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The  
One Hundred and Twenty-second  
Commencement

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**Luther Northwestern  
Theological Seminary**

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**3:00 p.m., Sunday, May 26, 1991  
Central Lutheran Church  
Minneapolis, Minnesota**

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# The Order of Service

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## THE PRELUDE

Organ and Luther Brass

## THE PROCESSIONAL HYMN

"Rise, Shine, You People!" No. 393

*The congregation shall rise when the procession enters the sanctuary.*

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.

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.

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.

Tell how the Father sent his Son to save us.  
Tell of the Son, who life and freedom gave us.  
Tell how the Spirit calls from ev'ry nation  
His new creation.

## WELCOME

Stephen J. Cornils  
*Pastor, Central Lutheran Church*

## THE SERVICE OF THE WORD

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.**

## PRAYER OF THE DAY

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

*The congregation shall be seated.*

## FIRST LESSON

Deuteronomy 6:4-9

## SECOND LESSON

Romans 8:14-17

## PSALM 149

*Sung antiphonally by graduating students and congregation.*

*Graduates:* Praise the Lord!

Sing to the Lord á new song,\*

his praise in the assembly of the faithful.

*Congregation:* Let Israel be glad in its Maker,\*

let the children of Zion rejoice in their King.

*Graduates:* Let them praise his name with dancing,\*

Making melody to him with tambourine  
and lyre.

*Congregation:* For the Lord takes pleasure in his people,\*

he adorns the humble with victory.

*Graduates:* Let the faithful exult in glory,\*

let them sing for joy on their couches.

*Congregation:* Let the high praises of God be in their throats\*

and two-edged swords in their hands,

*Graduates:* to execute vengeance on the nations\*

and punishment on the peoples.

*Congregation:* to bind their kings with fetters\*

and their nobles with chains of iron,

*Graduates:* to execute on them the judgment decreed.\*

This is glory for all his faithful ones.

Praise the Lord!

## THE GOSPEL

John 3:1-17

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THE HYMN

"Holy God, We Praise Your Name"  
No. 535

Holy God, we praise your name;  
Lord of all, we bow before you.  
All on earth your scepter claim,  
All in heav'n above adore you.  
Infinite your vast domain,  
Everlasting is your reign.

Hark! The glad celestial hymn  
Angel choirs above are raising;  
Cherubim and seraphim,  
In unceasing chorus praising,  
Fill the heav'ns with sweet accord:  
"Holy, holy, holy Lord!"

Lo, the apostolic train  
Join your sacred name to hallow;  
Prophets swell the glad refrain,  
And the white-robed martyrs follow;  
And from morn to set of sun  
Through the Church the song goes on.

Holy Father, holy Son,  
Holy Spirit, three we name you,  
Though in essence only one;  
Undivided God we claim you  
And, adoring, bend the knee  
While we own the mystery.

THE ADDRESS

THE HYMN "Lord, Whose Love in Humble Service"  
No. 423

Lord, whose love in humble service  
Bore the weight of human need,  
Who upon the cross, forsaken,  
Worked your mercy's perfect deed  
We, your servants, bring the worship  
Not of voice alone, but heart;  
Consecrating to your purpose  
Every gift which you impart.

Still your children wander homeless;  
Still the hungry cry for bread;  
Still the captives long for freedom;  
Still in grief we mourn our dead.  
As you, Lord, in deep compassion  
Healed the sick and freed the soul,  
By your spirit send your power,  
To our world to make it whole.

As we worship, grant us vision,  
Till your love's revealing light  
In its height and depth and greatness  
Dawns upon our quickened sight,  
Making known the needs and burdens  
Your compassion bids us bear,  
Stirring us to ardent service,  
Your abundant life to share.

THE SERVICE OF DEDICATION President David L. Tiede  
*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 school sends you forth into this service  
with its love and blessing, and prays 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 shall be seated.*

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**THE CONFERRING OF DEGREES**

Welcome President Tiede

Presentation of the Class Daniel J. Simundson  
*Dean of Academic Affairs*

Conferring of Degrees President Tiede

David A. Nasby  
*Chair, Board of Directors*

Carol E. Baker  
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*Secretary of the Faculty*

Paul S. Berge  
*Director of Master of Arts Program*

Todd W. Nichol  
*Director of Graduate Studies*

Wendell R. Debner  
*Director of Doctor of Ministry Program*

**RESPONSE IN BEHALF OF THE GRADUATES**

Mary Beth Zuehl

**THE PRAYER**

*The congregation shall stand.*

**THE LORD'S PRAYER**

Our Father in heaven,  
hallowed by 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**

"Praise to the Lord, the Almighty" No. 543

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**

**G**raduates, together with their families and friends, are invited to an informal reception in the Parish Hall following the service.



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## Participants in the Service

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### **PRESIDING**

**David L. Tiede**

*President, Luther Northwestern*

### **CRUCIFER**

**Mary E. Lowe**

*Senior, Luther Northwestern*

### **BANNER BEARER**

**Ted Zimmerman**

*Graduate student, Luther Northwestern*

### **MARSHALS**

**Timothy A. Brumm**, *middler student, Luther Northwestern*

**Juan-Miguel Espinoza**, *middler student,  
Luther Northwestern*

**Karen Fevold Ruper**, *junior student, Luther Northwestern*

**Roberta E. Shaw**, *master of arts student,  
Luther Northwestern*

### **READERS**

**Kurt V. Mattson**, *master of divinity degree candidate*

**Beverly E. Nestingen**, *master of arts degree candidate*

**Peter F. Lockwood**, *doctor of theology degree candidate*

### **LUTHER BRASS**

**Dan Ankerfelt**

**Robert M. Brusic**

**Laurie Engesser**

**Daniel J. Engh**

**Cary Kent**

**Glenn Monson**

**Jennifer S.N. Peterson**

**Kelly Sloan**

### **ORGANIST**

**Charles Parsons**

*Organist, Central Lutheran Church*

### **LITURGIST**

**Nan Hirleman Aalborg**

*Acting Dean of Students*

### **SPEAKER**

**Craig Lewis**

*Executive Director, Commission for Multicultural Ministries,  
Evangelical Lutheran Church in America*

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## Candidates for Degrees

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### Master of Arts

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Nancy Brenny  
M. Catherine Daniel  
Bart Allen Ennen\*  
Sharon Fox  
Sandra K. Hrovat  
Donna Jo Kopitzke  
Nancy Beth Markworth  
Brent Michael McKinney\*  
Pamela M. Merritt Miller  
Edward Murphy  
Joan K. Nesser  
Beverly E. Nestingen  
John K. Norby  
Barbara Olufs  
Jennifer S.N. Peterson  
Michael Joseph Poeschl  
Andrew H. Raedeke  
Beverly J. Stratton  
Margaret L. Walljasper  
Evelyn J.P. Weston\* °  
Paul J. Zak

### Master of Arts In Religious Education

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Wendy Evenson\*

### Master of Arts in Worship

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Pamela Ann Carlson\*

### Master of Divinity

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Gary J. Andersen  
Cheryl Marie Anderson\*  
Paul Allen Anderson  
Tom Robert Anderson  
Steven Max Apfel  
John Axel Bergson  
Carl Billings Jr.  
Deborah Birkeland\*  
Timothy M. Bjorge  
Winton Parsons-Carlson Boyd  
Arland W. Braaten-Lee  
Andrea Bringsjord  
Mary Margaret Brown  
Andrea Hope Buenting\*  
Steven A. Carlson  
Cheryl L. Corneliussen

° John Milton Prize in Old Testament

\*Requirements to be completed by Sept. 1, 1991

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Michael Jon Dahle	Gregory Neil McEwen
Karen A. Edwards	Angela Lynn Monson
Laurie J. Engesser	Glenn L. Monson
Thomas A. Engesser	Sally E. Nelson
Curtis G. Evavold	Phillip R. Nielsen
Simon Gregory Fensom	Margaret E. O'Neal
John W. Filius	Janeen B. Peters
Elette Anita Gamble	Mark T. Peters
Deborah Grace Gulbro*	Brian J.N. Peterson*
Daniel M. Hooks	Dale R. Peterson
Gregory Isaacson	Andreas Pielhoop*
Rolf Andrew Jacobson	Charlene M. Rachuy
Hans M. Jorgensen	Kathrin J. Radach* +
Julie M. Josund	Bounthay Phath Reth*
Mark Andrew Kindem	Kay Suzanne Richter
Paul M. Knutson*	John M. Riggle
Wayne David Kopitzke	Richard A. Rittmaster §
Bradley F. Larson	Marion W. Rova
David C. Lechelt	Mark Juhan Sallmén
David Andrew Lillejord	Juergen Schmode
Pedro E. Lopez Jr.*	John R. Sebentsfeldt
Stephen Richard Mahan	Linda Johnson Seyenkulo
Timothy Douglas Martenson	Kelly Jean Sloan
Timothy J. Mason*	James E. Smith*
Kurt Victor Mattson	Kathleen Rae Soldwisch

+ A.E. Hanson Prize in Homiletics  
 § Roy Harrisville, Sr. Prize in Homiletics  
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Steven L. Spilde  
Lisa L. Stafford  
Michael K. Stangeland  
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Joseph A. Strandjord\*  
Devin L. Strong\*  
William Thomas Sullivan, Jr.  
Jeannine Marie Sweet  
Timothy J. Thies  
Linda A. Thomsen  
Trudy Arnold Thorleifson  
Heidi J. Titus  
Jan D. Titus\*  
Joyce M. Tollefson  
Timothy A. Tostengard\* \*  
Rufina Votaw\*  
Mary Karen Wallum\* \*  
James G. Walth  
Richard M. Webb  
Randall M. Whitehead  
Hans Haitze Wiersma\* §  
Marilyn Witte\*  
Susan A. Wolf  
Mary Beth Zuehl +

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## Doctor of Ministry

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*Awarded in cooperation with the  
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L. Edward Frederick, *Casper, Wyoming*  
"Theological Reflection on the Hospice Setting and  
Resulting Opportunities for Gaining Understanding  
in Ministry"

Joel K. LiaBraaten, *West Linn, Oregon*  
"Negotiating the Divorcing Transition:  
A Group Intervention for Ministry"

David Frederick Lindblom, *Plymouth, Minnesota*  
"Worship and Personality Types"

Matthew George Malnar, *Brooks Air Force Base, Texas*  
"The Roman Catholic Military Chaplaincy after the  
*Challenge of Peace: God's Presence and Our Response*"

Martha M. Nelson, *San Diego, California*  
"The Nurture and Growth of the Parish Pastor  
as Spiritual Guide"

Arlyn C. Norris, *Rake, Iowa* †  
"Cultivating Community in the Local Congregation"

Alfred E. Valerius, *Stacy, Minnesota*  
"The Impact of the Adolescent Crisis on a  
Confirmation Program"

Bruce Marsden Williams, *Sioux Falls, South Dakota*  
"A Theological Reflection on the Body of Christ in the  
Context of the Organization and Developing Ministry  
of a New Congregation"

Michael John Wittkamper, *Minneapolis, Minnesota*  
"Lutheran Spiritual Direction"

\* G.M. and Minnie Bruce Prize in New Testament  
§ Roy Harrisville, Sr. Prize in Homiletics

+ A.E. Hanson Prize in Homiletics

† With Distinction

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## Master of Theology

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Michael Allan Hanson, *St. Paul, Minnesota*  
"A Word to the Wise: A Study of 1 Corinthians 1:18-31"

Jay Allen Johnson, *Minneapolis, Minnesota*  
"Manliness' in the Midst of 'Machismo':  
A Look at the Latin Male"

Karla J. Kirkeby, *Hawarden, Iowa* †  
"An Ecumenical Vacation Bible School for Small  
Membership Churches: 'All God's Critters Got  
a Place in the Choir!'"

Bruce Allen Kuenzel, *Granite Falls, Minnesota*  
"The Eucharist: Native to an Acoustic Habitat"

Eugene Andrew Lehrke, *Oakdale, Minnesota*  
"The Prayer of the Day in the *Lutheran Book of Worship* in  
Relation to the Western Christian Liturgical Tradition"

Donald J. Luther, *Minneapolis, Minnesota* †  
"Our Father: The Intersection of Scripture and Theology  
in the Prayer of the Congregation"

Peter William Sandstrom, *Minneapolis, Minnesota*  
"Process Theology as an Apologetic for Pietism:  
A Study of Redemption in the Process Theology of  
Daniel Day Williams"

Harald Schoubye, *Melfort, Saskatchewan, Canada*  
"The Church of Shem in Luther's Genesis Commentary:  
Luther's Position on the Unmediated Presence of God"

Jean Amelia Vargo, *Las Vegas, Nevada*  
"The Impact of Hope on the Expression of  
One's Inner Self"

Patricia F. Wicklund, *Mounds View, Minnesota*  
"The Prophets Speak to Us Today"

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## Doctor of Theology

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Richard Eugene Carter, *St. Paul, Minnesota*  
"A Lutheran Doctrine of Vocation in the Ibibio Context"

Dennis Roger Creswell, *St. Paul, Minnesota* †  
"St. Augustine's Dilemma: The Conflict Between  
Eternal Law and Grace, Its Resolution in Double  
Predestination, and Its Effect on Freedom in the  
Late Pelagian Controversy"

Peter Francis Lockwood, *New South Wales, Australia*  
"Guile and Grace: The Significance of  
Genesis 32-34 for the Literary and Theological Coherence  
of the Jacob Cycle"

Richard Swanson, *Sioux Falls, South Dakota* †  
"Parables and Promises Not Kept: An Investigation of the  
Parable of the Sower in the Gospel of Mark"