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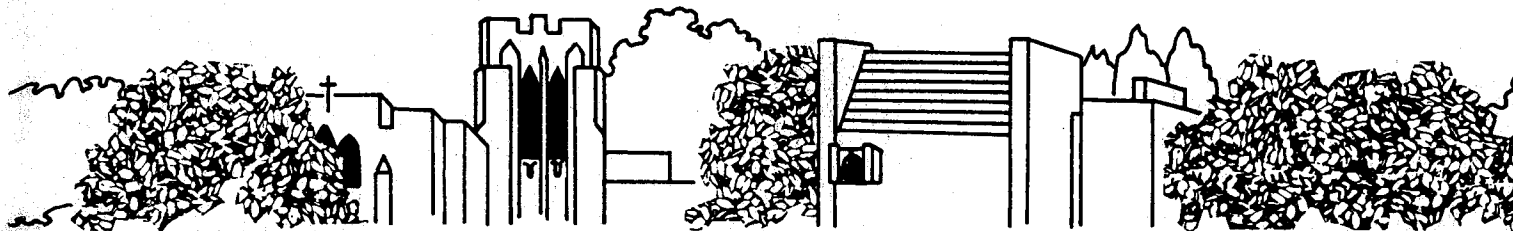
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THE 113th COMMENCEMENT

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THE 61st COMMENCEMENT

Northwestern Lutheran Theological Seminary
ST. PAUL, MINNESOTA



SUNDAY, MAY 30, 1982, 3:00 P.M.

CENTRAL LUTHERAN CHURCH • MINNEAPOLIS, MINNESOTA

ORDER OF SERVICE

THE PRELUDE

Dr. John Ferguson, D.M.A.
Music Director and Organist
Central Lutheran Church

Music for Brass and Organ

THE PROCESSIONAL HYMN: #527 All Creatures of Our God and King
(The congregation shall rise when the procession enters the sanctuary.)

All:

All creatures of our God and King,
Lift up your voice with us and sing:
Alleluia! Alleluia!
O burning sun with golden beam
And silver moon with softer gleam:
Oh, praise him! Oh, praise him!
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

Men:

O rushing wind and breezes soft,
O clouds that ride the winds aloft:
Oh, praise him! Alleluia!
O rising morn, in praise rejoice,
O lights of evening, find a voice.
Oh, praise him! Oh, praise him!
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

Organ only:

O flowing waters, pure and clear,
Make music for your Lord to hear.
Oh, praise him! Alleluia!
O fire so masterful and bright,
Providing us with warmth and light,
Oh, praise him! Oh, praise him!
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

All:

Dear mother earth, who day by day
Unfolds rich blessings on our way,
Oh, praise him! Alleluia!
The fruits and flow'rs that verdant grow,
Let them his praise abundant show.
Oh, praise him! Oh, praise him!
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

Women:

O ev'ryone of tender heart,
Forgiving others, take your part,
Oh, praise him! Alleluia!
All you who pain and sorrow bear,
Praise God and lay on him your care.
Oh, praise him! Oh, praise him!
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

All:

Let all things their Creator bless
And worship God in humbleness.
Oh, praise him! Alleluia!
Oh, praise the Father, praise the Son,
And praise the Spirit, Three in One,
Oh, praise him! Oh, praise him!
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

THE SERVICE OF THE WORD

The Rev. Robert H. Boyd, Ph.D.
Professor of Old Testament

Blessed are you, O Lord our God, king of the universe,

for in your wisdom you have formed us.

You feed the hungry and clothe the naked.

We bless you and praise your name forever.

You set free those who are bound.

We bless you and praise your name forever.

You raise up those whose courage falters.

We bless you and praise your name forever.

You provide for our every need.

Accept our grateful praises.

You have called us from all peoples.

We rejoice and bless your name forever.

You bless your people with peace.

We bless you and praise your loving grace.

Blessed are you, O Lord our God, king of the universe,

for in your wisdom you have formed us.

God has made us his people through our Baptism into Christ.
Living together in trust and hope, we confess our faith.

**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.

THE ANTHEMS

Salvation belongeth to our God
O God, Our Help in Ages Past
Luther-Northwestern Faculty Choir

Paul Tchesnokov
Croft-Christiansen

PRAYER OF THE DAY

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Let us pray.

Almighty and ever-living God, you have given us grace, by the confession of the true faith, to acknowledge the glory of the eternal Trinity and, in the power of your divine majesty, to worship the unity. Keep us steadfast in this faith and worship, and bring us at last to see you in your eternal glory, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

(The congregation may be seated.)

FIRST LESSON

Acts 2:1-21

PSALM 104:25-34 (Sung antiphonally by leader and congregation.)

Leader: O Lord, how manifold are your works!
In wisdom you have made them all;
the earth is full of your creatures.

Cong: Yonder is the great and wide sea
with its living things too many to number,
creatures both small and great.

L: There move the ships,
and there is that Leviathan,
which you have made for the sport of it.

C: All of them look to you
to give them their food in due season.

L: You give it to them; they gather it;
you open your hand,
and they are filled with good things.

- C: You hide your face, and they are terrified;
and take away their breath,
and they die and return to their dust.
- L: You send forth your Spirit,
and they are created;
and so you renew the face of the earth.
- C: May the glory of the Lord endure forever;
may the Lord rejoice in all his works.
- L: He looks at the earth and it trembles;
he touches the mountains and they smoke.
- C: I will sing to the Lord as long as I live;
I will praise my God while I have my being.

SECOND LESSON

John 20:19-23

THE HYMN: #161 O Day Full of Grace

THE ADDRESS

Ministry Into the Next Century

The Rev. Lloyd Svendsbye, Th.D.
President, Luther-Northwestern
Theological Seminaries

THE HYMN: #495 Lead On, O King Eternal!

THE SERVICE OF DEDICATION

President Svendsbye

(The congregation shall rise.)

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.
Your schools send you forth into this service
with their love and blessing,
and pray that you may be adequate to your task.

CANDIDATES:

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 congregation may be seated.)

THE CONFERRING OF DEGREES

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President Svendsbye

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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: #543 Praise to the Lord, the Almighty
(There will be an interlude for brass choir between each stanza.)

Praise to the Lord, the Almighty, the King of creation!
O my soul, praise him, for he is your health and salvation!
Let all who hear Now to his temple draw near,
Joining in glad adoration!

Praise to the Lord, who o'er all things is wondrously reigning
And, as on wings of an eagle, uplifting, sustaining.
Have you not seen All that is needful has been
Sent by his gracious ordaining?

Praise to the Lord, who will prosper your work and defend you;
Surely his goodness and mercy shall daily attend you.
Ponder anew What the Almighty can do
If with his love he befriend you.

Praise to the Lord! Oh, let all that is in me adore him!
All that has life and breath, come now with praises before him!
Let the amen Sound from his people again.
Gladly forever adore him!

THE POSTLUDE

Carillon Sortie

Henry Mulet

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

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May 30, 1982

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Las Cruces, New Mexico

Is There Anything Lutherans can 'Do'
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Theological Crisis or Technological Cure?

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Baptism: Its Integrative Function for
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Family Wholeness and Preventable Family Crises

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The 'Arcani Disciplina' in the Life of the Early Church
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An open letter to the congregations and pastors of the American Lutheran Church, the Lutheran Church in America and the Association of Evangelical Lutheran Churches, and to all persons of good will and reason:

From the undersigned members of the faculty, administration, and staff of Luther-Northwestern Theological Seminaries.

Concerning the call for a nuclear freeze:

Dear friends:

As concerned citizens, we add our voice to the growing chorus of responsible people throughout the world who are calling for a freeze in the construction of nuclear arms. We eagerly affirm the goal of mutual reduction of such arms by the U.S.A. and the U.S.S.R. Without disdaining the need for armed forces to restrain the possibilities of terror, oppression, and aggression, we are nevertheless persuaded that a new escalation of the arms race threatens life on earth by increasing suspicion and terror and robbing the nation and world of the resources to build a lasting, just peace.

As confessing Christians, we are also eager to testify to the hope that is in us through Christ our Lord. We are encouraged by and wish to commend the bishops of the American Lutheran Church in their "Pastoral Call to Peacemaking" and urge the pastors and people of our several churches to heed the call of peacemaking. Now is the time to speak as Church to the American people regarding a nuclear arms freeze, to bear witness to Christ, the Prince of Peace, and to manifest this faith with our whole lives. With all the saints, we pray that the rule of justice and mercy may indeed be established among us.

May the peace of the Lord be with you.

Adopted by the Joint Faculties on May 17, 1982, and unanimously supported by the Board of Regents of Luther Theological Seminary and the Board of Directors of Northwestern Lutheran Theological Seminary on May 18, 1982.

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