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Luther Theological Seminary

St. Paul, Minnesota

EIGHTY-FOURTH REGULAR COMMENCEMENT



Communion Service

Sunday, May 24, 1959 at 8:00 A.M.

Pastors A. G. Lewis and A. N. Rogness, Officiating
Pastors Wendell Frerichs, Roy Harrisville and Kent Knutson, Assisting

ST. ANTHONY PARK LUTHERAN CHURCH

St. Paul, Minnesota

Commencement Exercises

Sunday, May 24, 1959 at 3:00 P.M.

CENTRAL LUTHERAN CHURCH

Fourth Avenue South and Grant Street

Minneapolis, Minnesota

Order of Service

THE PROCESSIONAL

Jesus, Shepherd, Be Thou Near Me *J. S. Bach*

We Stand at the Threshold *J. S. Bach*

Mrs. Joyce Hilary, Organist

THE HYMN

Praise to the Lord, the Almighty, the King of creation!
O my soul, praise Him, for He is thy health and salvation!
All ye who hear,
Now to His temple draw near,
Join me in glad adoration.

Praise to the Lord, who o'er all things so wondrously reigneth,
Shelters thee under His wings, yea, so gently sustaineth;
Hast thou not seen
How thy desires e'er have been
Granted in what He ordaineth?

Praise to the Lord, who doth prosper thy work and defend thee;
Surely His goodness and mercy here daily attend thee;
Ponder anew
What the Almighty can do
If with His love He befriend thee!

Praise thou the Lord, who with marvelous wisdom hath made thee!
Decked thee with health, and with loving hand guided and stayed thee;
How oft in grief
Hath not He brought thee relief,
Spreading His wings for to shade thee!

Praise to the Lord! O let all that is in me adore Him!
All that hath life and breath, come now with praises before Him!
Let the Amen
Sound from His people again;
Gladly for aye we adore Him.

THE SCRIPTURE AND PRAYER Professor J. V. Halvorson

Isaiah 6:1-8

Professor of Old Testament

THE HYMN

Look from Thy sphere of endless day,
O God of mercy and of might!
In pity look at those who stray,
Benighted in this land of light.

In peopled vale, in lonely glen,
In crowded mart, by stream or sea;
How many of the sons of men
Hear not the message sent from Thee!

Send forth Thy heralds, Lord, to call
The thoughtless young, the hardened old,
A scattered, homeless flock, till all
Be gathered to Thy peaceful fold.

Send them Thy mighty word, to speak
Till faith shall dawn, and doubt depart.
To awe the bold, to stay the weak,
And bind and heal the broken heart.

Then all these wastes, a dreary scene
That makes us sadden as we gaze,
Shall grow, with living waters, green,
And lift to heaven the voice of praise.

THE ADDRESS: "Who Speaks for God?" Dr. George Aus

Professor of Systematic Theology

THE HYMN

Built on the Rock the Church doth stand,
Even when steeples are falling;
Crumbled have spires in every land,
Bells still are chiming and calling;
Calling the young and old to rest,
But above all the soul distrest,
Longing for rest everlasting.

Surely in temples made with hands,
God, the Most High, is not dwelling,
High above earth His temple stands,
All earthly temples excelling;
Yet He whom heavens cannot contain
Chose to abide on earth with men—
Built in our bodies His temple.

Here stands the font before our eyes
Telling how God did receive us;
Th' altar recalls Christ's sacrifice
And what His table doth give us;
Here sounds the word that doth proclaim
Christ yesterday, today the same
Yea, and for aye our Redeemer.

Grant then, O God, where'er men roam
That when the church bells are ringing,
Many in Jesus' faith may come
Where He His message is bringing:
I know mine own, mine own know me,
Ye, not the world, my face shall see:
My peace I leave with you. Amen.

CONFERRING OF DEGREES AND DIPLOMAS . . . Dr. Alvin N. Rogness
President

Presentation of the Class Dr. Robert H. Boyd
Registrar

Response on Behalf of the Class James Wylie
President

THE HYMN

Ten thousand times ten thousand,
In sparkling raiment bright,
The armies of the ransomed saints
Throng up the steeps of light:
'Tis finished! all is finished,
Their fight with death and sin:
Fling open wide the golden gates,
And let the victors in.

What rush of Hallelujahs
Fills all the earth and sky!
What ringing of a thousand harps
Bespeaks the triumph night!
O day for which creation
And all its tribes were made;
O joy, for all its former woes
A thousand-fold repaid!

O then what raptured greetings
On Canaan's happy shore;
What knitting severed friendships up,
Where partings are no more!
Then eyes with joy shall sparkle
That brimmed with tears of late;
Orphans no longer fatherless,
Nor widows desolate.

Bring near Thy great salvation,
Thou Lamb for sinners slain;
Fill up the roll of Thine elect,
Then take Thy power and reign:
Appear, Desire of nations,
Thine exiles long for home:
Show in the heavens Thy promised sign;
Thou Prince and Savior, come!

THE PRAYER AND BLESSING Dr. Eugene L. Fevold
Professor of Church History

THE POSTLUDE: "Our Father Who Art in Heaven" . . . Mendelssohn

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