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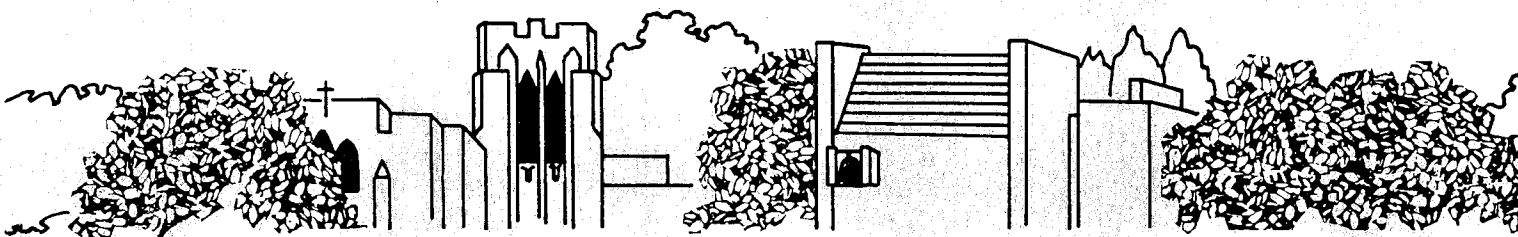
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ST. PAUL, MINNESOTA



SUNDAY, MAY 31, 1981, 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

### Improvisations on Today's Hymns

*A valuable part of Lutheran musical tradition is the practice of hymn improvisation. We hear today's hymns in improvisations, both written and spontaneous, by 20th century musicians: John Ferguson, Gerhard Krapf and Flor Peeters.*

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

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!

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!

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!

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!

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!

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. Paul G. Sonnack, D.D.

*Professor of Church History*

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

My Chosen King is Christ the Lord  
O God, Our Help in Ages Past  
Luther-Northwestern Faculty Choir

J. S. Bach  
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 1:8-14

PSALM 47 (Sung antiphonally by graduating students and congregation.)

Grad: Clap your hands, all you peoples;  
shout to God with a cry of joy.

Cong: For the Lord Most High is to be feared;  
he is the great king over all the earth.

G: He subdues the peoples under us,  
and the nations under our feet.

C: He chooses our inheritance for us,  
the pride of Jacob whom he loves.

G: God has gone up with a shout,  
the Lord  
with the sound of the ram's horn.

C: Sing praises to God, sing praises;  
sing praises to our king, sing praises.

G: For God is king of all the earth;  
sing praises with all your skill.

- C: God reigns over the nations;  
God sits upon his holy throne.
- G: The nobles of the peoples  
have gathered together  
with the people  
of the God of Abraham.
- C: The rulers of the earth belong to God,  
and he is highly exalted.

SECOND LESSON

John 17:1-11

THE HYMN: #535 Holy God, We Praise Your Name

INTRODUCTION OF  
COMMENCEMENT SPEAKER

The Rev. Lloyd Svendsbye, Th.D.  
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Spirituality, Discipline, and Discernment

The Rev. Dr. Joseph Sittler, Ph.D.  
*Professor Emeritus of Systematic Theology  
University of Chicago Divinity School*

THE HYMN: #526 Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise

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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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

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 de Westminster

Louis Vierne

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

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