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The
One Hundred and Twenty-eighth
Commencement

LUTHER SEMINARY

3:00 p.m., Sunday, May 25, 1997
Central Lutheran Church
Minneapolis, Minnesota

Participants in the Service

PRESIDING

David L. Tiede
President, Luther Seminary

PRESIDING MINISTERS

C. Dean Freudenberger
Retiring Professor of Church and Society
Mary M. Knutsen
Associate professor of systematic theology

READERS

John C. Norquist
Master of Divinity Degree Candidate
Daniel Rakotojoelinandrasana
Master of Arts Degree Candidate

SPEAKER

Susan Briehl
Co-director of Holden Village

STUDENT RESPONDENT

Katherine Baardseth Rohrer
Master of Divinity Degree Candidate

CRUCIFER

Wendell Frerichs
*Professor emeritus of Old Testament
representing Luther Seminary Alumni/ae Council*

BANNER BEARERS

Christopher O. Fiske
Master of arts degree senior
Jennifer L. Vairus
Master of divinity degree senior

MARSHALS

Marc L. Hander
Master of divinity degree junior
Laurie A. Johnson
Master of divinity degree middler
M. Eugene Matthews
Master of divinity degree middler
Linda M. Roal
Master of divinity degree middler

ORGANIST

Mark Sedio
*Luther Seminary Organist
Cantor, Mt. Olive Lutheran Church, Minneapolis*

LUTHER BRASS

Laura Thelander, *trumpet*
David Hahn, *trumpet*
John Norquist, *trombone*
Lissa Peterson, *trombone*
Matthew Larson, *tuba*
David Dahl, *tuba*
Robert Brusic, *baritone*
Kristine Amend Blaess, *trumpet*
Mark Tiede, *horn*
James Engebretson, *horn*

Notes

The crucifer is professor emeritus of Old Testament and a member of the Alumni/ae Council. His participation today affirms the continuing leadership and support of the Luther Seminary Alumni/ae Council in the life of the school.

The student respondent and readers were elected by the senior class.

Graduates, together with their families and friends, are invited to an informal reception following the service. The reception will be either outside in the area in front of the Central Lutheran Education Unit and Sanctuary, or in the Parish Hall, depending on the weather. Note that in either instance several refreshment tables are being provided for your convenience, so if the line is long at one, please look for another.

The Order of Service

THE PRELUDE Luther Brass

THE PROCESSIONAL HYMN

"Christ Is Made the Sure Foundation"
WOV No. 747

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

Christ is made the sure foundation,
Christ our head and cornerstone,
chosen of the Lord and precious,
binding all the Church in one;
holy Zion's help forever and our confidence alone.

To this temple, where we call you,
come, O Lord of hosts, and stay;
come with all your lovingkindness,
hear your people as they pray;
and your fullest benediction
shed within these walls today.

Grant, we pray, to all your faithful
all the gifts they ask to gain;
what they gain from you, forever
with the blessed to retain;
and hereafter in your glory evermore with you to reign.

Praise and honor to the Father,
praise and honor to the Son,
praise and honor to the Spirit,
ever three and ever one:
one in might and one in glory while unending ages run!

The congregation shall be seated.

WELCOME Paul O. Romstad
Senior Pastor, Central Lutheran Church

DIALOGUE

The congregation shall stand.

Leader: Show us your mercy, O Lord,

Cong.: **and grant us your salvation.**

Leader: Clothe your ministers with righteousness.

Cong.: **Let your people sing for joy.**

Leader: Give peace, O Lord, in all the world;

Cong.: **for only in you can we live in safety.**

Leader: Lord, keep this nation under your care,

Cong.: **and guide us in the way of justice and truth.**

Leader: Let your way be known upon the earth;

Cong.: **your saving health among all nations.**

Leader: Let not the needy, O Lord, be forgotten,

Cong.: **nor the hope of the poor be taken away.**

Leader: Create in us clean hearts, O God,

Cong.: **and sustain us with your Holy Spirit.**

THE CREED

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.

Let us pray . . .

Amen

The congregation shall be seated.

First Lesson Isaiah 6:1-8

THE GOSPEL John 3:1-17

THE INTRODUCTION OF THE SPEAKER

THE ADDRESS Susan Briehl

THE HYMN OF THE DAY

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

The congregation shall stand.

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.

The congregation shall be seated.

WELCOME

David L. Tiede

ANNOUNCEMENT OF AN ENDOWED CHAIR

PRESENTATION OF THE CHRISTUS LUX MUNDI AWARD

The Conferring of Degrees

Presentation of the Class Marc Kolden
*Professor of Systematic Theology
Dean of Academic Affairs*

Conferring of Degrees David L. Tiede

Osamu Matsutani
Chair, Board of Directors

Diane Doncits
Registrar

Paul S. Berge
*Professor of New Testament
Director of Master of Arts Program*

Frederick J. Gaiser
*Professor of Old Testament
Director of Graduate Studies*

Carl A. Volz
*Professor of Church History
Secretary of the Faculty*

Wendell R. Debner
Director of Doctor of Ministry Program

THE ANNOUNCEMENT OF AWARDS AND HONORS

Winners of the John Milton Prize in Old Testament, the G.M. and Minnie Bruce Prize in New Testament, the A.E. Hanson Prize in Homiletics, and the Roy Harrisville, Sr., Prize in Homiletics receive modest cash awards.

RESPONSE ON BEHALF OF THE GRADUATES

Katherine Beardseth Rohrer

The Call to Mission

The congregation shall stand.

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. Luther Seminary sends you forth into this service with its love and blessing, and prays that you may be adequate to your task.

Graduates:

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 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

"Lord, You Give the Great Commission "
WOV No. 756

Lord, you give the great commission:
"Heal the sick and preach the Word."
Lest the Church neglect its mission,
and the Gospel go unheard,
help us witness to your purpose with renewed integrity.

REFRAIN:

With the Spirit's gifts empow'r us
for the work of ministry.

Lord you call us to your service: "
In my name baptize and teach."
That the world may trust your promise,
life abundant meant for each, give us all new fervor,
draw us closer in community.

REFRAIN:

Lord, you make the common holy:
"This my body, this my blood."
Let us all, for earth's true glory,
daily lift life heavenward,
asking that the world around us
share your children's liberty.

REFRAIN:

Lord, you show us love's true measure:
"Father, what they do, forgive."
Yet we hoard as private treasure
all that you so freely give.
May your care and mercy lead us to a just society.

REFRAIN:

Lord, you bless with words assuring:
"I am with you to the end."
Faith and hope and love restoring,
may we serve as you intend and,
amid the cares that claim us, hold in mind eternity.

REFRAIN:

THE POSTLUDE

The Commencement Speaker

Susan Briehl, a pastor in the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America (ELCA), is co-director of Holden Village with her husband Martin Wells, also an ELCA pastor.

Holden Village is a Lutheran Center for renewal in the North Cascade Mountains of Washington State. People at Holden become attuned to remote quietude. The retreat center at the north end of Lake Chelan, a former mining camp that was given to the Lutheran church, is accessible only by boat.

Prior to her move to Holden in 1994, Briehl was campus pastor at Pacific Lutheran University in Tacoma, Wash. Earlier, she had served as pastor of Our Savior's Lutheran Church in Bellingham, Wash.

She earned both the bachelor of arts and master of arts degrees from Washington State University in Pullman. She graduated from Pacific Lutheran Theological Seminary in Berkeley, Calif., in 1981 and was ordained that same year. She was a member of the board of her seminary alma mater from 1984 to 1988.

Pacific Lutheran Theological Seminary and Luther Seminary are linked to form the Western Mission Cluster in the ELCA.

Pastor Briehl's publications include: *A Love to Celebrate*, a five-part adult Bible published Augsburg Publishing House in 1988; and *Parables Jesus Told*, part of the Augsburg Fortress Bible Study Series in 1990.

The Christus Lux Mundi Award

The name of the Christus Lux Mundi Award derives from the Latin inscription carved in the stone above the main entrance to Gullixson Hall, the home of the Luther Seminary library. That inscription (translated "Christ the light of the world") articulates the central purpose of Luther Seminary and identifies the ministry and service to which the school is committed.

The Christus Lux Mundi Award is the most distinguished award presented by Luther Seminary. It honors the witness and service of persons who have manifested the light of Christ during a distinguished career either in the pastoral office or as a lay person.

The award is an upright jade crystal block etched with the name of the recipient and an artist's sketch of the entrance to Gullixson Hall which includes the words Christus Lux Mundi.

The fourth Christus Lux Mundi Award is presented today to Arley R. Bjella, chairman emeritus of the board of directors of Lutheran Brotherhood and founding chair of the Luther Seminary Foundation.

Prior recipients are: Alvin N. Rogness, president of Luther Theological Seminary from 1955 to 1974; Andrew Hsiao, president of Lutheran Theological Seminary of the Lutheran Church in Hong Kong; and Conrad John Immanuel Bergendoff, former president of Augustana College, Rock Island, Ill.

Arley R. Bjella

Arley R. Bjella – business and civic leader, lawyer, Lutheran layman – today becomes the fourth recipient of the Christus Lux Mundi Award from Luther Seminary.

Bjella left “a legacy of compassionate leadership” when he retired from Lutheran Brotherhood in 1987 after 17 years as chairman of the board of directors. During his tenure, Lutheran Brotherhood’s assets grew from \$579 million to \$5.3 billion, and its life insurance in force jumped from \$4 billion to \$18 billion.

Throughout his career he found ways to serve people’s needs. As founding chair of the Luther Seminary Foundation, begun in 1991, he helped the seminary develop relationships throughout the church and build the school’s community of investors. Once, while attending worship on campus in Chapel of the Incarnation, Bjella looked over the pews filled with students and told President Tiede, “Here is the future of the church.”

Bjella has been an active Lutheran layman throughout his life. He is a longtime member of Bethlehem Lutheran Church, a congregation of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America (ELCA) in Minneapolis.

His law practice in Williston, N.D., was interrupted from 1942 to 1946 when he was a captain in the Judge Advocate Division in Europe and participated in the Nuremberg War Crimes Trials, an experience that left him keenly aware of the terrible consequences of human injustice.

He has been a member of the board of regents for both Concordia College in Moorhead, Minn., and Augsburg College in Minneapolis. He was a trustee of the Lutheran Welfare Society in North Dakota, and served on the Board of Social Services of the former American Lutheran Church.

His interests are wide ranging. He has been director of Fairview Hospitals, the Norwegian American Historical Society, the Vesterheim Museum in Decorah, Iowa, and the Institute for Ecumenical and Cultural Research in Collegeville, Minn. His Majesty, King Olav V, bestowed the Knight’s Cross First Class on Bjella in 1979.

Bjella has had a lifelong commitment to work for the common good in both the community and the church and has always been noted for the depth of his leadership and his willingness to work long hours in response to needs he has seen in education and social justice.

The Endowed Chair

The Martin Luther King, Jr., Endowed Chair in Christian Mission and Social Justice has been made possible by the generosity of John and Eleanor Yackel. The first faculty member to occupy the chair is Charles Amjad-Ali who came to Luther Seminary last January.

Committed to helping to bring about justice in the world, the Yackels pondered where they could make the most difference with a significant gift. They decided their gift would have the biggest impact if it were used to prepare leaders of the church.

The Yackels created an endowment at Luther Seminary to help produce leaders capable of guiding communities in answering the biblical call to do justice. The Fund for Justice and Christian Community endows the new faculty chair; provides education and programming for students, pastors, and the public; and infuses justice and ethics themes in all disciplines of Luther Seminary.

“The Bible is straightforward about showing love to our neighbor,” Eleanor says. “We are called to be bringers of love and justice. John and I want to make it easier for pastors to speak out about justice. These issues are tough. But we want future pastors to be encouraged in seminary to talk about justice issues and to be given the skills and the strength to do so.”

In 1957, a year before graduating from the University of Minnesota School of Business, John and a partner started a publishing company. The business grew slowly at first, so John supplemented his income by selling books for another publisher.

The company, American Guidance Service, blossomed in the mid-’60s. Specializing in tests and instructional materials for students with learning disabilities or special education needs, the firm now has 170 employees. John retired in 1990, but is still chairman of the board.

Eleanor and John both grew up in Sanborn, Minn. They were married in 1956 and have four children.

The Yackels are active members of Our Savior’s Lutheran Church in Circle Pines. Eleanor is a longtime member of the Peace and Justice Committee for the Minneapolis and Saint Paul Area Synods of the ELCA.

The question the Yackels ask is: “If the church won’t speak out, who will?”

Charles Amjad-Ali was ordained as a pastor of the Church of Pakistan in 1987, and was director of the Christian Study Centre in Rawalpindi, Pakistan.

Most recently, he has been guest lecturer at St. Thomas and Temple Universities in the United States after serving on faculties in South Africa, Australia, Sweden, Japan, the Philippines, his native Pakistan, and England.

Candidates for Degrees

Certificate in Islamic Studies

Philip K. Nelson
Division for Global Mission, Central African Republic

Miriam Ruth Sailer

Master of Arts

Joyce Lynette Albers
Roseville Lutheran Church, Roseville, Minn.

Mary Elizabeth Anderson
Mount Si Lutheran Church, North Bend, Wash.

Kaiya Ansoerge
Emanuel Lutheran Church, Sequin, Texas

Carl W. Behnke
Grace Lutheran Church, Huntington Beach, Calif.

Elaine E. Brant
Beaver Lake Lutheran Church, St. Paul, Minn.

Douglas Sheridan Cox
*St. Luke Evangelical Lutheran Church,
Silver Spring, Md.
St. John Evangelical Lutheran Church, Riverdale, Md.*

Einär L. Ekstedt
Elim Covenant Church, St. Paul, Minn.

Mark Feldmann

Lana Louise Gilster*
Mount Olivet Lutheran Church, Minneapolis, Minn.

Karen A. Haggar
Westwood Lutheran Church, St. Louis Park, Minn.

Mary Johnson

Scott Lorne Johnson*
*St. Anthony Park Lutheran Church,
St. Anthony Park, Minn.*

Sam Kautz
Trinity Lutheran Church, Jamestown, N.D.

Jennifer S. Larson
Woodlake Lutheran Church, Richfield, Minn.

Beth Marie Maeker*
Faith Community Lutheran Church, Dallas, Texas

Dana L. Magi*
First Lutheran Church, Johnstown, Penn.

Solofoniaina Rakotoarivelo
Malagasy Lutheran Church (FLM), Madagascar

Daniel A. Rakotojoelinandrasana
Malagasy Lutheran Church (FLM), Madagascar

Lillian Risum
Gellerup, Denmark

Eric J. Rothgery*
Trinity Lutheran Church, Loveland, Colo.

Miriam Ruth Sailer

Nyla Marie Schoeld
*Nativity Lutheran Church, Minneapolis, Minn.
Bethlehem Lutheran Church, Santa Rosa, Calif.*

Kristin Joanna Swanson
Normandale Lutheran Church, Edina, Minn.

Cara Elizabeth Tanis*
Cambridge Lutheran Church, Cambridge, Minn.

Dawn Ellen Trautman
Olivet Lutheran Church, Fargo, N.D.

Hans C. Vigesaa
Hope Lutheran Church, Fargo, N.D.

Jing Wang
*Faith Chinese Fellowship,
St. Anthony Park Lutheran Church, St. Paul, Minn.*

Master of Religious Education

Phillip W. Emerson*
Ebenezer Lutheran Brethren, Minneapolis, Minn.

Krista Sue Gerke
Bethlehem Lutheran Church, Pemberville, Ohio

Master of Sacred Music

Jason L. Gottschalk
St. Matthew's Lutheran Church, Charleston, S.C.

Melinda A. Way-Johnson*
Immanuel Lutheran Church, Forest City, Iowa

Names of churches are the candidate's home and/or supporting congregations.

** Requirements to be completed by Sept. 1, 1997*

Master of Divinity

Kristen Kay Anderson

*Little Cedar Lutheran Church,
Marshall Lutheran Church, Adams, Minn.*

Richard William Baumann

St. Andrew's Lutheran Church, Mahtomedi, Minn.

Gail L. Berger-Stangret*

Faith Lutheran Church, Waconia, Minn.

Marilee Juneal Johnson Bergerson

Grace Lutheran Church, Apple Valley, Minn.

Jeri J. Bergquist

Augustana Lutheran Church, West St. Paul, Minn.

Corey R. Bjertness

Fordville Lutheran Church, Fordville, N.D.

Mark David Borseth

Roseville Lutheran Church, Roseville, Minn.

Terry A. Brandt

Shiloh Lutheran Church, Elmore, Minn.

Jamie Segaran Bruning

Gloria Dei Lutheran Church, Garland, Texas

Jonathan Todd Bruning*

Our Savior's Lutheran Church, Rockford, Ill.

Teresia Marie Calene-Hasseries

Grace Lutheran Church, Wenatchee, Wash.

Richard Leonard Cogill*

St. Christopher's Episcopal Church, Roseville, Minn.

Cynthia Gail Cone

Prince of Peace Lutheran Church, Grandview, Mo.

W.R. Neil Craigan

Hope Presbyterian, Richfield, Minn.

Kent B. Crossley

*St. John the Evangelist Episcopal Church,
St. Paul, Minn.*

Gregory S. Daher

*St. Paul's Evangelical Lutheran Church,
Minneapolis, Minn.*

David George Dahl

LeRoy Evangelical Lutheran Church, LeRoy, Minn.

Jeanne Louise Dahl

First Lutheran Church, Blooming Prairie, Minn.

Jay M. Dahlvang

Trinity Lutheran Church, Montevideo, Minn.

Tamara Ruth Dahlvang

Servants of Christ Lutheran Church, Indianapolis, Ind.

Stephen W. Dietzler

Christ the King Lutheran Church, Combined Locks, Wis.

Douglas Jerome Dowling

Memorial Lutheran Church, Glendale, Wis.

Nancy Edwardson

Diamond Lake Lutheran Church, Minneapolis, Minn.

Leif Joel Espeland

Gloria Dei Lutheran Church, Redwood Falls, Minn.

Kevin S. Finger

*Norwood United Methodist Church,
Norwood/Young America, Minn.*

Sharon L. Firle

Ezekiel Lutheran Church, River Falls, Wis.

Cynthia A. Fisher-Broin

St. Peter's Lutheran Church, Northfield, Minn.

Julie Marie Fiske*

Trinity Lutheran Church, Owatonna, Minn.

Robert Edward Frieze

Christ Lutheran Church, Blaine, Minn.

Deborah Rebekah Geelsdottir

South Canyon Lutheran Church, Rapid City, S.D.

David James Glesne

Christ the King Lutheran Church, Hutchinson, Minn.

Kent Claussen Gubrud

St. Stephen Lutheran Church, Bloomington, Minn.

David Christian Hahn

Desert Cross Lutheran Church, Tempe, Ariz.

Solveig Larson Hendrickson

Lutheran Church of Dell Rapids, Dell Rapids, S.D.

Patricia M. Higgins

Emmanuel Lutheran Church, Longview, Wash.

Melanie Heuiser Hill

House of Prayer Lutheran Church, Richfield, Minn.

Joseph Paul Hootman

St. Anthony Park Lutheran Church, St. Paul, Minn.

Stephen John Hultgren ☼
Gustavus Adolphus Lutheran Church, St. Paul, Minn.

Jeffrey Alan Iverson
Cross of Glory Lutheran Church, Brooklyn Center, Minn.

Todd Jeffrey Iverson
*Epiphany Lutheran Church, Apache Junction, Ariz.
Central Lutheran Church, Minneapolis, Minn.*

Ann Marie Jacobson
St. Paul Lutheran Church, Wyoming, Minn.

Jean Bolender Jamis*
First Church of Christ, Scientist, St. Paul, Minn.

Erik Paul Jelinek
First Lutheran Church, St. Peter, Minn.

Danette Elizabeth Johns
First Lutheran Church, Columbia Heights, Minn.

Karl B. Johnson
Progressive Baptist, St. Paul, Minn.

Mark Luther Johnson
*Zion Lutheran Church, Garretson, S.D.
Immanuel Lutheran Church, Caledonia, Minn.*

Laurie A. Jones
*Holy Redeemer Lutheran Church, Bellflower, Calif.
Lutheran Church of the Servant, Santa Fe, N.M.*

Barbara Ann Jorgenson
Grace Lutheran Church, Ripon, Wis.

Melody Ann Kirkpatrick
St. Michael's Lutheran Church, Roseville, Minn.

Janna M. Kontz
Salem Lutheran Church, Stephen, Minn.

Janice Anderson Kudej
*Bethlehem Lutheran Church, Minneapolis, Minn.
Western Iowa Synod*

Pamela I. Stalheim Lane
Westwood Lutheran Church, St. Louis Park, Minn.

Anna-Kari Joy Langseth
Lord of Life Lutheran Church, Schaumburg, Ill.

Leland Merrill Lantz
Mamrelund Lutheran Church, Stanton, Iowa

Susan Marie Lawlor
St. Olaf Lutheran Church, North Minneapolis, Minn.

Michael Karl Lee
Trinity Lutheran Church, Pell Lake, Wis.

Rebecca J. Lee
Immanuel Lutheran Church, St. Paul, Minn.

Mengistu Lemma*
Ethiopian Evangelical Church, New York, N.Y.

Sheri Beth Lodel
Faith Lutheran Church, Valders, Wis.

Susan Arnold Madson
*Zion Lutheran Church, Anoka, Minn.
Lutheran Church of the Good Shepherd,
Moorhead, Minn.*

Beth Marie Maeker*
Faith Community Lutheran Church, Dallas, Texas

Marjorie Frances Mair-Hansen
*Shepherd of the Lakes Lutheran Church,
Walled Lake, Mich.*

Scott Alan Meier*
St. Paul's Evangelical Lutheran Church, Manson, Iowa

Richard Gene Metz
Woodlake Lutheran Church, Richfield, Minn.

Sarah Jane Miller
First English Lutheran Church, Oshkosh, Wis.

Douglas James Mork
Augustana Lutheran Church, West St. Paul, Minn.

Kimberly Ann Morrill*
Community Presbyterian Church, Grand Rapids, Minn.

Kevin P. Mundell
Olivet Congregational Church, St. Paul, Minn.

Edward Murphy
Christ the Servant Lutheran Church, Henderson, Nev.

Shelley Jean Nelson
First Lutheran Church, Manitowoc, Wis.

Shelley Kaye Nelson
Lake Park Lutheran Church, Lake Park, Minn.

☼ G.M. and Minnie Bruce Prize in New Testament
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Roy Anthony Noel †
Halstad Lutheran Church, Halstad, Minn.

Peter Thomas Norland*
Heron Lake Evangelical Lutheran Church,
Heron Lake, Minn.

John Charles Norquist
All Saints Lutheran Church, Minnetonka, Minn.

Barbara Kay O'Banion
Abiding Hope Lutheran Church, Littleton, Colo.

Delwyn L. Olivier
Magnolia Lutheran Church, Seattle, Wash.

Linda J. M. Peightel Olsen
Christ the King Lutheran Church, Snohomish, Wash.

Grant W. Patterson*
Hope Lutheran Church, Walker, Minn.

Daniel Joseph Paulson
Grace Lutheran Church, Huntington Beach, Calif.

Gail Nord Paulson ❖ ❖
Zion Lutheran Church, International Falls, Minn.

Barbara Jean Peterson
Emanuel Lutheran Church, Bock, Minn.

James M. Price
Tanque Verde Lutheran Church, Tucson, Ariz.

Donald Ray Rasmussen
Hosanna! Lutheran Church, Lakeville, Minn.

Vicki Lynn Saude Rau
Northwood Lutheran Church,
Washington Lutheran Church, Northwood, N.D.

John Howard Reinschmidt*
Hosanna Lutheran Church, Rochester, Minn.

Peter William Reuss
University Lutheran Church, Evanston, Ill.

James Maynard Robinson*
St. Paul Lutheran Church, Cut Bank, Mont.

Paul Gaylan Rockswold*
Westwood Lutheran Church, St. Louis Park, Minn.

Julie Lynn Rogness
First Lutheran Church, Kenyon, Minn.

Blake Edward Rohrer
Our Savior's Lutheran Church, Circle Pines, Minn.

Katherine E. Baardseth Rohrer ❖
Our Savior's Lutheran Church, Amery, Wis.

Elise Eklund Rothfusz
Tanque Verde Lutheran Church, Tucson, Ariz.

John E. Rothfusz
St. Paul's Lutheran Church, Atlantic, Iowa

Donald A. Sandborg
Good Shepherd Lutheran Church, Bismark, N.D.

Melanie Jo Schueler
St. John's Lutheran Church, Raymond, Minn.

Kerry J. Selseth*
Vinje Lutheran Church, Willmar, Minn.

Elizabeth D. Shank
St. Michael's Lutheran Church, Roseville, Minn.

Michelle L. Simonson
St. Olaf Lutheran Church, Austin, Minn.

Barbara Jean Spaulding
First Lutheran Church, Columbia Heights, Minn.

Judy L. Swanberg
Community Covenant Church, Minneapolis, Minn.

Gene Arthur Talley
Faith Evangelical Lutheran Church, Glen Ellyn, Ill.

Jason William Talsness
First Lutheran Church, Bemidji, Minn.

Carla L. Tappert*
St. James Lutheran Church, Coopersburg, Penn.

Valeri Alexandrovich Tchijik
Roseville Lutheran Church, Roseville, Minn.

Jeffrey Dale Teeples
Christ Lutheran Church, Whitefish, Mont.
Lord of Life Lutheran Church, Ramsey, Minn.
Our Savior's Lutheran Church, Cloquet, Minn.
Zion Lutheran Church, Roundup, Mont.

Laura Jean Thelander ❖ †
St. John's Lutheran Church, Norfolk, Neb.

Marcia Ann Thorkelson
Lutheran Church of the Good Shepherd,
Minneapolis, Minn.

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Our Savior's Lutheran Church, New Ulm, Minn.

Mark Andrew Tiede
Vinje Lutheran Church, Willmar, Minn.

Phillip E. Tobin
Grace Lutheran Church, Woodstock, Ill.

Kristen Ann Venne
Bricelyn Lutheran Church, Bricelyn, Minn.

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