver
Hope Lutheran Church, Fostoria, Ohio

Jennifer Lee Wilson
Incarnation Lutheran Church, Shoreview, Minn.

◇ A.E. Hanson Prize in Homiletics

✠ Roy Harrisville, Sr., Prize in Homiletics

✦ John Milton Prize in Old Testament

✧ Graduate Preaching Fellowship

* Interpretation Award

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Jill Patricia Witte
Bethel Lutheran Church, Madison, Wis.

Jennifer Lorraine Wood
Bethany Lutheran Church of Keweenaw, Mohawk, Mich.
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Peace Lutheran Church, Rogers, Ark.

Leon Edwin Zavadil
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Doctor of Ministry

Jerome F. Larson,** *Savage, Minn.*
"Process Preaching – Developing a System for Preaching in the Extemporaneous Mode."

Stephen C. Lien,** *Cedar Falls, Iowa*
"An Alternative Structure for Gift-Empowered Ministry: An Emerging Paradigm at St. John American Lutheran Church."

Nancy E. Maeker,** *St. Paul, Minn.*
"Whom Shall I Send and Who Will Go For Us?"
Identifying Persons with Potential for Cross-cultural Mission."

Weston Gavin Moir, *Dalton, Minn.*
"Employing Situational Leadership: Using Situational Leadership in Guiding a Parish Toward Meeting the Challenges of a Changing Rural Environment."

Jimmie L. Wright, *Big Spring, Texas*
"African-American Islam: A Study of Islam in American Prisons, With Implications for Prison Ministry."

Master of Theology

Mary Ronning Gilthvedt,** *Williston, N.D.*
"If A Member Sins Against You:
A Study of Matthew 18:15-17."

Nirmala Bakthakumari Peter, *Madras, South India*
"The Significance of the Status of Women in Early Islam and in the Qur'an for Contemporary Muslim Women and Some Implications for Christian Service."

** *With Distinction*

* *Requirements to be completed by Sept. 1, 1998.*

Doctor of Philosophy

James K. Bruckner,** *Chicago, Ill.*
"A Literary and Theological Analysis of Implied Law in the Abrahamic Narrative: Implied 'Oughts' as a Case Study."

Musa Panti Filibus,** *Adamawa State, Nigeria*
"An Exploratory Study of the History, Nature and Management Model of Conflict Within a Congregation with Theological Implications for Ministry."

Mark Philip Gravrock, *Issaquah, Wash.*
"Blood and Seed: Toward a Reading of Leviticus 18 as Christian Scripture."

Thomas Nyiwe, *Yaounde, Cameroon*
"Articulating a Christocentric Soteriology for Tikar Christianity."

Philip Arden Quanbeck II, *Roseville, Minn.*
"Παρησία and Community in Romans."

Awards for Academic Excellence

Each year several awards for excellence are given to students. The awards are:

The Brindle Award in Medical Ethics

The Sherri H. and Jeffrey S. Brindle Award in Medical Ethics encourages theological and ethical reflection in medical matters and is given to the student who submits the winning essay in the area of medical ethics in relation to Christian faith and ministry. No Brindle Award was given this year.

The Graduate Preaching Fellowship

is given to an outstanding master of divinity degree graduate from the senior class. The fellowship provides the recipient with financing to study preaching overseas to enhance his or her career in preaching and parish ministry.

The John Milton Prize in Old Testament

is awarded to one or more students based on papers written by graduating master of divinity degree or master of arts degree students in the area of Old Testament.

The G.M. and Minnie Bruce Prize in New Testament

is awarded to one or two graduating seniors based on essays written in New Testament studies. No award given this year.

Roy Harrisville, Sr., Prize in Homiletics

A.E. Hanson Prize in Homiletics

Both the Harrisville and Hanson prizes in homiletics are awarded to graduating seniors based on homiletical skills.

The Interpretation Award

is presented to a student of the Bible as Scripture who has a special interest in its use and usefulness for the church. The award is a subscription to the journal *Interpretation*.

The American Bible Society Award

recognizes "excellence in biblical studies." The prize is the honoree's choice of scholarly resources for biblical study.