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THE
ONE HUNDRED AND FORTY-THIRD
COMMENCEMENT



3:00 P.M., SUNDAY, MAY 20, 2012
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MINNEAPOLIS, MINNESOTA

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A WORD OF WELCOME

Luther Seminary is pleased to welcome you to its 143rd commencement ceremonies. Receiving their degrees today are your next pastors, congregational and community leaders, and theologians of the Church.

The student speaker during today's service was elected by the senior class. Banner bearers and marshals were chosen by the Office of the Registrar.

Some of the graduates will also receive awards for academic excellence. These are listed on page 14.

Graduates, family and friends are invited to an informal reception in the Fellowship Hall following the service.

THE COMMENCEMENT SPEAKER



Karoline M. Lewis joined the Luther Seminary faculty as assistant professor of biblical preaching in 2007. She has held adjunct faculty positions at Augsburg College in Minneapolis, Candler School of Theology in Atlanta and Columbia Theological Seminary in Decatur, Ga. She was also adjunct faculty in the Bible division at Luther Seminary from 1994 to 1995 and in 2006.

Ordained in the Evangelical Lutheran Church of America in 1999, Lewis was associate pastor of worship and education at Amazing Grace Lutheran Church in Lawrenceville, Ga. (1999-2002). She is a member of the American Academy of Religion, Academy of Homiletics and the Society of Biblical Literature, for which she also serves as president for the Upper Midwest Region. She has served as associate editor for the journal *Word & World* and is in her second term as the chair of the leadership division at Luther Seminary.

A graduate of Northwestern University in Evanston, Ill., Lewis received a Master of Divinity from Luther Seminary in 1994 and a Doctor of Philosophy in New Testament studies from Emory University in Atlanta in 2006. She has led conferences, workshops and retreats throughout the country and Canada, and was one of the featured preachers at the Festival of Homiletics in Minneapolis in 2011 and in Atlanta in 2012.

Lewis is the author of "Rereading the 'Shepherd Discourse': Restoring the Integrity of John 9:39-10:21 (Peter Lang Publishing, 2008); the introduction and study notes for the Gospel of John in the Lutheran Study Bible (Augsburg Fortress, 2009) and co-author of "New Proclamation: Year B, 2009, Easter through Christ the King" (Fortress Press, 2009). She has authored articles for *The Christian Century*, *Feasting on the Word*, *Lutheran Forum* and *Word & World*. She is a contributing writer to *WorkingPreacher.org* and co-host of the site's weekly podcast, *Sermon Brainwave*.

THE ORDER OF SERVICE

THE PRELUDE

WELCOME FROM CENTRAL LUTHERAN CHURCH

The congregation shall stand.

THE PROCESSIONAL HYMN

"Alleluia, Sing to Jesus"

ELW #392

ALL

1. 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."

WOMEN

2. Alleluia! Not as orphans
are we left in sorrow now;
Alleluia! he is near us;
faith believes, nor questions how.
Though the cloud from sight received him
when the forty days were o'er,
shall our hearts forget his promise:
"I am with you evermore"?

ALL

3. 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.

MEN

4. 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.

ALL

5. 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."

Text: William C. Dix, 1837-1898, alt.

LITANY

- A: Great is our Lord and mighty in power;
C: **there is no limit to God's wisdom.**
A: We give you thanks, O God, we give you thanks,
C: **calling upon your name
and declaring all your wonderful deeds.**
A: We will recount to generations to come
the praiseworthy deeds and the power of the Lord,
C: **and the wonderful works God has done.**
A: Those who know your name, O Lord,
will put their trust in you.
C: **O Lord, watch over us.**
A: You never forsake those who seek you, O Lord.
C: **O Lord, watch over us.**
A: Sing praises to the Lord;
Proclaim to the peoples the things God has done.
C: **O Lord, watch over us.**

PRAYER OF THE DAY

- P: The Lord be with you.
C: **And also with you.**
P: Let us pray. Gracious and glorious God, you have chosen
us as your own, and by the powerful name of Christ you
protect us from evil. By your Spirit transform us and your
beloved world, that we may find our joy in your Son, Jesus
Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you
and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
C: **Amen.**

The congregation shall be seated.

FIRST READING

I Corinthians 3:5-9; 21-23

(following the reading...)

- L: The word of the Lord.
C: **Thanks be to God.**

The congregation shall stand.

THE ORDER OF SERVICE

GOSPEL

(following the reading...)

L: The word of the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

John 17:6-19

The congregation shall be seated.

THE SERMON

The congregation shall stand.

THE HYMN OF THE DAY

"Christ is Made the Sure Foundation"

ELW #645

1. Christ is made the sure foundation,
Christ, our head and cornerstone,
chosen of the Lord and precious,
binding all the church in one;
holy Zion's help forever
and our confidence alone.
2. To this temple, where we call you,
come, O Lord of hosts, and stay;
come, with all your lovingkindness,
hear your people as they pray;
and your fullest benediction
shed within these walls today.
3. Here bestow on all your servants
what they seek from you to gain;
what they gain from you, forever
with the blessed to retain;
and hereafter in your glory
evermore with you to reign.
4. Praise and honor to the Father,
praise and honor to the Son,
praise and honor to the Spirit,
ever three and ever one:
one in might and one in glory
while unending ages run!

Text: Latin hymn, c. 7th cent.; tr. John Mason Neale, 1818-1866, alt.

*Out of respect for the graduates, please remain seated during the service,
refrain from using flash photography and
hold your applause until all names have been read.*

GREETING

THE CONFERRING OF DEGREES

All candidates listed on pages 6-13.

PRESENTATION OF THE CLASS

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THE ANNOUNCEMENT OF AWARDS AND HONORS

Richard Bliese

Winners of the G.M. and Minnie Bruce Prize in New Testament; A.E. Hanson Prize in Homiletics; John Milton Prize in Old Testament; and The Children, Youth and Family Prize receive modest cash awards.

The Graduate Preaching Fellowship is given to an outstanding Master of Divinity degree graduate from the senior class.

Descriptions are on page 14.

SPEAKING ON BEHALF OF THE GRADUATES

Peter Christ
Master of Divinity Degree Candidate

THE CALL TO MISSION

The graduates shall stand.

L: 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 everyone. 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.

THE ORDER OF SERVICE

C: We are the Church, all kinds and conditions of people;
but we are one body of Christ and individually members
of one another.

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

The congregation shall stand.

THE PRAYERS

A: With the whole people of God in Christ Jesus, let us pray
for the church, those in need, and all of God's creation.

Following each petition...

A: Lord, in your mercy,

C: **Hear our prayer.**

P: Into your hands, gracious God, we commend all for whom we
pray, trusting in your mercy; through Jesus Christ, our Savior.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

A: Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as
Jesus taught us:

**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 for ever. Amen**

THE BENEDICTION

P: The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord's face shine on you with grace and mercy.

The Lord look upon you with favor and give you peace.

Amen.

THE RECESSIONAL HYMN

"Crown Him with Many Crowns"

ELW #855

1. Crown him with many crowns,
the Lamb upon his throne;
hark, how the heav'nly anthem drowns
all music but its own.

Awake, my soul, and sing
of him who died for thee,
and hail him as thy matchless king
through all eternity.

2. Crown him the virgin's Son,
the God incarnate born,
whose arm those crimson trophies won
which now his brow adorn;
fruit of the mystic rose,
yet of that rose the stem,
the root whence mercy ever flows,
the babe of Bethlehem.

3. Crown him the Lord of love--
behold his hands and side,
rich wounds, yet visible above,
in beauty glorified.
No angels in the sky
can fully bear that sight,
but downward bend their burning eyes
at mysteries so bright.

4. Crown him the Lord of life,
who triumphed o'er the grave
and rose victorious in the strife
for those he came to save.
His glories now we sing,
who died and rose on high,
who died, eternal life to bring,
and lives that death may die.

5. Crown him the Lord of years,
the potentate of time,
creator of the rolling spheres,
ineffably sublime.
All hail, Redeemer, hail!
For thou hast died for me;
thy praise and glory shall not fail
throughout eternity.

THE POSTLUDE

Text: Matthew Bridges, 1800-1894, sts. 1-3, 5; Godfrey Thring, 1823-1903, st. 4

CANDIDATES FOR CERTIFICATES AND DEGREES

CERTIFICATE

The certificate programs are designed to equip lay leaders across denominational lines. This program provides a basic grounding in Christian theology and tradition, in addition to focusing on various aspects of ministry.

Wendy Guenther Fields

Valley Community Presbyterian Church, Golden Valley, Minnesota

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Fellowship Missionary Baptist Church, Minneapolis, Minnesota

New Creation Baptist Church, Minneapolis, Minnesota

Ann Theresa Richhart

Resurrection Lutheran Church, Oro Valley, Arizona

MASTER OF ARTS

The Master of Arts degree serves to enrich a person's understanding of the Christian faith and its tradition, to prepare a person to serve in Christian communities and their mission in the world, and to provide the basic theological degree for further graduate study.

Mawien Kual Ariik

Sudanese Evangelical Lutheran Church in Minnesota, Anoka, Minnesota

Zion Evangelical Lutheran Church, Anoka, Minnesota

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Good Shepherd Lutheran Church, Wells, Minnesota

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Salem Lutheran Church, Minneapolis, Minnesota

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Lutheran Church of the Resurrection, Roseville, Minnesota

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Our Savior's Lutheran Church, Eau Claire, Wisconsin

St. John's & Gilman Lutheran, Spring Valley, Wisconsin

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Kyle Sommer

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** With distinction

✕ G. M. & Minnie Bruce Award in New Testament

† A.E. Hanson Prize in Homiletics

❖ John Milton Prize in Old Testament

* Graduate Preaching Fellowship

* The Children, Youth and Family Prize

⊕ David Preus Servant Leadership Award

Prize/Fellowship Description. See page 14.

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Grace-Trinity Community Church, Minneapolis, Minnesota

Laura Jean Thompsen *

First Lutheran Church, Fargo, North Dakota

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Grace Lutheran Church, Tallahassee, Florida

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MASTER OF SACRED MUSIC

The Master of Sacred Music degree is designed to educate church musicians theologically for service in the church as professional pastoral musicians.

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MASTER OF DIVINITY

The Master of Divinity degree provides a professional theological education for mission and ministry. This degree program prepares persons for ordained ministry in Christian communities.

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Lutheran Church of Hope, West Des Moines, Iowa*

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*Vinje Lutheran Church, Willmar, Minnesota
Area Churches Together Parish, SW Minnesota Synod*

Salim Shabir Kaderbhai *

*Abiding Savior Lutheran Church, Mounds View, Minnesota
Redeemer Lutheran Church, Minneapolis, Minnesota*

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*Shepherd of the Hills, Hopkins, Minnesota
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Our Savior's Lutheran Church, Owatonna, Minnesota
St. Paul's Lutheran Church, Hector, Minnesota*

Elizabeth Ann Krolak

*Good Shepherd Lutheran Church, Rochester, Minnesota
Sierra Evangelical Lutheran Church, Sierra Vista, Arizona*

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*Calvary Lutheran Church, Golden Valley, Minnesota
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Lynda S. Thompson *

Incarnation Lutheran Church, Shoreview, Minnesota

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Trinity Lutheran, Joppa, Maryland

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King of Kings Lutheran Church, Pueblo, Colorado*

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Westwood Lutheran Church, St. Louis Park, Minnesota

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St. Matthew Lutheran Church, Beaverton, Oregon

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Morning Star Lutheran Church, Omaha, Nebraska*

Courtney Rachelle Young

Our Savior's Lutheran Church, Circle Pines, Minnesota

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CANDIDATES FOR DEGREES

DOCTOR OF MINISTRY

The Doctor of Ministry is the most advanced professional degree for ordained persons in the parish or related ministries. The primary emphasis of this degree is theological learning and research in the context of the practice of ministry.

Grant Aaseng *Alexandria, Minnesota*

"The Appropriateness and Effectiveness of Interactive Biblical Preaching in a Lutheran Context"

Julianne Elaine Barlow *Calgary, Alberta, Canada*

"A Congregation's Missional Attitudes: Sharing Faith Stories Express God's Redemptive Work"

James William Brown *Cottage Grove, Minnesota*

"Seeing the Sermon: Preaching from the Screenwriter's Bible"

Rebecca Blackshear Coerper *Skaneateles, New York*

"Igniting Hearts for the Mission of God: A Sermon Series for the Local Congregation"

Paul David Erickson *South St. Paul, Minnesota*

"From Despair to Hope: A Study of Missional Renewal in Congregations"

Brian William Ford *Columbia, Missouri*

"Beyond the Church Walls: A Journey of Missional Discipleship and Community Engagement"

Sean L. Forde *Boca Raton, Florida*

"Preaching on the Sacrament of Baptism to Understand and Strengthen Congregational Identity"

Lucia McKee Kremzar *Grapevine, Texas*

"The Staying Power of the Preacher: How to Stay and Stay Well; How to Tend the Soul While Feeding the Flock"

Heidi Radmacher Kvanli *Sioux Falls, South Dakota*

"Cultivating a Staff's Missional Identity: Working Together in the Communion of the Trinity"

Gary Chitty LeCroy II *Teaneck, New Jersey*

"Come, Let Us Build: Preaching, The Necessary Component to a Successful Building Project"

Mark W. Manning *Breckenridge, Minnesota*

"Memorable, Effective Wedding Sermons: Pastoral Best Practices"

Rhoda Elaine McArthur Preston *Manly, Iowa*

"Evaluating the Relationship Between Gender Differences and How Persons Hear and Respond to Sermons"

Shirley Maria Redmond *Grand Meadow, Minnesota*

"Transforming Preaching into Joy: As Seen Primarily in the Life of Phillips Brooks"

Bart David Roush *Saint Charles, Illinois*

"Incorporating Adults Toward a Missional Imagination: A Study of Four Congregations"

Daniel Phillip Schlewitz *Eugene, Oregon*

"Is What You Heard What I Think I Said?—An Exploration of Communication Issues As Related to Christian Witness"

Marcia Lee Sylvester *Aberdeen, South Dakota*

"Leading Off Road: Leading Congregations in the Missional Era"

Marty D. Tollefson *Fargo, North Dakota*

"The Congregational Turn Towards Discernment: Practicing Church in a Missional Era"

Joel R. Wight Hoogheem *Fridley, Minnesota*

"CyberSermons: Examining the Effectiveness of Preaching Podcasts"

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The Master of Theology is a research degree that provides continuing theological study through the discipline of academic excellence.

Millicent Yeboah Asuamah *Cape Coast, Ghana*

"Widowhood Care and Empowerment in 1 Timothy 5:3-16: A Case Study of the Evangelical Methodist Church of Christ as a Paradigm for African Instituted Churches"

Stephanie K. Bliese *St. Paul, Minnesota*

"The Banner of Light: Spiritualism and the Foundation of 19th Century Women's Rights"

David Kenneth Bryan ** *Oreland, Pennsylvania*

"The Heavenly Lord Over All: Revealing and Informing Divine Identity and Role in the Lukan Ascent-Into-Heaven Narratives"

Lindsay DeAnn Colwell *Decorah, Iowa*

"The Collection in Corinth: A Revolutionary Response to the Gospel"

Matthew Leif Erickson ** *Sumas, Washington*

"Bo Giertz and the Doctrine of the Church: An Evangel-Centric Ecclesiology"

Timothy Kim *Seoul, South Korea*

"Reconstructing Missio Dei in a Multicultural Context: A Study of Karl Barth's Concept of God's Mission"

Gary Steven Larson *Dhaka, Bangladesh*

"Light on the Road: Paul's Gospel in Pluralistic Corinth and Beyond"

Yoseob Song *Seoul, South Korea*

"Mission as Inculturation: A Study of Matteo Ricci in 'The True Meaning of the Lord of Heaven'"

Andrew John Willis ** *Olympia, Washington*

"Cross-Shaped Stories: Theology of the Cross and Congregational Life"

DOCTOR OF PHILOSOPHY

The Doctor of Philosophy is an advanced research degree designed to develop scholarly leadership for Christian churches and for work in the community of theological scholarship throughout the world.

Daniel Ray Anderson *Apple Valley, Minnesota*

"Soli Deo Gloria: A Doxological Hermeneutic of Mission in Emerging Ministries in the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America"

Sekenwa Moses Briska *Abuja, Nigeria*

"Clinical Pastoral Education and African Communal Practice of Care: Implications for Developing Mutual Church Leadership for Nigeria"

Hilliard Kwashie Dela Dogbe ** *Accra, Ghana*

"The Living Well: An Ecclesial Response to Alcoholism in Ghana"

David LaMar Everett *Apple Valley, Minnesota*

"A Future Horizon for a Prophetic Tradition: A Missional, Hermeneutical, and Pastoral Leadership Approach to Education and Black Church Civic Engagement"

Marney Allison Fritts *Renton, Washington*

"Responses to Gustaf Aulen's 'Christus Victor' and their Impact on the Doctrine of Atonement for Proclamation"

Harvey Collins Kwiyani *Blantyre, Malawi*

"Pneumatology, Mission, and African Christians in Multicultural Congregations in North America: The Case of Three Congregations in Minneapolis and Saint Paul, Minnesota, USA"

Joshua Charles Miller *Lauderdale, Minnesota*

"The Hidden God in the Lutheran Theology of Oswald Bayer"

Marc David Trujillo *New Germany, Minnesota*

"Kenotic Christology: From Gottfried Thomasius to Peter Taylor Forsyth's Developed Christology in its Historical and Theological Context"

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AWARDS FOR ACADEMIC EXCELLENCE

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

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.

A.E. HANSON PRIZE IN HOMILETICS
are awarded to graduating seniors based on homiletical skills.

**THE G.M. AND MINNIE BRUCE PRIZE
IN NEW 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 New Testament.

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 CHILDREN, YOUTH AND FAMILY PRIZE
is given annually to one or more students who demonstrate
excellence in reflecting theologically, culturally and
pragmatically on the practice of children, youth, youth
adult or family ministries.

THE DAVID PREUS SERVANT LEADERSHIP AWARD
is awarded to a student in a first theological degree program
who has exhibited outstanding leadership. The award funds
a servant leadership project.

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