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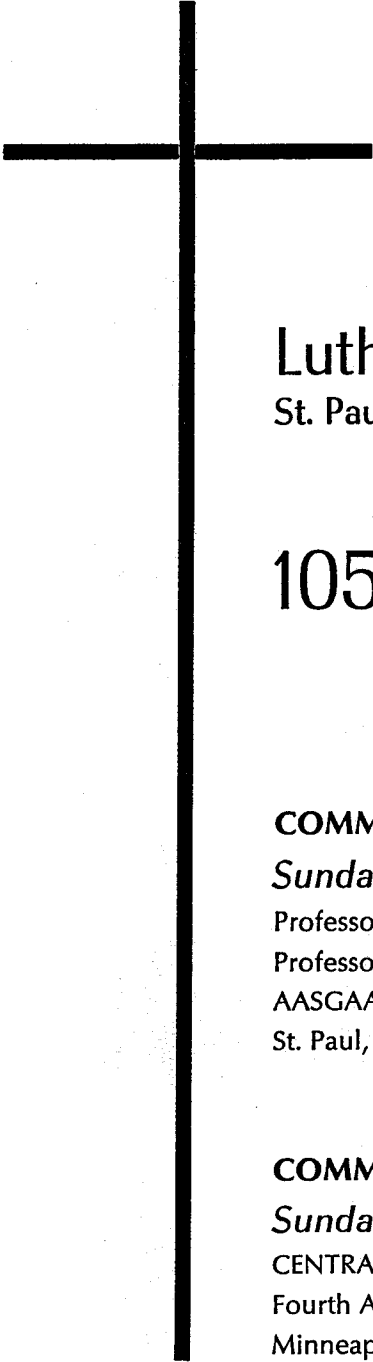
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Luther Theological Seminary
St. Paul, Minnesota

105th Regular Commencement

COMMUNION SERVICE

Sunday, May 26, 1974 at 9:30 A.M.

Professor Gerhard O. Forde, Preacher

Professor Charles S. Anderson, Celebrant

AASGAARD HALL

St. Paul, Minnesota

COMMENCEMENT EXERCISES

Sunday, May 26, 1974 at 3:00 P.M.

CENTRAL LUTHERAN CHURCH

Fourth Avenue South and Grant Street

Minneapolis, Minnesota

Order of Service

THE PRELUDE

Lord Jesus Christ, Be Present Now Flor Peeters

The Church's One Foundation Flor Peeters

Mrs. Joyce Hilary, organist

THE PROCESSIONAL HYMN: O Day Full of Grace (Weyse)

(The Congregation will rise)

O day full of grace, which we behold,
Now gently to view ascending;
Thou over the earth thy reign unfold,
Good cheer to all mortals lending,
That children of light in every clime
May prove that the night is ending.

How blest was that gracious midnight
hour,
When God in our flesh was given;
Then flush'd the dawn with light and
power,
That spread o'er the darkened heaven;
Then rose o'er the world that Sun
divine
Which gloom from our hearts hath
driven.

Yea, were every tree endowed with
speech,
And every leaflet singing,
They never with praise His worth
could reach,
Though earth with their praise were
ringing,
Who fully could praise the Light of
life
Who light to our souls is bringing?

As birds in the morning sing God's
praise,
His fatherly love we cherish,
For giving to us this day of grace,
For life that shall never perish.
His Church He hath kept these
thousand years,
And hungering souls did nourish.

Pass on to thy close, O Whit-Sunday,
With sunlight about thee beaming,
And scatter thy blessings on thy way,
As brooks through the meadows
streaming,
E'er leave in their wake the woods and
fields
In beauty and fruitfulness dreaming.

With joy we depart for our fatherland,
Where God our Father is dwelling,
Where ready for us His mansions
stand,
Where heaven with praise is swelling;
And there we shall walk in endless
light,
With blest ones His praise forth
telling.

SCRIPTURE READING AND PRAYER: John 1:1-14

Paul R. Sponheim

Professor of Systematic Theology

THE HYMN: Praise to the Lord (Lobe den Herren)

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;
Joining in glad adoration.

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 to the Lord, who o'er all things
so wondrously reigneth,
Shelters thee under his wings, yea, so
gently sustaineth;
Hast thou not seen?
All that is needful hath been
Granted in what he ordaineth.

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. Amen.

THE ADDRESS: Alvin N. Rogness
President, Luther Theological Seminary

THE HYMN: How Brightly Beams the Morning Star!
(Wie schön leuchtet)

How brightly beams the morning star!
What sudden radiance from afar
Doth cheer us with its shining?
Brightness of God, that breaks our
night
And fills the darkened souls with light,
Who long for truth were pining!
Newly, truly, God's Word feeds
us,
Rightly leads us, Life bestowing,
Praise, O praise such love o'er flowing!

Through thee alone can we be blest;
Then deep be on our hearts imprest
The love that thou hast borne us;
So make us ready to fulfill
With ardent zeal thy holy will,
Though men may vex or scorn us;
Hold us, fold us, lest we fail thee,
Lo, we hail thee, Long to know
thee!
All we are and have we owe thee.

All praise to him who came to save,
Who conquered death and scorned the grave;
Each day new praise resoundeth
To him, the Life who once was slain,
The friend whom none shall trust in vain,
Whose grace for aye aboundeth;
Sing then, ring then, tell the story
Of his glory, Till his praises
Flood with light earth's darkest mazes!

THE SERVICE OF DEDICATION (The congregation will rise)

Leader:

The great head of the Church
gave gifts to men
that some should be apostles,
some prophets,
some evangelists,
some pastors and teachers,
for the equipment of the saints,
for the work of the ministry,
for building up the body of Christ,
until we all attain to the unity of the faith
and the knowledge of the Son of God,
to mature manhood,
to the measure of the stature of the
fullness of Christ.

Congregation:

We are the Church—
all kinds and conditions of men,
but one body of Christ
and individually members one of another.

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;
the same Lord is Lord of all
and bestows his riches upon all who call upon him.
So faith comes from what is heard,
and what is heard comes by the preaching of Christ.

Congregation:

But how are men to call upon him in whom they have
not believed?
and how are they to believe in him of whom they have
never heard?
and how are they to hear without a preacher?
and how can men preach unless they are sent?

Leader:

In the presence of God we have met here,
to acknowledge the call of these students to leadership
in the Church of Christ;
to celebrate their fulfillment of all requirements set
by this faculty for academic degrees;
to honor them for their perseverance, faithfulness, and
diligence in study;
and to present them again to the Church in whose
ministries they aspire to serve.

THE ADDRESS TO THE GRADUATES

(Class shall stand, congregation be seated)

Leader:

Members of the graduating class:
Today you complete your formal education for the
Christian ministry.
In this Seminary
you have searched the Scriptures in the hope of
finding life;
you have read the records of great achievement
written not only in the blood of martyrs,
but more significantly,
in everyday Christian living by ordinary people.
You have entered into the theological reflection
which scholars of the Church have pursued
through the centuries;
you have probed the depths of human personality
in its terrible isolation
and in community;
you have studied the arts and skills
needed by one who would minister effectively
in our time and place.
Without dedication this training will have been in vain.
Nothing but devotion to God and His children
qualifies you for this ministry.
The Jesus who said,
"I have come not to be served,
but to serve,"
has defined the meaning of your ministry.
Your school sends you forth into this ministry
with her love and her blessing,
and she will pray that you may be adequate to your task.

Graduates:

We commit ourselves
to this ministry of service,
to the way of God which Jesus Christ has illumined for us.
We pray that all our works,
through God's gracious help,
may be begun,
continued,
and ended,
in Him,
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Leader:

Do you confess . . .
as in the presence of God, that Jesus Christ is Lord and that you are
now living in fellowship with Him by faith?
Do you promise . . .
that, by the grace of the Lord, you will ever be loyal in life and in
teaching to God's Holy Word and the Lutheran Confession?
God give you grace to make this confession in spirit and in truth.

**THE CONFERRING OF DEGREES
AND DIPLOMAS**

Alvin N. Rogness
President

Presentation of the Class

Olaf Hansen
Dean of the Faculty

Response in Behalf of the Class

Larry E. Thomas
President, Senior Class

THE HYMN: We Praise Thee, O God, Our Redeemer (Kremser)

We praise thee, O God, our Redeemer, Creator,
In grateful devotion our tribute we bring.
We lay it before thee, we kneel and adore thee,
We bless thy holy Name, glad praises we bring.

We worship thee, God of our fathers, we bless thee;
Through trouble and tempest our guide thou hast been;
When perils o'ertake us, escape thou wilt make us,
And with thy help, O Lord, our battles we win.

With voices united our praises we offer,
To thee, great Jehovah, glad anthems we raise;
Thy strong arm will guide us, our God is beside us;
To thee, our great Redeemer, forever be praise.

THE PRAYER AND BENEDICTION

Wendell W. Frerichs
Professor of Old Testament

THE RECESSIONAL (Congregation will be seated)

Toccata Knut Nystedt

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

Candidates for Degrees and Diplomas

MASTER OF THEOLOGY DEGREE

May 26, 1974

Paul H. Almquist Fargo, North Dakota

Systematic Theology
"Doctrine of the Church in Hope Theology from an American Perspective"

John Lawrence Halvorson Oakland, California

Pastoral Care: Ministry in Social Change
"God's Back, John's Gyroscope and Everybody's Tree:
An Investigation Into the Significance of Analogical Thinking Upon Personal and
and Religious Curiosity"

Masami Ishii Tokyo, Japan

Systematic Theology
"Luther's Doctrine of Two Kingdoms"

Karel M. Lunde Camrose, Alberta, Canada

Pastoral Theology and Ministry
"A Study of Man's Conscious and Unconscious: Towards an Expansion of
Consciousness"

- Elisonguo Ndesanjo Macha Moshi, Tanzania
 Systematic Theology
 "Building the Church in the Context of Ujamaa (Tanzania Socialism)"
- James E. Murray Wisconsin Rapids, Wisconsin
 Pastoral Theology and Ministry: Composite Degree
 "P. T. Forsyth's Doctrine of the Cross Today"
- David Hamilton Samuelson Johnston, Iowa
 Systematic Theology
 "The Correlation of Authority and Concreteness in the Theology of Dietrich Bonhoeffer"
- Maimela Sekomane Simon Transvaal, South Africa
 Systematic Theology
 "A Call for Renewal in the Doctrine of God: A Critical Evaluation of the 'Death of God' Theology"

**MASTER OF DIVINITY DEGREE
 OR DIPLOMA OF GRADUATION**

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| David Ronald Aaseng | Luther C. Hanson | Myron Eugene Nysether |
| Blair Keith Anderson | Arnold Alfred Herich | Dennis Lee Paulson |
| Paul D. Anderson | James M. Hicks | Robert Christen Pedersen |
| Mark D. Armstrong | James Lyman Hoefer | Ronald Arthur Prasek |
| Raymond Edward Arveson | Michael R. Holland | Howard L. Reeves |
| R. Thomas Ashbrook Jr. | Richard Roy Holmes | Andrew David Rogness |
| Bryan William Barry | Paul L. Holte | Lorin Sanden |
| Philip Quentin Bauman | John D. Hopper | James K. Schwartz |
| Robert L. Bear | Raymond Frederick | Harold Arthur Shudlick |
| Darryl C. Bell | Jacobsen | Marvin C. Skogen |
| Gary Eugene Benson | Bruce Allen Jenkins | Michael O. Smith* |
| Alan C. Berg | Milton D. Johnson | Michael Alan Steinke |
| Richard David Broen | Larry R. Jorstad | James Stephen Stenson |
| Donald E. Brugamyer | Kay L. Jurgenson | Charles Joseph Stephens |
| Daniel Dale Christ | Jonathan Noel Kennedy | Timothy Raynard Strommen |
| William Douglas Christ | David L. Ketterling | Bruce Wayne Stuart |
| Rotraut Luise | Samuel Saalsaa Kochel | Steven Dennis Tangen |
| Johanna Holst Conrad | Daryl Duane Koenig | Larry E. Thomas |
| George M. Dahl | Stephen Paul Kristenson | Curtis L. Thompson |
| Charles A. Daley | Gary Wayne Kubly | Ralph Mark Thompson |
| Wayne Carter Deloach | Douglas Gary Larson | Dennis Warren Tranberg |
| Darrel Dennis Deuel | Bernhard A. Marzell | Joseph Olai Valtinson Jr. |
| Don L. Devens | George Sievert Megard | Marlin L. Wangness |
| Douglas Larry Dobson | Paul G. Meierding | Ralph W. Yernberg |
| Joel B. Erickson | Alan C. Minshall | Bruce Russell Youngquist |
| Paul Mark Everett | Jerry Lee Moench | James Richard Zentner |
| Ronald Edwin Gerl | C. William Mosley | Douglas Robert Zurek |
| Steven Patrick Gutzman | Gary James Nokleberg | |

**MASTER OF ARTS IN RELIGION
 AND YOUTH MINISTRY DEGREE**

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| Richard C. Ellerd | James G. Ingle | John C. Straiton |
| Perry C. Hunter | Thomas William Jacobs | Terrance Kent Stumbo |

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