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ONE HUNDRED AND THIRTY-FIRST  
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OF

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**LUTHER SEMINARY**

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3:00 P.M., SUNDAY, MAY 21, 2000  
CENTRAL LUTHERAN CHURCH  
MINNEAPOLIS, MINNESOTA

## Participants in the Service

### PRESIDER

**David L. Tiede**  
*President, Luther Seminary*

### LITURGIST

**Nijhar Minz-Ekka, '96**

### READERS

**Alan Chan**  
*Master of Arts Degree Candidate*  
**Amy Zalk**  
*Master of Divinity Degree Candidate*

### SPEAKER

**The Rev. Ann Svennungsen, '81**  
*Senior Pastor, Trinity Lutheran Church,  
Moorhead, Minnesota*

### STUDENT RESPONDENT

**Christian Marien**  
*Master of Divinity Degree Candidate*

### CRUCIFER

**Katherine S. Michael, '93, '94**  
*Associate Pastor, Westminster Presbyterian Church  
Minneapolis, Minnesota*

### BANNER BEARERS

**Kathryn Brown**  
*Master of Divinity Degree Senior*  
**Marc Hander**  
*Master of Divinity Degree Senior*

### MARSHALS

**Kelle Nelson-Bunkers**  
*Master of Divinity Degree Junior*  
**Lucinda Nygard**  
*Master of Divinity Degree Middler*  
**Steven Schumacher**  
*Master of Divinity Degree Middler*  
**Matthew Toso**  
*Master of Divinity Degree Junior*

### FACULTY MARSHAL

**James Boyce**  
*Professor of New Testament*

### ORGANIST

**John Jahr**  
*Master of Sacred Music Degree Candidate*

### INSTRUMENTALISTS

**Luther Brass**  
*Sidney Bohls, Robert Brusica, Todd Burkholder,  
Michael Engh, Gena Maria Koeberl, Matthew Larson,  
James Limburg, Nathan Loer, Beth Meester, Lissa Peterson,  
Michael Schmidt*

## Notes

**T**he crucifer is a graduate of the class of both 1993 (master of arts degree) and 1994 (master of divinity degree) and a member of the Alumni/ae Council. Pastor Michael's 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. Banner bearers and marshals were chosen by the Office of the Registrar.

**G**raduates, together with their families and friends, are invited to an informal reception following the service. The reception will be in the Parish Hall. Note that multiple refreshment tables are being provided for your convenience, so if the line is long at one, please look for another. Weather permitting, people are encouraged to take their refreshments outside on the north lawn of the Central Lutheran education unit.

## The Commencement Speaker

**T**he Rev. Ann Svennungsen has served as senior pastor at Trinity Lutheran Church, Moorhead, Minn., since 1996. A 1981 Luther Seminary graduate, Svennungsen has led parishes in Iowa and Minnesota. Her most recent honors include participating in the Louisville Consultation on New Testament Ethics (2000), serving as a minister in residence at Wartburg Seminary in Dubuque, Iowa (1999), and participating in the Lilly Endowment National Religious Leadership Program (1997-1999). She has published several works, including her most recent, *God's Peace: Study on Ephesians* (Augsburg Fortress, 1996).

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# The Order of Service

## THE PRELUDE

*Fuga a 5 con pedale pro organo pleno (St. Anne)*  
J. S. Bach

## THE PROCESSIONAL HYMN\*

"NOW ALL THE VAULT OF HEAVEN RESOUNDS"  
LBW 143

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

Now all the vault of heav'n resounds  
In praise of love that still abounds:  
"Christ has triumphed! He is living!"  
Sing, choirs of angels, loud and clear!  
Repeat their song of glory here:  
"Christ has triumphed! Christ has triumphed!"  
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

Eternal is the gift he brings,  
Therefore our heart with rapture sings:  
"Christ has triumphed! He is living!"  
Now still he comes to give us life  
And by his presence stills all strife.  
"Christ has triumphed! He is living!"  
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

Oh, fill us Lord, with dauntless love;  
Set heart and will on things above  
That we conquer through your triumph;  
Grant grace sufficient for life's day  
That by our lives we truly say:  
"Christ has triumphed! He is living!"  
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

Adoring praises now we bring  
And with the heav'nly bless-ed sing  
"Christ has triumphed! Alleluia!"  
Be to the Father, and our Lord,  
To Spirit blest, most holy God,  
All the glory, never ending!  
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

*The congregation shall be seated.*

WELCOME Craig Lewis  
Senior Pastor, Central Lutheran Church

## DIALOGUE

*The congregation shall stand.*

P: Show us your mercy, O Lord,  
C: **and grant us your salvation.**  
P: Clothe your ministers with righteousness;  
C: **let your people sing for joy.**  
P: Give peace, O Lord, in all the world;  
C: **for only in you can we live in safety.**

P: Lord, keep this nation under your care,  
C: **and guide us in the way of justice and truth.**

P: Let your way be known upon the earth;  
C: **your saving health among all nations.**

P: Let not the needy, O Lord, be forgotten,  
C: **nor the hope of the poor be taken away.**

P: Create in us clean hearts, O God,  
C: **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

P: The Lord be with you.

C: **And also with you.**

P: Let us pray.

Almighty God, you show the light of your truth to those in darkness, to lead them into the way of righteousness. Give strength to all who are joined in the family of the Church, so that they will resolutely reject what erodes their faith and firmly follow what faith requires; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: **Amen.**

*The congregation shall be seated.*

THE FIRST LESSON 1 John 3:16-24

THE GOSPEL John 10:11-18

THE ADDRESS  
"The Heart of the Matter" Ann Svennungsen

THE HYMN OF THE DAY

*The King of Love My Shepherd Is* LBW 456

*The congregation shall stand.*

The King of love my shepherd is,  
Whose goodness faileth never;  
I nothing lack if I am his  
and he is mine forever.

Where streams of living water flow,  
My ransomed soul he leadeth  
And, where the verdant pastures grow,  
With food celestial feedeth.

Perverse and foolish oft I strayed,  
But yet in love he sought me,  
And on his shoulder gently laid,  
And home, rejoicing, brought me.

In death's dark vale I fear no ill,  
With thee, dear Lord, beside me,  
Thy rod and staff my comfort still;  
Thy cross before to guide me.

Thou spreadst a table in my sight;  
Thine unction grace bestoweth;  
And, oh, what transport of delight  
From thy pure chalice floweth.

And so, through all the length of days,  
Thy goodness faileth never.  
Good Shepherd, may I sing thy praise  
Within thy house forever.

*The congregation shall be seated.*

WELCOME

David L. Tiede

ANNOUNCEMENT OF ENDOWED CHAIRS

PRESENTATION OF THE CHRISTUS LUX MUNDI AWARD

**The Conferring of Degrees**

*All candidates listed on pages 7-11.*

Presentation of the Class Charles Anderson  
*Acting Dean of Academic Affairs*

Conferring of Degrees David L. Tiede

Mark Knudson  
*Chair, Board of Directors*

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*Professor of New Testament  
Director of Master of Arts Program*

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*Professor of Old Testament  
Director of Graduate Studies*

Arland J. Hultgren  
*Professor of New Testament  
Secretary of the Faculty*

Mark Hillmer  
*Louise Grunow Professor of Old Testament  
Chair, Consortium Doctor of Ministry  
Administrative Committee*

THE ANNOUNCEMENT OF AWARDS AND HONORS

Winners of the John Milton Prize in Old Testament, the A.E. Hanson Prize in Homiletics, and the Roy Harrisville, Sr., Prize in Homiletics receive modest cash awards. Descriptions of all awards are on page 11.

RESPONSE ON BEHALF OF THE GRADUATES

Christian Marien

**The Call to Mission**

*The congregation shall stand.*

**P:** 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.

**C:** We are the church -- all kinds and conditions of people, but one body of Christ and individually members of one another.

**P:** 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 Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

THE PRAYERS

# The Christus Lux Mundi Award

## 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 Gave the Great Commission* WOV 756

Lord, you gave 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.  
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.  
With the Spirit's gifts empow'r us  
for the work of ministry.

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

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

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

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## THE POSTLUDE

*Symphony 5: Toccata*

Charles Marie Widor

The name of the Christus Lux Mundi Award derives from the Latin inscription carved in the stone lintel 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.

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 a crystal block etched with the name of the recipient and a sketch of the entrance to Gullixson Hall, including the words *Christus Lux Mundi*.

The sixth Christus Lux Mundi Award is presented today to Marjorie Bly, in absentia, for her tireless work in Christian mission to the people of China and Taiwan. Another China missionary, Ms. Charlotte Gronseth, will accept the award for her.

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; Conrad John Bergendoff, former president of Augustana College, Rock Island, Ill.; Arley R. Bjella, Lutheran layman, business and civic leader in Minneapolis; and Howard and Edna Hong, Northfield, Minnesota.

## Marjorie I. Bly

Today Luther Seminary honors a woman who has brought the light of Christ through her work as a nurse and missionary to the people and families of China and Taiwan devastated by leprosy.

"Marjorie Bly has run leprosy clinics for 45 years but she has given much more than medicine to the many families on the Peghu Islands (Taiwan)," wrote friend M. Douglas Swenseid. "She has consoled, helped out financially and persuaded many who did not seek help at first... to come to the clinic and be treated."

An article in a Taipei newspaper described her as: "the lady with the sweet smile and the kind face walking along... with her simple medicine kit, entering the smelly huts of fisherfolk and examining the leprosy patients she would find there... she has hesitated at nothing in willingly offering her life to God and lovingly ministering to the poor."

Born in Henan Province, China to missionary parents, Marjorie graduated from St. Olaf College, 1941, and Fairview School of Nursing, 1944.

In 1946, she was commissioned as a missionary of the Evangelical Lutheran Church of China and served at Lutheran hospitals in central China.

In 1952 she was sent to Taiwan and has served the outlying islands ever since.

Although she retired as a missionary of the ELCA in 1989 at the age of 70, she continues to travel about the islands, working with leprosy patients and their families.

## The Endowed Chairs

### The Carrie Olson Baalson Chair in Children, Youth and Family Ministry

**T**he Carrie Olson Baalson Chair in Children, Youth and Family Ministry celebrates Carrie's life, faith and love of children. Carrie is the daughter of Charles and Sharon Olson, longtime supporters of Luther Seminary and member of the Seminary's Foundation Board of Trustees. The chair permanently endows an existing faculty position currently located in the Leadership division of Luther Seminary. This faculty position is central to the seminary's commitment to educate faithful, effective youth leaders for congregations. This pioneering endowment will assure that the preparation of leaders specially trained to serve children, youth and families will be sustained as a critical strength of Luther Seminary's educational program. In establishing the chair, Charles and Sharon Olson offer thanksgiving to God for the gift of their daughter Carrie, and the gifts of nurture and love they have received through their home congregation, Vinje Lutheran Church in Willmar, Minnesota.

**Roland Martinson**, a member of the Luther Seminary faculty since 1977, is the first appointed to the Carrie Olson Baalson Chair. A graduate of Concordia College, Moorhead, Minn., Luther Seminary and San Francisco Theological Seminary, he has served as pastor in California and Moorhead.

Well-known in the field of youth and family ministry, he currently serves on the National Council on Family Relations.

"I teach pastors and lay leaders to be pro-active in shaping families for life and faith and responsive in ministering to families in crisis," Dr. Martinson says.

### The Alvin N. Rogness Chair of Preaching

**T**he Alvin N. Rogness Chair of Preaching honors the legacy of this longtime servant of the church. Alvin Rogness served as president of Luther Seminary from 1955 to 1974. Upon his retirement from that position, his many friends within the church began efforts to create an endowed chair at Luther Seminary in his honor. Many hundreds of friends, family members and congregations have contributed to this fund. With thanksgiving to God, we are now able to announce the full funding of the Alvin N. Rogness Chair of Preaching, which honors not only Alvin, but also his wife Nora Preus Rogness. Alvin Rogness was a gifted speaker and prolific writer. His books, articles and Sunday bulletin messages were among the most widely read in the church. Faculty members called to Luther Seminary during the Rogness presidency continue to teach and lead to this day. His influence continues to be felt within the seminary and throughout the church.

**Michael Rogness**, son of Alvin Rogness, is the first appointed to this new chair. He has been instructing Luther students in the art of preaching since 1985.

A graduate of Augustana College, Sioux Falls, S.D., and Luther Seminary, he earned his Doctor of Theology degree from Erlangen/Nürnberg University in Germany. He served as pastor in parishes in Howard Lake, Minn., and Duluth, Minn., and taught at the Institute for Ecumenical Research of the Lutheran World Federation in Strasbourg, France.

Teaching preaching is Dr. Rogness's mission: "Our students are a joy to teach, and they take preaching seriously. I think I listen to better sermons on the weekdays than most people hear on Sunday mornings."

# Candidates for Degrees

## Certificate in Islamic Studies

*The certificate in Islamic Studies is designed to meet the educational needs of individuals with either vocational or academic interests in the study of Islam and the field of Christian-Muslim relations.*

Barbara E. Crammer  
*St. Mark's Lutheran Church, Charlotte, NC*

## Master of Arts

*The master of arts degree serves to enrich a person's understanding of the Christian faith and its tradition, to prepare a person to serve in Christian communities and their mission in the world, and to provide the basic theological degree for further graduate study.*

Melonie Rae Allyn-Schwerin  
*Galilean Lutheran Church, Clear Lake, IA*

Laurie L. Beckman Yetzer  
*Sverdrup Lutheran Church, Underwood, MN*  
*Woodlake Lutheran Church, Richfield, MN*

Randall Peder Bergman  
*Our Saviour's Lutheran Church, Naperville, IL*

Rachelle Lee Blowers  
*First Lutheran Church, Albert Lea, MN*

Paul J. Brat  
*Salem Covenant Church, New Brighton, MN*

Nicole May Brockmeier  
*Immanuel Lutheran Church, Salina, KS*

Paul Brookens  
*North Star District RLDS, Twin Cities, MN*

Alan Lai Wah Chan  
*Chinese Lutheran Church, San Francisco, CA*  
*Chinese Christian Fellowship New York, NY*

Carrie Marlene Grev  
*St. Olaf/Zion Lutheran Churches, Odin, MN*

Emily Diane Jensen  
*First Presbyterian Church, Sioux Falls, SD*

Katherine A. Johnson  
*First Lutheran Church, Little Falls, MN*  
*Mt. Olivet Lutheran Church, Minneapolis, MN*

Ann E. Knudsen  
*North Heights Lutheran Church, Roseville, MN*  
*First Lutheran Church, Red Wing, MN*

Gena Maria Koeberl  
*St. Paul's Lutheran Church, Hector, MN*  
*Spirit Garage, Minneapolis, MN*

Sharon Pauline Larkins  
*Our Saviour's Lutheran Church, Seaside, OR*

Sunitha Mortha  
*Andhra Evangelical Lutheran Church,*  
*Hyderabad, A.P., India*

Tammy Devine Nolte\*  
*St. John Lutheran Church, Belle Plaine, MN*

Julie Linnea Nordell  
*Christ Presbyterian Church, Edina, MN*

Peter John O'Malia\*  
*Calvary Lutheran Church, Minneapolis, MN*

Sandra Judith Ostapowich  
*St. John's Evangelical Lutheran Church, Maple Grove, MN*

Aaron Clifton Pederson\*  
*Grace Lutheran Church, Huntington Beach, CA*

Kay Callaway Rindal  
*Our Saviour's Lutheran Church, St. Paul, MN*

Jean Esther Runeberg  
*First Presbyterian Church of White Bear Lake,*  
*White Bear Lake, MN*

Melba Elaine Smith  
*Bethesda Lutheran Church, Clarinda, IA*  
*Ascension Lutheran Church, Coon Rapids, IA*  
*Strand Lutheran Church, Villisca, IA*

Natalie Shirl Spilde  
*First Lutheran Church, Stoughton, WI*

Randolph Lee Stagg

Kimberly Ann Tomlinson

Lace Marie Williams  
*St. Paul's Evangelical Lutheran Church, Minneapolis, MN*

Charles Bernard Yancey\*  
*Mount Olivet Lutheran Church, Minneapolis, MN*

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*\* Requirements to be completed by August 31, 2000*



## Master of Sacred Music

*The master of sacred music degree is designed to educate church musicians theologically for service in the church as professional pastoral musicians.*

Christopher Andrew Brand

Timothy John Getz  
*Grace Lutheran Church, Apple Valley, MN*

John Donald Jahr  
*Edina Community Lutheran Church, Edina, MN*

## Master of Divinity

*The master of divinity degree provides a professional theological education for mission and ministry. This degree program prepares persons for ordained ministry in Christian communities.*

James Douglas Aalgaard  
*Bethany Lutheran Church-Shelly Lutheran Parish, Shelly, MN*

Bryan Scott Anderson\* ❖  
*First Lutheran Church, Eau Claire, WI*

Anne L. Andert  
*Lutheran Church of the Good Shepherd, Duluth, MN*

Diane Elizabeth Bacon  
*Washington Lutheran Church, Duncombe, IA*  
*South Enes Lutheran Church, Vincent, IA*

Amie Katrina Barsch Odahl  
*Lutheran Church of the Resurrection, Racine, WI*  
*Good Shepherd Lutheran Church, Madison, WI*  
*English Lutheran Church, La Crosse, WI*

Lori J. Beck  
*First Lutheran Church, Fargo, ND*  
*Cormorant Lutheran Church, Lake Park, MN*

Heather Marie Becklin\*  
*Our Savior's Evangelical Lutheran Church, East Bethel, MN*

Erin Marie Bents Peter  
*Roseville Lutheran Church, Roseville, MN*

Jeffrey A. Bergman  
*Redeemer Lutheran Church, Fridley, MN*

Jeffrey Scott Bethke  
*Gethsemane Lutheran Church, Austin, TX*

Nathan Paul Blom ✚  
*Kinsmen Lutheran Church, Houston, TX*

Sidney W. Bohls  
*Immanuel Lutheran Church, Pflugerville, TX*

Kathryn Edith Buffum\*  
*Holy Spirit Lutheran Church, Kirkland, WA*

Patricia Callaghan  
*Zion Lutheran Church, Glendive, MT*

Benjamin T. Carlsen  
*Peace Lutheran Church, Inver Grove Heights, MN*

Chad Lee Christensen  
*Trinity Lutheran Church, Westbrook, MN*  
*First Lutheran Church, Pipestone, MN*

Richard Leonard Cogill  
*St. Christopher's Episcopal Church, Roseville, MN*

Joan Anne Conroy\*  
*Holy Cross Episcopal Church, Pine Ridge, SD*  
*Custer Lutheran Fellowship, Custer, SD*

Kelly Gene Crithfield  
*Trinity Lutheran Church, Tacoma, WA*

William Richard Dohle, Jr.  
*Good Shepherd Lutheran Church, Roy, UT*  
*Holy Trinity Evangelical Lutheran Church, Thousand Oaks, CA*

Jennifer Jane Dorr  
*Faith Lutheran Church, Cedarburg, WI*

Jeffrey Michael Driscoll  
*Vinland Lutheran Church, Poulsbo, WA*

Cynthia Sue Durst  
*St. John's Lutheran Church, Kasson, MN*

Christopher Bruce Enstad  
*Mount Olivet Lutheran Church, Minneapolis, MN*

Rhea Jean Evanson

Janice Elaine FitzGibbon  
*St. Mark Lutheran Church, St. Paul, MN*

Judith Ann Francis  
*Prince of Peace Lutheran Church, St. Louis Park, MN*

Mark A. Frickey  
*Faith Lutheran Church, Oberlin, KS*

Martin Paul Ganschow  
*Christ the King Lutheran Church, White Bear Lake, MN*

Naomi C. Garber  
*Zion Lutheran Church, Pelican Rapids, MN*

Steven Kent Gjerde  
*Immanuel Lutheran Church, Yorkville, IL*

Jennifer J. Grant  
*Our Savior's Lutheran Church, Mason City, IA*

Matthew Kyle Griggs  
*Hope Lutheran/St. Paul's Evangelical Lutheran Church,  
Minneapolis, MN*

Nancy Elizabeth Harrmann  
*St. Andrew's Lutheran Church, Oshkosh, WI*

Jeffery J. Heiderscheit  
*Holy Trinity Lutheran Church, Ankeny, IA*

Phillip George Hooper  
*St. Ansgar's Lutheran Church, Salinas, CA*

Laurie Anne Johnson ✧  
*Christ the Servant Lutheran Church, Houston, TX  
Grace University Lutheran Church, Minneapolis, MN*

Lynda Anderson Johnson\*  
*Colonial Church of Edina, Edina, MN*

Steven Peter Johnson  
*Emmanuel Lutheran Church, Two Harbors, MN*

Susan Melinda Kreager\*  
*Central Lutheran Church, Minneapolis, MN*

Michael Robert Kurtz  
*Christ Lutheran Church, Regina, Saskatchewan, Canada  
Grace Lutheran Church, Edson, Alberta, Canada*

Linda P. Lagergren  
*Peace Lutheran Church, New London, MN*

Kurt Douglas Larson  
*Our Savior's Lutheran Church, Menomonie, WI*

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- ✧ A.E. Hanson Prize in Homiletics
  - ✦ Roy Harrisville, Sr., Prize in Homiletics
  - ✦ John Milton Prize in Old Testament
  - ✱ Graduate Preaching Fellowship

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Matthew Lee Larson ✱  
*Bethel Lutheran Church, Hudson, WI*

James R. Lewis  
*Windsor Heights Lutheran Church, Des Moines, IA*

Nancy Linn\*  
*St. Paul's Evangelical Lutheran Church, Minneapolis, MN*

Carolyn Liv Lokensgard  
*Redeemer Lutheran Church, Minneapolis, MN*

Kathleen Marie Urquhart Lowery\*  
*Zumbro Lutheran Church, Rochester, MN*

Christian William Marien  
*St. Paul Lutheran Church, Lodi, CA  
Lakeview Lutheran Church, Maplewood, MN  
St. John Lutheran Church, Kailua, HI*

Michael A. Matzek  
*Hosanna!, Lakeville, MN*

Vera Angeline Miller  
*St. Anthony Park Lutheran Church, St. Paul, MN*

Janell Louise Monk Bethke  
*Bethlehem Lutheran Church, St. Cloud, MN*

Thea Marie Holm Monson  
*Salem Lutheran Church, Longville, MN*

Carol Lien Nelson  
*Grace Lutheran Church, Wenatchee, WA*

Hans-Erik Nelson  
*Bethel Lutheran Church, Cupertino, CA*

Kenneth James Nelson  
*Holy Triune Lutheran Church, Minneapolis, MN*

Marlyn Nelson ✧  
*Skjeberg Lutheran Church, Drayton, ND*

Michelle Faye Olson  
*Epiphany Lutheran Church, Minneapolis, MN*

Lissa Ann Peterson  
*Bethlehem Lutheran Church, Cherokee, IA*

Mark Alvin Ravndalen  
*Luther Memorial Lutheran Church, Minneapolis, MN  
Mt. Carmel Lutheran Church, Roosevelt, MN*

Leland J. Reinsch  
*Grace University Lutheran Church, Minneapolis, MN*  
*Stockholm Evangelical Lutheran Church, Rural Org., NE*  
*Zion Lutheran Church, Sutton, NE*  
*Saron Evangelical Lutheran Church, Saronville, NE*

Terrance J. Rollerson  
*Park Avenue United Methodist Church, Minneapolis, MN*

Shari L. Routh  
*Lutheran Church of the Ascension, Citrus Heights, CA*

Timothy W. Routh  
*First Lutheran Church, Ellendale, MN*

Daryl L. Rustad  
*North Heights Lutheran Church, Roseville, MN*

Christine Marie Ruth ✚  
*Faith Lutheran Church, Marshfield, WI*

Jean Johnson Sidner  
*Camphor United Methodist, St. Paul, MN*

Kristen Michelle Skaff  
*Prince of Peace Lutheran Church, Burnsville, MN*  
*Community Church of Joy, Glendale, AZ*  
*Trinity Lutheran Church, Moorhead, MN*

Mark William Skinner  
*Bethany Lutheran Church, Colorado Springs, CO*

Margaret A. Speich  
*Bethlehem Lutheran Church, Bayport, MN*  
*Roberts Congregational UCC, Roberts, WI*

Michael P. Stadtmueller  
*Faith Lutheran Church, Seguin, TX*

John T. Stroeh  
*Prince of Peace Lutheran Church, Loveland, OH*

Micah Jon Stumme  
*St. Peter's Lutheran Church, Denver, IA*

Julie Ann Summers  
*Trinity Lutheran Church, Stevens Point, WI*

Amy Jane Swanson  
*Cross Lutheran Church, Burlington, WI*

Cara Elizabeth Tanis  
*Cambridge Lutheran Church, Cambridge, MN*

Mark Anthony Tanis  
*Eden Evangelical Lutheran Church, Munising, MI*

Heather L. Teune  
*Christ the King Lutheran Church, Bloomington, MN*

Paul M. Tjostem  
*Decorah Lutheran Church, Decorah, IA*  
*Lake Nokomis Lutheran Church, Minneapolis, MN*

Jason L. Van Hunnik  
*St. Olaf Lutheran Church, Devil's Lake, ND*

Justin O'Brien Van Orman  
*Bethlehem Evangelical Lutheran Church, Aberdeen, SD*

Sara Elizabeth Vanderpan  
*Resurrection Lutheran Church, Woodbury, MN*

Warren Vitcenda  
*First Lutheran Church, Hayward, WI*  
*North Heights Lutheran Church, Roseville, MN*

Jeffrey Alan Wallager\*  
*Holden Lutheran Church, Kenyon, MN*  
*Lutheran Church of the Redeemer, St. Paul, MN*

Gregory Alan Walter  
*Grace Lutheran Church, Fairmont, MN*

David Dana Wergin  
*St. Andrew Lutheran Church, Wausau, WI*

Kevin Jon Woestehoff  
*Redeemer Lutheran Church, Henderson, MN*  
*Albion Lutheran Church, St. James, MN*

Julie Ann Wollman  
*Mt. Sterling Lutheran Church, Mt. Sterling, WI*  
*Trinity Lutheran Church, La Crosse, WI*

Amy Lee Zalk \*  
*Luther College Congregation, Decorah, IA*

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- ◇ A.E. Hanson Prize in Homiletics
  - ✚ Roy Harrisville, Sr., Prize in Homiletics
  - ❖ John Milton Prize in Old Testament
  - \* Graduate Preaching Fellowship

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

*\* Requirements to be completed by August 31, 2000*

## Doctor of Ministry

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*The doctor of ministry is the most advanced professional degree for ordained persons in the parish or related ministries. The primary emphasis of this degree is theological learning and research in the context of the practice of ministry.*

Warren E. Miller *Sadorus, IL*  
"Sustaining Independent Living: A Ministry of the Elderly for the Elderly."

David H. Solberg *Buyck, MN*  
"Community Based Spiritual Care: An Emerging Form of Pastoral Care."

## Master of Theology

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*The master of theology is a research degree, which provides continuing theological study through the discipline of academic excellence.*

Robert Louis Chenault *Spokane, WA*  
"Baptism and the Catechumenate in the Fourth Century Church."

Ramahefasony Donatien *Vangaindrano, Madagascar*  
"The Malagasy Revival Movement's Ministry to Homosexuals."

Balaji S. Fraser *Hyderabad, India*  
"The Indian Muslim Preference for the Secular State: A Significant Blending of Piety and Patriotism."

Karl B. Johnson, Sr.\* *Roseville, MN*  
"Justice (Mishpat) and the Nature of God as Revealed in the Servant Songs of Isaiah."

## Doctor of Philosophy

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*The doctor of philosophy is an advanced research degree designed to develop scholarly leadership for Christian churches and for work in the community of theological scholarship throughout the world.*

Anastasia Boniface-Malle *Usa River, Tanzania*  
"Interpreting the Lament Psalms in the Tanzanian Context."

Larry Dean Johnson *Minneapolis, MN*  
"The Single Society: Sexual Ethics and Single Adults."

Philip Reubin Johnson *Addis Ababa, Ethiopia*  
"God in Mark: The Narrative Function of God as a Character in the Gospel of Mark."

Mathews Tshapaka Kapolo *Oshakati, Namibia*  
"Leaving and Cleaving in the Traditional Ovambo Family System: A Pastoral Study on Marriage and Family Preparations in the Evangelical Lutheran Church in Namibia (ELCIN)."

## Awards for Academic Excellence

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Each year several awards for excellence are given to students. The awards given this year are:

### The Graduate Preaching Fellowship

is given to an outstanding master of divinity degree graduate from the senior class. The fellowship provides the recipient with financing to study preaching overseas to enhance his or her career in preaching and parish ministry.

### The John Milton Prize in Old Testament

is awarded to one or more students based on papers written by graduating master of divinity degree or master of arts degree students in the area of Old Testament.

### Roy Harrisville, Sr., Prize in Homiletics

#### A.E. Hanson Prize in Homiletics

are awarded to graduating seniors based on homiletical skills.