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THE
ONE HUNDRED AND THIRTY-FOURTH
COMMENCEMENT
OF
LUTHER SEMINARY

3:00 P. M., SUNDAY, MAY 25, 2003
CENTRAL LUTHERAN CHURCH
MINNEAPOLIS, MINNESOTA

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PRESIDER

David L. Tiede, '66
President, Luther Seminary

LITURGIST

Peter Sethre, '65
Director of Continuing Education

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Keith Pearson
Master of Divinity Degree Candidate

May Wong-Tsui
Master of Divinity Degree Candidate

SPEAKER

Marc Kolden, '66
Dean of Academic Affairs

STUDENT RESPONDER

Scott A. Johnson
Master of Divinity Degree Candidate

CRUCIFER

Robin Nice, '94
*Parish Pastor, First Lutheran Church,
Little Falls, Minn.*

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Master of Divinity Senior

Manuel Retamoza
Master of Divinity Senior

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Doctor of Philosophy Student

Brett Jorgensen
Master of Divinity Middler

Lars Olson
Master of Divinity Junior

Anne Strickert
Master of Divinity Intern

FACULTY MARSHAL

James Boyce, '71
Professor of New Testament and Greek

ORGANIST

Mark Sedio
*Luther Seminary Organist
Director of Music, Central Lutheran Church*

INSTRUMENTALISTS

Luther Brass

NOTES

The student respondent and readers were elected by the senior class. Banner bearers and marshals were chosen by the Office of the Registrar.

Graduates, 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

Marc Kolden has taught systematic theology at Luther Seminary for 27 years. He is completing a seven-year term as Dean of Academic Affairs and will return to full-time teaching next year. Prior to teaching at Luther he taught for two years at Hamma School of Theology (now part of Trinity Lutheran Seminary) in Ohio.



He has been a parish pastor in Helena, Mont. and is the founding director of Northern Rockies Institute of Theology, a program of continuing education for pastors and laity in Montana, Wyoming and Idaho.

A native of northern Minnesota, he received a B.A. from Harvard College in 1962, a B.D. from Luther Seminary in 1966, and both an M.A. and Ph.D. from the University of Chicago Divinity School (1969 and 1976).

Dr. Kolden's primary teaching areas are the person and work of Christ and the doctrine of the church. He also has done research and writing on the doctrine of Christian vocation (the Christian's calling in the world), an interest that began when he was serving as a pastor and thinking with congregational members about ways that God might be working in their lives.

In addition to several articles, chapters, and shorter books, and adult Christian education courses, he has written *Called by the Gospel: An Introduction to the Christian Faith* (1983), *Called and Ordained: Lutheran Perspectives on the Office of the Ministry* (co-authored and co-edited with Todd Nichol, 1990), and *By Faith Alone: Essays on the Doctrine of Justification* [in honor of Gerhard Forde] (co-authored and co-edited with Joseph A. Burgess, forthcoming in early 2004).

Marc and Sally Kolden, married for over 40 years, have one adult son, Michael.

THE ORDER OF SERVICE

THE PRELUDE

THE PROCESSIONAL HYMN*

All Creatures, Worship God Most High! LBW 527

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

All

All creatures, worship God most high!
Sound evry voice in earth and sky: Alleluia! Alleluia!
Sing, brother sun, in splendor bright;
sing, sister moon and stars of night:

Refrain: Alleluia, alleluia!
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

All

Sing, brother wind; with clouds and rain
you grow the gifts of fruit and grain: Alleluia! Alleluia!
Dear sister water, useful, clear,
make music for your Lord to hear: Refrain

Women (men join in refrain)

O fire, our brother, mirthful, strong,
drive far the shadows, join the throng: Alleluia! Alleluia!
O earth, our mother, rich in care,
praise God in colors bright and rare: Refrain

Graduating Luther Students

All who for love of God forgive,
all who in pain or sorrow grieve: Alleluia! Alleluia!
Christ bears your burdens and your fears;
still make your song amid the tears. Refrain

Luther Faculty and Staff

Come, sister death, your song release
when you enfold our breath in peace: Alleluia! Alleluia!
Since Christ our light has pierced your gloom,
fair is the night that leads us home. Refrain

Men (women join in refrain)

O sisters, brothers, take your part,
and worship God with humble heart: Alleluia! Alleluia!
All creatures, bless the Father, Son,
and Holy Spirit, Three in One: Refrain

The congregation shall be seated.

WELCOME

The Rev. Craig Lewis
Senior Pastor,
Central Lutheran Church

DIALOGUE

The congregation shall stand.

L: Show us your mercy, O Lord,
C: **and grant us your salvation.**
L: Clothe your ministers with righteousness;
C: **let your people sing for joy.**
L: Give peace, O Lord, in all the world;
C: **for only in you can we live in safety.**
L: Lord, keep this nation under your care,
C: **and guide us in the way of justice and truth.**
L: Let your way be known upon the earth;
C: **your saving health among all nations.**
L: Let not the needy, O Lord, be forgotten,
C: **nor the hope of the poor be taken away.**
L: 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.

*Text: attr. Francis of Assisi, 1182-1225;
tr. Martin A. Seltz, b. 1951

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THE ORDER OF SERVICE

PRAYER OF THE DAY

L: The Lord be with you.

C: **And also with you.**

L: 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 Philippians 2:5-11

THE SECOND LESSON Luke 17:7-10

THE INTRODUCTION OF THE SPEAKER

THE ADDRESS

THE HYMN OF THE DAY

"Christ Is Made the Sure Foundation"* WOV 747

The congregation shall stand.

All in unison

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.

All in harmony

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

All in harmony

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.

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*Text: Latin hymn, c. 7th cent.; tr. John M. Neale, 1818-1866, alt.

All in unison

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

David L. Tiede

THE CONFERRING OF DEGREES

All candidates listed on pages 7 - 10.

PRESENTATION OF THE CLASS Marc Kolden
Dean of Academic Affairs

CONFERRING OF DEGREES David L. Tiede
Mark Knudson
Chair, Board of Directors

Diane Doncits
Registrar

Diane Jacobson
*Professor of Old Testament,
Associate Dean—Specialized Ministries*

Patricia Lull
Dean of Students

Jean Morris Trumbauer
Interim Director of the Doctor of Ministry Program

Paul Lokken
Associate Dean—Graduate Theological Education

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 and the A.E. Hanson Prize in Homiletics receive modest cash awards. Descriptions of all awards are on page 10.

RESPONSE ON BEHALF

OF THE GRADUATES

Scott A. Johnson

Luther Brass

"Just a Closer Walk with Thee"

THE ORDER OF SERVICE

THE CALL TO MISSION

The congregation shall stand.

L: 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.

L: 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 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*

"Earth and All Stars"*

LBW 558

All

Earth and all stars! Loud rushing planets!
Sing to the Lord a new song!
Oh, victory! Loud shouting army!
Sing to the Lord a new song!

Refrain:

He has done marvelous things.
I too will praise him with a new song!

All

Hail, wind, and rain! Loud blowing snowstorm!
Sing to the Lord a new song!
Flowers and trees! Loud rustling dry leaves!
Sing to the Lord a new song! *Refrain*

Women

Trumpet and pipes! Loud clashing cymbals!
Sing to the Lord a new song!
Harp, lute and lyre! Loud humming cellos!
Sing to the Lord a new song! *Refrain*

Men

Engines and steel! Loud pounding hammers!
Sing to the Lord a new song!
Limestone and beams! Loud building workers!
Sing to the Lord a new song! *Refrain*

Organ

Classrooms and labs! Loud boiling test tubes!
Sing to the Lord a new song!
Athlete and band! Loud cheering people!
Sing to the Lord a new song! *Refrain*

All

Knowledge and truth! Loud sounding wisdom!
Sing to the Lord a new song!
Daughter and son! Loud praying members!
Sing to the Lord a new song! *Refrain*

THE POSTLUDE

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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.

Angie Deborah Heo

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.

Jill Lenore Abenth

*Central Lutheran Church, Minneapolis, Minnesota
Grace Lutheran Church, Belgrade, Minnesota*

Dawn Michelle Alitz

Oak Grove Lutheran Church, Richfield, Minnesota

Olga Auchenbach*

Evangelical Church of the Augsburg Confession, Slovakia

Martha Camp Baker

Redeemer Lutheran Church, Gastonia, North Carolina

Sara A. Barnaby

Richfield Lutheran Church, Minneapolis, Minnesota

Jillian Claire Brown

Mt. Calvary Lutheran Church, Colorado Springs, Colorado

Robert Frederick Buck

House of Mercy, St. Paul, Minnesota

Eric C. Crabtree*

Orin Wayne Cummings

*Redeemer Lutheran Church, Evangelical Lutheran
Church in Guyana
St. Paul Reformation Lutheran Church, St. Paul, Minnesota*

R. Daren Erisman

*Cross and Crown Lutheran Church,
Rohnert Park, California*

Kyle T. Fever

Zion Lutheran Church, Des Moines, Iowa

Alton Arthur Fiskness

Peace Lutheran Church, New London, Minnesota

Maria Kay Hurni

*Shepherd of the Lake Lutheran Church,
Prior Lake, Minnesota*

Diane F. Johnson

Augustana Lutheran Church, Minneapolis, Minnesota

Judith Engle Kerr

Immanuel Lutheran Church, Cornucopia, Wisconsin

Jack D. Kilcrease, III

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

James Christian Korsmo

Oxboro Evangelical Free Church, Bloomington, Minnesota

Justin Michael Kosec

Perry Lutheran Church, Mount Horeb, WI

Jenny Lind Larsen

Daniel R. Larson

*Our Savior's Lutheran Church, Hibbing, Minnesota
First Lutheran Church, Hibbing, Minnesota*

Alice Maung-Mercurio

*Christ the King Lutheran Church, Mankato, Minnesota
Wyndmere-Grace Parish, Wyndmere, North Dakota*

Kristin Joy Mooneyham

Bethesda Lutheran Church, Eugene, Oregon

Rachel Ann Mueller

Hope Lutheran Church, Fergus Falls, Minnesota

Ross R. Murray

*Littlefork Lutheran Church, Littlefork, Minnesota
Central Lutheran Church, Minneapolis, Minnesota*

James A. Olson

Ebenezer Lutheran Church, Minneapolis, Minnesota

Dorothy Jean Probst

Roseville Lutheran Church, Roseville, Minnesota

Robert Ojuku Reeves

Providence Baptist Church, Monrovia, Liberia

Barbara Severson

*Norwegian Lutheran Memorial Church,
Minneapolis, Minnesota*

Robert O. Smith ❖ ❖

*Salem Lutheran Church, Stillwater, Oklahoma
Lutheran Student Center, Lincoln, Nebraska*

Toshifumi Uemura

*Japan Evangelical Lutheran Musashimo Church,
Japan Lutheran College*

Robert M. Waterman

*First Congregational Church of Minnesota,
Minneapolis, Minnesota*

Leslie K. M. Williamson

Lord of Life Lutheran Church, Maple Grove, Minnesota

James R. Wilson

*Hennepin Avenue United Methodist Church,
Minneapolis, Minnesota*

CANDIDATES FOR DEGREES

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.

Jana Leigh Bos*

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.

R. Barry Anderson

Mount Calvary Lutheran Church, Excelsior, Minnesota

Sonja Jean Anderson

Grace Lutheran Church, Eau Claire, Wisconsin

First Congregational Church, Grand Marais, Minnesota

James Allen Arrington

Shaunettee United Methodist Church,

Collinwood, Tennessee

Jocelyn P. Bakkemo*

Good Shepherd Lutheran Church, Irvine, California

Augustana Lutheran Church, Denver, Colorado

Christine Marie Bellefeuille†

Mt. Olivet Lutheran Church, Plymouth, Minnesota

St. Barnabas Lutheran Church, Plymouth, Minnesota

Jill Maria Bergman*

Salem Lutheran Church, Albert Lea, Minnesota

Debra D. Bergstrand ❖

St. Andrew Lutheran Church, Eden Prairie, Minnesota

House of Prayer Lutheran Church, Richfield, Minnesota

Justin C. Boeding

Zion Lutheran Church, Minneapolis, Minnesota

St. Paul's Lutheran Church, Waverly, Iowa

Shawn O. Brandon

Christ Lutheran Church on Capitol Hill, St. Paul, Minnesota

Baudette Lutheran Parish, Baudette, Minnesota

Heather Enid Brown

Zion Lutheran Church, Des Moines, Iowa

Christine Elizabeth Chiles

St. Philip the Deacon Church, Plymouth, Minnesota

Lynette Marie Crase

Trinity Lutheran Church, Monument, Colorado

Kathryn Reid Cutler*

First Presbyterian Church, Stillwater, Minnesota

Kristy J. Daniels

Faith Lutheran Church, Toppenish, Washington

Kevin Doely

House of Hope Lutheran Church, New Hope, Minnesota

Trinity Lutheran Church, Spring Grove, Minnesota

Our Savior's Lutheran Church, Moorhead, Minnesota

David Jerome Dustrud

All Saints Lutheran Church, Minnetonka, Minnesota

Faith Presbyterian Church, Minnetonka, Minnesota

John James Dygert

First Evangelical Lutheran Church, Bothell, Washington

Darin G. Everson Elvemo

St. Andrew Lutheran Church, Eden Prairie, Minnesota

Nathan Karl Feig

Atonement Lutheran Church, New Brighton, Minnesota

Emmanuel Evangelical Lutheran Church,

La Habra, California

St. John's Lutheran Church, Raymond, Minnesota

Tanque Verde Lutheran Church, Tucson, Arizona

Kjell M. Ferris

Augustana Lutheran Church, Minot, North Dakota

James-Henrique C. Fleming*

Double-Bridge Baptist Church, Monrovia, Liberia

Bethany Baptist Church, St. Paul, Minnesota

Leslie Jane Fox

Shepherd of the Valley Lutheran Church,

Apple Valley, Minnesota

Kathleen Fullarton

Peace Lutheran Church, Menomonie, Wisconsin

Jon O. Gallatin

First Lutheran Church, Fargo, North Dakota

Jennifer Jane Hackbarth*

Trinity Lutheran Church, Brainerd, Minnesota

Nancy H. Hamm

Zion Lutheran Church, Cottage Grove, Minnesota

Grace Lutheran Church, Santa Barbara, California

Eileen Mie Hanson

St. Matthew Lutheran Church, Edmonds, Washington

Todd Hawkins

St. John's Lutheran Church, Northfield, Minnesota

Chad Allen Hebrink

St. Peter Lutheran Church, Dubuque, Iowa

First Lutheran Church, Cresco, Iowa

Immanuel Lutheran Church, Cresco, Iowa

Kristin Campbell Hennig

Mount Olive Lutheran Church, Minneapolis, Minnesota

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

** Requirements to be met by August 31, 2003*

❖ ❖ † Awards for academic excellence. See page 10.

CANDIDATES FOR DEGREES

- Gayle M. Cossette Highness
Good News Lutheran Church, Fargo, North Dakota
Olivet Lutheran Church, Fargo, North Dakota
- Carl E. Hoffman
Peace Lutheran Church, Rogers, Arkansas
- Kurt J. Hoover
Peace Lutheran Church, Pella, Iowa
- Corinne Ruth Johnson
First Evangelical Lutheran Church, Iron Mountain, MI
- Scott Alan Johnson
Salem Lutheran Church, Wakefield, Nebraska
- Rebekah M. Jorstad
First Lutheran Church, New Richmond, Wisconsin
- Kristin M. Kelsey
St. Luke's Lutheran Church, Bloomington, Minnesota
Calvary Lutheran Church, Minneapolis, Minnesota
- Reginald Clarence Klindworth*
Trinity Lutheran Church, West Concord, Minnesota
- Theresa Ann Kraft
First Lutheran Church, Columbia Heights, Minnesota
- Tracy Langerud
Faith Lutheran Church, Coon Rapids, Minnesota
- Brenda Froberg Legred
St. Andrew's Lutheran Church, Mahtomedi, Minnesota
Chisago Lakes Lutheran Church, Center City, Minnesota
- Justin J. Lind-Ayres †
Hope Evangelical Lutheran Church, Fergus Falls, Minnesota
- Nathan Wayne Loer †
Our Savior's Lutheran Church,
East Grand Forks, Minnesota
Zion Lutheran Church, Marinette, Wisconsin
- Julie Rae Malone
Trinity Lutheran Church, Owatonna, Minnesota
Mt. Hermon Lutheran Church, Annandale, Minnesota
Resurrection Lutheran Church, Monticello, Minnesota
- Mindy Allene Zorn Meier
First Presbyterian Church, Fargo, North Dakota
- Kelle Lea Nelson-Bunkers*
Springfield Lutheran Church, Springfield, Oregon
- Jon Leland Olson
St. Mark's by the Narrows, Tacoma, Washington
Lord of Life Lutheran Church, Renton, Washington
- Paul Kenneth Oman*
Our Savior's Lutheran Church, Amery, Wisconsin
- Daniel Jonathan Megorden Overbo
Incarnation Lutheran Church, North Oaks, Minnesota
- Laura L. A. Overbo
St. Paul's Lutheran Church, Clear Lake, South Dakota
- Keith T. Pearson
Our Saviour's Lutheran Church, East Bethel, Minnesota
- Brian L. Pederson*
St. Paul Lutheran Church, Castle Rock, Washington
- Paul A.S. Peterson
- Patrick K. Quaid
St. Luke Lutheran Church, Sunnyvale, California
- Kristina Lee Rahfeldt *
Holy Trinity Lutheran Church, Port Angeles, Washington
- Dawn Marie Roginski
St. Paul Reformation Lutheran Church, St. Paul, Minnesota
- John Scott Rohwer
Desert Hills Lutheran Church, Green Valley, Arizona
Lutheran Campus Ministry-University of Arizona,
Tucson, Arizona
- Jane Elizabeth Rothman
Community in Christ Lutheran Church,
Cornelius, North Carolina
- Robert James Schaefer
Faith Lutheran Church, Hutchinson, Minnesota
- Carolyn J. Sellers
Martin Luther Church, Milwaukee, Wisconsin
Valley of Peace Lutheran Church, Golden Valley, Minnesota
- Erik Peder Sevig
Bethlehem Lutheran Church, Aberdeen, South Dakota
- Patrick L. Sipes
American Lutheran Church, Rantoul, Illinois
- Robert O. Smith ♦ ✕
Salem Lutheran Church, Stillwater, Oklahoma
Lutheran Student Center, Lincoln, Nebraska
- Ruth C. Sorenson-Prokosch
Roseville Lutheran Church, Roseville, Minnesota
- Deborah Scinto Stehlin*
Oak Grove Lutheran Church, Richfield, Minnesota
Shepherd of the Valley Lutheran Church,
Apple Valley, Minnesota
- John J. Syvertson*
Willow Creek Lutheran Church, Overly, North Dakota
- Dennis Ray Tamke
Lansing United Methodist Church, Lansing, Minnesota
First United Methodist Church, Austin, Minnesota
- Shirley Janet Teske
Mooreton Lutheran Church, Mooreton, North Dakota
Goodridge Lutheran Parish, Goodridge, Minnesota
- Kristin Louise Thvedt
St. Timothy Lutheran Church, St. Paul, Minnesota
- Scott Allan Torkko
Peace Lutheran Church, Charlotte, Michigan

CANDIDATES FOR DEGREES

- Matthew Toso
Gloria Dei Lutheran Church, Tomah, Wisconsin
- Troy M. Troftgruben ❖ ❖
Our Saviour's Lutheran Church, Park River, North Dakota
St. Paul's Evangelical Lutheran Church,
Minneapolis, Minnesota
- Laurie A. Underkofler
Gloria Dei Lutheran Church, St. Paul, Minnesota
- Clara T. Rieck Wadsworth
North Preston Lutheran Church,
Lake Preston, South Dakota
Wilmot Lutheran Church, Wilmot, South Dakota
- Susan Marie Weaver
Prince of Peace Lutheran Church, Brooklyn Park, Minnesota
- Arlene Joann Wiekert
Immanuel Lutheran Church, Elk Point, South Dakota
- Kari Jo Williamson
Christ the King Lutheran Church, New Brighton, Minnesota
United Lutheran Church, Red Wing, Minnesota
- May Wong-Tsui
Chinese Lutheran Church of Honolulu, Honolulu, Hawaii
- Rebecca White Worner
Faith Lutheran Church, Coon Rapids, Minnesota
- Susan Kay Wright
Olivet Lutheran Church, Fargo, North Dakota

DOCTOR OF MINISTRY

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.

- Don Milton Carlson *Houston, Texas*
 "The Strangers in Our Midst: A Model for Ministry with Sexual Minority Youth."
- Daniel Djidere *Meiganga, Cameroon*
 "The Biblical Basis for Christian Giving: A Guide for Congregational Leaders in the Evangelical Lutheran Church of Cameroon."
- Brian Keith Gige *Pearland, Texas*
 "Leading People Into a 21st Century Faith: Creating a Handbook for Deepening Discipleship."
- Mark Jerome Hagen *Cedar Falls, Iowa*
 "Spiritual Discernment for Church Staff: Integrating Personal Vocation with Congregational Mission."
- Robert D. Johnson *Chaska, Minnesota*
 "Breaking Down Barriers Surrounding Those Who Suffer from Schizophrenia."

- Russell N. Myers *St. Paul, Minnesota*
 "Partners in Caring: Hospital Chaplains, Community Clergy, and the Pastoral Care of the Sick."
- Daniel Rakotojoelinandrasana** *Antananarivo, Madagascar*
 "Holistic Approach to Mental Illness at the Toby of Ambohibao Madagascar."
- Stephen Paul Rasmusson *Marshall, Minnesota*
 "Campus Peer Ministry in the Name of the Triune God: A Training Model Grounded in Trinitarian Theology."
- Fred Rengstorf *Cosmos, Minnesota*
 "Exploring Faith Issues and Teaching Prayer in Premarital Guidance."
- Kay Slocum *Cedar Rapids, Iowa*
 "Seeking a Wholistic Ministry of Presence with the Elderly."
- Stephen B. Streed *Moorhead, Minnesota*
 "Aging As It Relates to Spiritual Completeness."
- Jeffrey Paul Whillock *Cedar Falls, Iowa*
 "Grow Groups: Nurturing Discipleship Through Short-Term Small Groups Centered on the Sunday Scripture and Sermon."
- Lawrence Robert Wohlrabe** *Redwood Falls, Minnesota*
 "Ministry Sabbaticals: Tools for Ministry."

MASTER OF THEOLOGY

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

- Vigfús Bjarni Albertsson** *Reykjavik, Iceland*
 "The Relationship Between Alcoholics Anonymous and the Church in Iceland: Group Spiritual Direction as a Pastoral Model for Helping Recovering Alcoholics Through Step Eleven."
- Kathleen Lenore Anderson *Glenwood, Minnesota*
 "The Essence Debate: An Unrealized Lutheran Moment in Jewish-Christian Dialogue."
- Scott Lorne Johnson *Wanadoo, Madagascar*
 "Islamic Almsgiving: A Study of the Tensions in the Muslim Understanding of Zakât with Special Reference to Pakistan."
- Bruce Allen Pinke *Séguéla, Côte d'Ivoire*
 "The Worodougou's Concept of God as Perceived by their Use of the Ninety-Nine Glorious Names of Allah."

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** Requirements to be met by August 31, 2003*

*** With Distinction*

*❖ ❖ † * Awards for academic excellence. See page 10.*

CANDIDATES FOR DEGREES

DOCTOR OF PHILOSOPHY

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.

Motoo Ishii *Tokyo, Japan*
"Cherry Blossoms and Lily: Comparing the Understanding of Death and Resurrection in the Traditional Japanese View and Christian Teaching."

Alan J. Johnson** *St. Paul, Minn.*
"Shekinah: The Indwelling Presence of God in the Theology of Jürgen Moltmann."

Ken Sundet Jones *St. Paul, Minn.*
"Promissio and Death: Luther and God's Word for the End of Life."

AWARDS FOR ACADEMIC EXCELLENCE

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.

A.E. HANSON PRIZE IN HOMILETICS is awarded to graduating seniors based on homiletical skills.

THE G.M. AND MINNIE BRUCE PRIZE IN NEW 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 New Testament.

✦ *Bruce Prize in New Testament*

† *A.E. Hanson Prize in Homiletics*

❖ *John Milton Prize in Old Testament*

* *Graduate Preaching Fellowship*

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*** With Distinction*