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The One Hundred and Forty-Fifth Commencement

Sunday, May 18, 2014 | 3 p.m.

 **LUTHER SEMINARY**
Central Lutheran Church, Minneapolis



Participants in the Service

Officiants

Richard Foss
Interim President
Laura Thelander
Seminary Pastor

Speaker

David Lose
*The Marbury E. Anderson Associate Professor
of Biblical Preaching*

Lectors

Edwin Schenk
Master of Arts Candidate
Karen Treat
Master of Divinity Candidate

Call to Mission Reader

Walter Sundberg
Professor of Church History

Student Speaker

Britta Meiers
Master of Divinity Candidate

Student Marshals

Erik Karlson
Master of Divinity Student
Carrie Smisek
Master of Divinity Student
Philip Nushann
Master of Arts Student
Elizabeth Wartick
Master of Divinity Student

Faculty Marshal

Matthew Skinner
Associate Professor of New Testament

Organist

Jane Lien
Associate Cantor, Central Lutheran Church

Crucifer

Timothy Gubsch, '88
Leavenworth, Wash.

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Stefanie Fauth
Student Council President

A Word of Thanks

The Luther Seminary community would like to thank the staff of Central Lutheran Church for their hospitality and assistance during this year's Commencement celebration.

A Word of Welcome

Luther Seminary is pleased to welcome you to its 145th 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. Student 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

David J. Lose joined the Luther Seminary faculty in 2000 as assistant professor of homiletics. In 2005, he received the Marbury E. Anderson Chair in Biblical Preaching and was named academic dean, a post he held through 2008.

He is a Phi Beta Kappa graduate (1988) of Franklin & Marshall College in Lancaster, Pa., and holds the Master of Divinity (1993) and Master of Sacred Theology (1997) degrees from The Lutheran Theological Seminary at Philadelphia. He earned his doctorate in homiletics from Princeton Theological Seminary (2000). Ordained in 1993, Lose served three ELCA congregations in New Jersey between 1993 and 2000.

His teaching interests include preaching, biblical interpretation, and the relevance of Martin Luther's theology for a postmodern world. He currently serves as the director of the Center for Biblical Preaching and in that capacity led the creative teams that developed WorkingPreacher.org and Sermon Brainwave.

Lose is the author of "Making Sense of Scripture" (2009), a book that helps everyday Christians read the Bible with greater understanding and enjoyment, and "Confessing Jesus Christ: Preaching in a Postmodern World" (2003), which was named one of the Top 10 Books of 2004 by the Academy of Parish Clergy. A popular speaker, Lose has lectured and led workshops throughout the country and internationally.

The Order of Service

Prelude

The congregation shall stand.

Processional Hymn

"Rise, Shine, You People!" ELW 665

- 1 Rise, shine, you people! Christ the Lord has entered our human story; God in him is centered. He comes to us, by death and sin surrounded, with grace unbounded.
- 2 See how he sends the pow'rs of evil reeling; he brings us freedom, light and life and healing. All men and women, who by guilt are driven, now are forgiven.
- 3 Come, celebrate; your banners high unfurling, your songs and prayers against the darkness hurling. To all the world go out and tell the story of Jesus' glory.
- 4 Tell how the Father sent the Son to save us. Tell of the Son, who life and freedom gave us. Tell how the Spirit calls from ev'ry nation God's new creation.

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Litany

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

- P: Sing praises to the Lord;
Proclaim to the peoples the things God has done.
C: O Lord, watch over us.

Prayer

- P: The Lord be with you.
C: And also with you.
- P: Let us pray ... through 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.

Scripture Reading: Isaiah 52:7-10

(following the reading ...)

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

The congregation shall stand.

Gospel Reading: John 14:1-14

- L: The gospel according to John.
C: Glory to you, O Lord.
(following the reading ...)

- L: The gospel of the Lord.
C: Praise to you, O Christ.

The congregation shall be seated.

The Address

The congregation shall stand.

Hymn of the Day

"You Are the Way" ELW 758
(1—sing in unison; 2 and 3—sing in harmony; 4—sing in unison) (Red Book)

Greeting

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.

The Conferring of Degrees

All candidates listed on pages 7-13

Presentation of the Class Craig Koester
Academic Dean

Conferring of Degrees Richard Foss

Jim Lindus
Chair, Board of Directors

Diane Doncits
Registrar

Richard Nysse
Secretary of the Faculty

Paul Lokken
Associate Dean for Graduate Theological Education

Announcement of Student Awards and Honors Richard Foss

Winners of the A.E. Hanson Prize in Homiletics; Frederick Buechner Prize for Excellence in Preaching; The David Preus Servant Leadership Award; the Children, Youth and Family Prize and the John Milton Prize in Old Testament 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.

Student Speaker

Britta Meiers
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.

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.

Prayer

The Order of Service

The Lord's Prayer

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

C: **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.**

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.

C: **Amen.**

Recessional Hymn

"O God Beyond All Praising" ELW 880

- 1 O God beyond all praising, we worship you today
and sing the love amazing that songs cannot
repay;
for we can only wonder at ev'ry gift you send,
at blessings without number and mercies
without end:
we lift our hearts before you and wait upon your
word,
we honor and adore you, our great and mighty
Lord.
- 2 The flow'r of earthly splendor in time must
surely die,
its fragile bloom surrender to you, the Lord most
high;
but hidden from all nature the eternal seed is
sown—
though small in mortal stature, to heaven's
garden grown:
for Christ, your gift from heaven, from death has
set us free,
and we through him are given the final victory.
- 3 Then hear, O gracious Savior, accept the love we
bring,
that we who know your favor may serve you as
our King;
and whether our tomorrows be filled with good
or ill,
we'll triumph through our sorrows and rise to
bless you still:
to marvel at your beauty and glory in your ways,
and make a joyful duty our sacrifice of praise.

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Postlude

Candidates for Degrees

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.

Jennifer Susanne Aleckson

Family of God, Brooklyn Park, Minnesota

John Martin Alexander

*Eagle Brook Church, White Bear Lake, Minnesota
Emmanuel Lutheran Church, Longview, Washington
Calvary Community Church, Longview, Washington*

Emilie Rose Bouvier*

Timothy D. Bowman

Amanda Elise Carpenter

*Zion St. John Lutheran Church, Sheffield, Iowa
Peace Lutheran Church, Pella, Iowa
Grace Lutheran Church, East Tawas, Michigan*

Kathryn Marie Christensen*

Bethlehem Lutheran Church, St. Cloud, Minnesota

Amelia Joanne Decker

Gregory James Filer

Kathryn Elyse Fish

Alyssa Claire Fitzgerald

*Shepherd of the Valley Lutheran Church,
Apple Valley, Minnesota*

Edwin Flomo

Lutheran Church in Liberia, West Africa

Audrey B. Gibson*

Gregory Scott Gillum

Kelly Anne Haase*

Josias Felipe Hansen

Third Way Mennonite Church, St. Paul, Minnesota

Lisa Lehnherr Hansen

*Mount Olivet Lutheran Church of Plymouth,
Plymouth, Minnesota
Family of God Lutheran Church, Brooklyn Park, Minnesota*

Myka Shea Hanson

Alison Anne Hartke*

St. John's Lutheran Church, Northfield, Minnesota

Site He

*ELCA
Luzhou Church, Luzhou, Sichuan Province, China*

Richard John Holleque*

*Our Saviors Lutheran Church, Hibbing, Minnesota
Cambridge Lutheran Church, Cambridge, Minnesota*

Kellie Lynn Kamm

Lutheran Church of Hope, West Des Moines, Iowa

John Dadjuah Karmo

*Canadian Baptist Ministries, Mississauga, Ontario
American Baptist Ministries-American Baptist Churches,
Valley Forge, Pennsylvania
Liberia Baptist Missionary Educational Convention Inc.,
Monrovia, Liberia*

Hyun Ae Kim

*Korean Presbyterian Church, Brooklyn Park, Minnesota
Woodbury Lutheran Church, Woodbury, Minnesota
Sung Chul Park and Yoon Ju Park, St. Paul, Minnesota*

Erica Jo Koser*

Centenary United Methodist Church, Mankato, Minnesota

Jessi LeClear Vachta*

*First Lutheran Church, Columbia Heights, Minnesota
Wartburg College Religion Department, Waverly, Iowa*

Leah Marie Maves

*Peace Lutheran Church, Amherst, Wisconsin
Nelsonville Lutheran Congregation, Nelsonville, Wisconsin*

Katherine A. Museus

Christ Lutheran Church, Nashville, Tennessee

Kinna Marie Nordstrom

Holy Nativity Lutheran Church, New Hope, Minnesota

Lindsey Ann Nuehring

Advent United Methodist Church, Eagan, Minnesota

Lara Catherine Pesce

Peace Lutheran Church, Sioux Falls, South Dakota

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

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*** With distinction*

▣ *A.E. Hanson Prize in Homiletics*

◇ *Graduate Preaching Fellowship*

◆ *Children, Youth and Family Prize*

▲ *Frederick Buechner Prize*

● *David Preus Servant Leadership Award*

✦ *The John Milton Prize in Old Testament*

Prize/fellowship descriptions, see page 14

Candidates for Degrees

Suzanne Marie Porter

Trinity Lutheran Church, Detroit Lakes, Minnesota

Sara Marie Quarberg

Abiding Savior Lutheran Church, Mounds View, Minnesota

Ihobinirina Heuricia Rakotomalala

*St. Mark's Lutheran Church, Sioux Falls, South Dakota
South Dakota Synod, Sioux Falls, South Dakota
(Diaconal Ministry Candidacy)*

Edwin R. Schenk

Caitlyn Marie Schmit

*Grace Lutheran Church, Tomahawk, Wisconsin
Living Waters Lutheran Church, Lino Lakes, Minnesota*

Zerihun Abraham Sium*

*Northridge Fellowship, Rogers, Minnesota
Justice for Humanity, Plymouth, Minnesota*

Erin Ruth Taylor

First Lutheran Church, Springfield, Ohio

Sara Alexandria Thomas

*New Beginnings Assemblies of God, St. Paul, Minnesota
St. Paul City Church, St. Paul, Minnesota
Hope Lutheran Church, St. Paul, Minnesota*

Dominic David Udoh

New Creation Baptist Church, Minneapolis, Minnesota

Jennifer Lynn Veilleux

Michelle Marie Walka

*St. Timothy Lutheran Church, Tarpon Springs, Florida
Lutheran Church of the Resurrection, Palm Harbor, Florida
Humble Walk Lutheran Church, St. Paul, Minnesota*

Vanessa Rae Young

*St. Paul Lutheran Church, Wheaton, Illinois
Lutheran Church of the Ascension, Northfield, Illinois*

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.

Andrew Thomas Birling

St. Andrew Lutheran Church, Beaverton, Oregon

Andrew Karl Bruhn

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.

Christina Louise Auch

*Lutheran Church of the Nativity, Arden, North Carolina
Lutheran Church of the Good Shepherd, Brevard,
North Carolina
St. Mark's Lutheran Church, Asheville, North Carolina*

Susan Kathryn Bantz

*Zion Lutheran Church, Muscatine, Iowa
Our Savior's Lutheran Church, Owatonna, Minnesota*

Erika Grace Benson Buller

*Trinity Lutheran Church, Detroit Lakes, Minnesota
Roseville Lutheran Church, Roseville, Minnesota
Grace Lutheran Church, Dawson, Minnesota*

Ricardo Berry Fonseca

James Daniel Bixby

*Trinity Lutheran Church, Long Lake, Minnesota
St. Mark's Lutheran Church, North St. Paul, Minnesota
Central Presbyterian Church, St. Paul, Minnesota*

Jonette Christine Lucky Blakney*

*St. Mark's Lutheran Church by the Narrows,
Tacoma, Washington
Creator Lutheran Church, Bonney Lake, Washington*

Charles Russell Brace

*Easter Lutheran Church, Eagan, Minnesota
St. Andrew Lutheran Church, Eden Prairie, Minnesota
Immanuel Lutheran Church, Eden Prairie, Minnesota*

Vanessa Marie Bradby

Olivet Congregational Church, UCC, St. Paul, Minnesota

Karl Christoph Breddin*

Osakis Lutheran Church, Osakis, Minnesota

Rebecca Ann Breddin*

Osakis Lutheran Church, Osakis, Minnesota

Jamie Brandt Brieske

*Trinity Lutheran Church, Eau Claire, Wisconsin
Central Lutheran Church, Mondovi, Wisconsin*

Russell Ashley Britton

*Shepherd of the Mountains Lutheran Church,
Park City, Utah
Bethany Lutheran Church, Cherry Hills Village, Colorado*

Candidates for Degrees

Dwight K. Buckner Sr.*

Gospel Temple Church C.O.G.I.C., St. Paul, Minnesota

Michael Timothy Buller

*Augustana Lutheran Church, St. James, Minnesota
Redeemer Lutheran Church, Minneapolis, Minnesota
First Lutheran Church, Brookings, South Dakota*

Neal Charles Cannon

Kimberly Marie Cassidy

Trinity Lutheran Church, Watertown, Minnesota

Elizabeth Diane Cheney

*Our Savior's Lutheran Church, Virginia, Minnesota
Trinity Lutheran Church, Cook, Minnesota*

Christine Anne Corbin Cowan^o

*Lord of Life Lutheran Church, Ames, Iowa
Bethesda Lutheran Church, Ames, Iowa*

Marilyn Renee Crossfield

*St. James Lutheran Church, Crystal, Minnesota
Luther Memorial Church, South St. Paul, Minnesota
Our Savior's Lutheran Church, Spring Valley, Minnesota*

Culynn Dean Curtis[†]

*Holy Cross Lutheran Church, Maple Lake, Minnesota
Hosanna Lutheran Church, Watertown, South Dakota
Living Word Lutheran Church, Milbank, South Dakota*

Paul Christian Dean

Prince of Peace Lutheran Church, Burnsville, Minnesota

Matthew Hudson Durance

*Trinity Lutheran Church, Midland, Michigan
Good Shepherd Lutheran Church, Houghton, Michigan
Roseville Lutheran Church, Roseville, Minnesota*

Benjamin David Durbin[^]

*First Lutheran Church, Duluth, Minnesota
First Lutheran Church, Gladstone, Michigan
Mercy Seat Lutheran Church, Minneapolis, Minnesota*

Ann Marie Fenlason

*Normandale Lutheran Church, Edina, Minnesota
Mount Zion Lutheran Church, Wauwatosa, Wisconsin*

Kaitlyn Marie Ferguson*

*St. James Lutheran Church, Crystal, Minnesota
New Song Church, Henderson, Nevada*

Ali Christensen Ferin[†]

Incarnation Lutheran Church, Shoreview, Minnesota

Patrick James Fish

*Zion Lutheran Church, Princeton, Iowa
Salem Evangelical Lutheran Church,
Minneapolis, Minnesota
Peace Lutheran Church, Coon Rapids, Minnesota*

Matthew Ian Fleming

*University Lutheran Church of Hope, Minneapolis,
Minnesota*

Andrea Nicole Fluegel

*Roseville Lutheran Church, Roseville, Minnesota
Redeemer Lutheran Church, White Bear Lake, Minnesota
Peace Lutheran Church, Dresser, Wisconsin*

Bailey Diane Fossum

Tracy Lutheran Church, Tracy, Minnesota

Jerod Kyl Freeberg

*Lord of Life Lutheran Church, Maple Grove, Minnesota
Svea Lutheran Church, Svea, Minnesota
Good Shepherd Lutheran Church, Pearl River, New York*

Laura Beth Gatzke

*St. Anthony Park United Church of Christ,
St. Paul, Minnesota*

Tracey Lynn Gibson*

*Wayman AME Church, Minneapolis, Minnesota
Christus Victor Lutheran Church/Lilly of the Valley
AME Church*

Tyler George Gubsch

*Celebration Lutheran Church, East Wenatchee, Washington
Long Lake Lutheran Church, Isanti, Minnesota
Christ the King Lutheran Church, New Brighton, Minnesota*

Karis Lynn Hagen*

*St. Paul's Evangelical Lutheran Church(LCMC),
Minneapolis, Minnesota*

Nathan Matherly Hall

Christ Lutheran Church, Inner Harbor, Baltimore, Maryland

Debra Lyn Hanson-Carlson

*St. Paul's Lutheran Church, Baraboo, Wisconsin
Lord of Life Lutheran Church, Lakeville, Minnesota
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Apple Valley, Minnesota*

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David Williams Hanssen

*Emanuel Evangelical Lutheran Church, Pleasantville,
New York*

*Cross of Glory Lutheran Church, Mounds View, Minnesota
Our Savior's Lutheran Church, Rochester, Minnesota*

Diane Lee Hatman*

Gethsemane Lutheran Church, Hopkins, Minnesota

Kristine Isder

*Grace Lutheran Church, Westbrook, Minnesota
Amo Lutheran Church, Storden, Minnesota*

Joseph Charles Iverson

Our Saviors Lutheran Church, Westby, Wisconsin

Brian Derald Jack

*St. Paul Lutheran Church, Lakota, Iowa
Bethlehem Lutheran Church, Slater, Iowa
St. Luke Lutheran Church, Spokane, Washington*

Caleb Ephriam Jeffers

Hope Lutheran Church, Moose Lake, Minnesota

William Peter Johnson[◇]

Messiah Lutheran Church, Auburn, Washington

Emmy Rettino Kegler

*Boe Memorial Chapel, St. Olaf College,
Northfield, Minnesota
Lutheran Church of Christ the Redeemer,
Minneapolis, Minnesota
Light of the World Lutheran Church, Apple Valley, Minnesota*

Chongsun Kim

Arlington Hills Lutheran Church, St. Paul, Minnesota

Katherine Elizabeth Longtin Johnson

*Hopeful Lutheran Church, Florence, Kentucky
Prince of Peace Lutheran Church, Springfield, Missouri*

Felix Javier Malpica

Bethany Lutheran Church, Crystal Lake, Illinois

Martha Christine Regina McCreight

St. Paul Lutheran Church, Davenport, Iowa

Britta Marie Meiers

*Hosanna Lutheran Church, Rochester, Minnesota
Grace Lutheran Church, Waseca, Minnesota
Our Saviors Lutheran Church, Rochester, Minnesota*

Nathan Gayle Melcher

Excelsior United Methodist Church, Excelsior, Minnesota

Melissa Lynn Melnick

Central Lutheran Church, Minneapolis, Minnesota

John Thomas Mickelson*

*Zion Lutheran Church, Thief River Falls, Minnesota
Zion Lutheran Church of Amor, Battle Lake, Minnesota*

Kayla Ann McBride Monson

*St. Johns Lutheran Church, Annandale, Minnesota
Paynesville Lutheran Church, Paynesville, Minnesota
Rejoice Lutheran Church, Clearwater, Minnesota*

Arthur Murphy

Faith Lutheran Church, Bellaire, Texas

Daniel Anders Nelson

*Christ Lutheran Church, Hendricks, Minnesota
House of Prayer Lutheran Church, Richfield, Minnesota
Gloria Dei Lutheran Church, Anchorage, Alaska*

M. Magdalen Novak*

*Gustavus Adolphus Lutheran Church, St. Paul, Minnesota
Salem Lutheran Church, West St. Paul, Minnesota
St. Andrews Lutheran Church, Mahtomedi, Minnesota*

Kathleen Ann Nygaard*

*St. John Evangelical Lutheran Church, Dickinson,
North Dakota
Grace Lutheran Church, Wildrose, North Dakota
First Lutheran Church, Williston, North Dakota*

Ashley Clarice Osborn

*Salem Lutheran Church, Wakefield, Nebraska
Lynnhurst United Church of Christ, Minneapolis, Minnesota
Kenyon Area Churches, Kenyon, Minnesota*

Lori Dee Pankratz

*Calvary Lutheran Church, Grand Forks, North Dakota
Concordia Lutheran Church, Edmore, North Dakota*

Micah Leif Pearson

Salem Lutheran Church, Dalbo, Minnesota

Sarah Kristin Peterson Johnson

*Peace Lutheran Church, Sullivan, Missouri
Hope Lutheran Church, St. Charles, Missouri*

Gwendolen Mair Powell

Atonement Lutheran Church, Overland Park, Kansas

Wade Emmett Reddy*

Elim Lutheran Church, Scandia, Minnesota

William Frederick Retza

*Living Waters Lutheran Church, Crivitz, Wisconsin
Porterfield Lutheran Church, Porterfield, Wisconsin
Zion Lutheran Church, Marinette, Wisconsin*

Candidates for Degrees

Jill Carolyn Colby Rode[□]

*Santa Cruz Lutheran Church, Tucson, Arizona
Desert Hills Lutheran Church, Green Valley, Arizona
Lutheran Campus Ministry of the University of Arizona,
Tucson, Arizona*

Elizabeth A. Rossing

*Christ the King Lutheran Church, Dalton, Georgia
Lutheran Church of Christ the Redeemer, Minneapolis,
Minnesota*

Sonja Cay Sandquist

*St. Mark-Trinity Lutheran Parish, Waterville/
Greenleaf, Kansas
Olsburg-Walsburg Lutheran Parish,
Olsburg-Leonardville, Kansas
St. John Lutheran Church, Alma, Wisconsin*

Benjamin Thomas Schori

Easter Lutheran Church, Eagan, Minnesota

Sarah Shanks*

St. Paul's Church, Minneapolis, Minnesota

Matthew Dale Shields*

*American Lutheran Church, Rantoul, Illinois
St. Mark Lutheran Church, Lindenhurst, Illinois
First Lutheran Church, Pontiac, Illinois*

Melody Roberson Simpkins

*Lutheran Church of the Redeemer, Atlanta, Georgia
Faith Lutheran Church, Knoxville, Tennessee
St. Andrew's Lutheran Church, Franklin, Tennessee*

Katie Lynn Slack

United Lutheran Church, Ringsted, Iowa

Kristine Margaret Stedje

*Central Lutheran Church, Minneapolis, Minnesota
Christ Church Lutheran, Minneapolis, Minnesota
St. John Lutheran Church, Arthur, North Dakota*

Wendy Marie Steger*

Light of the World Lutheran Church, Farmington, Minnesota

Joshua Allen Stibb*

Grace Lutheran Church, Ripon, Wisconsin

Barbara Allyn Streed

St. John Lutheran Church, Owatonna, Minnesota

Aaron James Sturgis

*Hope Lutheran Church, Eau Claire, Wisconsin
First Lutheran Church, Exeland, Wisconsin*

Andrew Robert Suhr

*Christ Church, Mequon, Wisconsin
Northgate Church, Ramsey, Minnesota*

Rebecca Sue Immich Sullivan[▲]

*Ascension Lutheran Church, Towson, Maryland
Redeemer Lutheran Church, Plymouth, Wisconsin
Trinity Lutheran Congregation, Minneapolis, Minnesota*

Kyle Eric Svennungsen*

*Northridge Lutheran Church, Kalispell, Montana
Immanuel Lutheran Church, Wadena, Minnesota
The Montana Synod of the ELCA*

Amy Kristine Swenson

*Olivet Lutheran Church, Fargo, North Dakota
Sverdrup Lutheran Church, Underwood, Minnesota*

Adam Patrick Herrboldt Teske*

*Shepherd of the Hills Lutheran Church, Edina, Minnesota
Mauston United Methodist Church, Mauston, Wisconsin*

Durk Douglas Thompson

*Olivet Lutheran Church, Fargo, North Dakota
Normandale Lutheran Church, Edina, Minnesota*

Joshua Ronald Toufar

*Chetek Lutheran Church, Chetek, Wisconsin
Lakeside Community Lutheran Church, Webster, Wisconsin
Our Savior's Lutheran Church, New Ulm, Minnesota*

Karen Lee Knudson Treat*

*Transfiguration Lutheran Church, Bloomington, Minnesota
St. Johns Lutheran Church, Mound, Minnesota*

Andrew Russell Twiton

*Evangelical Lutheran Church of Mount Horeb,
Mount Horeb, Wisconsin
First Lutheran Church, Pine River, Minnesota
Lutheran Church of Christ the Redeemer,
Minneapolis, Minnesota*

Amanda Lee Ullrich

Gethsemane Lutheran Church, Austin, Texas

Jeremy D. Ullrich

Salem Lutheran Church, Brenham, Texas

William Carl Weidenbach Jr.

*Grace Lutheran Church, Tallahassee, Florida
Hope Lutheran Church, St. Paul, Minnesota
St. John Lutheran Church, Arthur, North Dakota*

Mark Allen Wentz

Olivet Lutheran Church, Sylvania, Ohio

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Peter John Weston Miller
Redeemer Lutheran Church, Minneapolis, Minnesota

Rickie Lee White
St. John's Lutheran Church, Leck Kill, Pennsylvania

Emily Wiles
First Lutheran Church, Prentice, Wisconsin
St. Philip the Deacon Lutheran Church,
Plymouth, Minnesota
Central Lutheran Church, Everett, Washington

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.

Kenton Keane Carter
Harrisburg, Pennsylvania
"Missional Friendship: Deepening Friendships that Reflect the Interrelationships of the Triune God"

Rachel Leah Connelly
Wilmington, North Carolina
"Living More Fully into a Missionally-Focused Ecology of Interdependent Ecosystems"

Timothy Charles Delkeskamp
Thousand Oaks, California
"Keeping the Word Available to the Preoccupied and Disconnected: Using the Internet as a Tool to Address the Problem of the 'New Regular'"

Emily Ann Dykman
La Crescent, Minnesota
"Communal Mystagogy: Reflecting Together on God's Mission and the Vocation of the Baptized"

Michael J. Goodwin
Appleton, Wisconsin
"Sing a Better Song: Exploring the Storied Experience of Emerging Adult Preachers"

Anne Marie Hokenstad
Cottage Grove, Minnesota
"Restoring Hope: Addressing the Challenges to Mission in the After-congregational Context"

Lindsay Paul Jordan
Delafield, Wisconsin
"Mining Congregational History for Missional Empowerment and Hope, and Increased Missional Engagement"

Hans-Erik Nelson
Mountain View, California
"Preaching Covenant Identity: A Homiletic for Identity Formation and Transmission in the Evangelical Covenant Church"

Susan J. Odegard
Trego, Wisconsin
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 Perspective of the Other”

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