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THE
ONE HUNDRED AND THIRTY-FIFTH
COMMENCEMENT
OF
LUTHER SEMINARY

3:00 P.M., SUNDAY, MAY 23, 2004
CENTRAL LUTHERAN CHURCH
MINNEAPOLIS, MINNESOTA

PARTICIPANTS IN THE SERVICE

PRESIDER

David L. Tiede, '66
President, Luther Seminary

LITURGIST

Masresha Chufa
Master of Arts Junior
Pastor, Ethiopian Evangelical Church Mekane Yesus

READERS

Herb Wounded Head
Master of Divinity Degree Candidate

Amy Daniels
Master of Divinity Degree Candidate

SPEAKER

Bradbury H. Anderson
Chief Executive Officer, Best Buy Co., Inc.

STUDENT RESPONDERS

Deborah Hutterer
Master of Divinity Degree Candidate

Paul Koch
Master of Divinity Degree Candidate

CRUCIFER

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

BANNER BEARERS

Hans Dahl
Master of Divinity Senior

Penny Olson
Master of Divinity Middler

MARSHALS

Barbara Bruneau
Master of Divinity Junior

Renee Hesseltine
Master of Divinity Junior

Patrick McCormack
Master of Divinity Middler

Lars Olson
Master of Divinity Middler

FACULTY MARSHAL

Alan Padgett
Professor of Systematic Theology

ORGANIST

Christopher Nelson
Master of Sacred Music Degree Candidate

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



Brad Anderson is Vice Chairman and Chief Executive Officer of Best Buy Co., Inc., North America's number one specialty retailer of consumer electronics, personal computers, entertainment software and major appliances, headquartered in Richfield, Minn.

Anderson joined the company as an audio components sales person in 1973. He advanced to store manager before being named vice president in 1981. In 1986, Anderson was promoted to executive vice president and was elected to the board of directors. In 1991 he was named president, and in 2001 he was named vice chairman, president and chief operating officer. He was selected as CEO in February 2002.

A native of Sheridan, Wyo., Anderson has an associate degree from Waldorf Junior College and a bachelor's degree from the University of Denver. His personal interests include reading biographies, biking and enjoying theater and music.

Anderson and his wife, Janet, are members of Luther Seminary's Leadership Circle. Janet is chair of the Luther Seminary Foundation. Anderson serves on the boards of the Best Buy Children's Foundation, the Retail Industry Leaders Association, National Junior Achievement, American Film Institute, Minnesota Public Radio, and Waldorf College, which is located in Forest City, Iowa.

The Andersons live with their two sons in Minneapolis.

THE ORDER OF SERVICE

THE PRELUDE

THE PROCESSIONAL HYMN*

"Alleluia! Sing to Jesus"*

LBW 158

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

All

1. Alleluia! Sing to Jesus;
His the scepter, His the throne;
Alleluia! His the triumph,
His the victory alone.
Hark! The songs of peaceful Zion
Thunder like a mighty flood:
"Jesus out of ev'ry nation
Has redeemed us by His blood."
2. Alleluia! Not as orphans
Are we left in sorrow now;
Alleluia! he is near us;
Faith believes, nor questions how.
Though the cloud from sight received him
When the forty days were o'er,
Shall our hearts forget His promise:
"I am with you evermore"?
3. Alleluia! Bread of heav'n,
Here on earth our food, our stay;
Alleluia! here the sinful
Flee to you from day to day.
Intercessor, friend of sinners,
Earth's redeemer, hear our plea
Where the songs of all the sinless
Sweep across the crystal sea.
4. Alleluia! King eternal,
Lord omnipotent we own;
Alleluia! born of Mary,
Earth your footstool, heav'n your throne.
As within the veil you entered,
Robed in flesh, our great high priest,
Here on earth both priest and victim
In the eucharistic feast.
5. Alleluia! Sing to Jesus;
His the scepter, His the throne;
Alleluia! His the triumph,
His the victory alone.
Hark! The songs of peaceful Zion
Thunder like a mighty flood:
"Jesus out of ev'ry nation
Has redeemed us by His blood."

The congregation shall be seated.

WELCOME

Gordon Braatz, '71
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: William C. Dix, 1837-1898, alt.

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 4:4-9

THE SECOND LESSON John 17:18-26

THE INTRODUCTION OF THE SPEAKER

THE ADDRESS

THE HYMN OF THE DAY

"If You But Trust in God to Guide You"* LBW 453

The congregation shall stand.

All in unison

1. If you but trust in God to guide you
And place your confidence in him,
You'll find him always there beside you,
To give you hope and strength within.
For those who trust God's changeless love
Build on the rock that will not move.
2. What gain is there in futile weeping,
In helpless anger and distress?
If you are in his care and keeping,
In sorrow will he love you less?
For he who took for you a cross
Will bring you safe through ev'ry loss.
3. In patient trust await his leisure
In cheerful hope, with heart content
To take whate'er your Father's pleasure
And all-discerning love have sent;
Doubt not your inmost wants are known
To him who chose you for his own.
4. Sing, pray, and keep his ways unswerving,
Offer your service faithfully,
And trust his word; though undeserving,
You'll find his promise true to be.
God never will forsake in need
The soul that trusts in him indeed.

The congregation shall be seated.

WELCOME

David L. Tiede
President

**ANNOUNCEMENT OF THE
CHRISTUS LUX MUNDI AWARD**

See page 6 for information.

THE CONFERRING OF DEGREES

All candidates listed on pages 7 - 10.

PRESENTATION OF THE CLASS Richard Bliese
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—M.A./M.S.M. Programs*

Sarah Henrich
*Associate Professor of New Testament,
Associate Dean—M.Div. Programs*

Jean Morris Trumbauer
Interim Director—Consortium D.Min. Program

Paul Lokken
Associate Dean—Graduate Theological Education

THE ANNOUNCEMENT OF AWARDS AND HONORS

Winners of the the A.E. Hanson Prize in Homiletics
receive modest cash awards. Descriptions of awards are
on page 11.

RESPONSE ON BEHALF OF THE GRADUATES

Deborah Hutterer

Paul Koch

LUTHER BRASS

"Hallelujah Chorus" Georg Friedrich Handel

*Text: Georg Neumark, 1621-1681; tr. composite, alt.
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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 everyone. 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 we are 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*

"The Church's One Foundation"*

LBW 369

All

1. The Church's one foundation
Is Jesus Christ, her Lord;
She is his new creation
By water and the Word.
From heav'n he came and sought her
To be his holy bride;
With his own blood he bought her,
And for her life he died.
2. Elect from ev'ry nation,
Yet one o'er all the earth;
Her charter of salvation:
One Lord, one faith, one birth.
One holy name she blesses,
Partakes one holy food,
And to one hope she presses
With ev'ry grace endued.
3. Though with a scornful wonder
This world sees her oppressed,
By schisms rent asunder,
By heresies distressed,
Yet saints their watch are keeping;
Their cry goes up: "How long?"
And soon the night of weeping
Shall be the morn of song.
4. Through toil and tribulation
And tumult of her war,
She waits the consummation
Of peace forevermore;
Till with the vision glorious
Her longing eyes are blest,
And the great Church victorious
Shall be the Church at rest.
5. Yet she on earth has union
With God, the Three in One,
And mystic sweet communion
With those whose rest is won.
O blessed heav'nly chorus!
Lord, save us by your grace,
That we, like saints before us,
May see you face to face.

THE POSTLUDE

*Text: Text: Samuel J. Stone, 1839-1900

THE CHRISTUS LUX MUNDI AWARD

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 seventh Christus Lux Mundi Award is presented posthumously to Gudina Tumsa, for a life of faithful service given to his Lord and to the people of Ethiopia. The award will be received by Dr. Darrell Jodock, professor of religion at Gustavus Adolphus College, St. Peter, Minnesota. Dr. Jodock was Gudina Tumsa's friend and roommate at Luther Seminary in the 1960s.

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; Howard and Edna Hong, Northfield, Minnesota; Marjorie I. Bly, Taiwan and Henry E. Horn, Cambridge, Massachusetts.

GUDINA TUMSA

This year marks the 75th anniversary of the birth and the 25th anniversary of the death of Ethiopian theologian Gudina Tumsa. Born in the province of Wollega in 1929, Tumsa left home to attend a mission school in Nedjo. There, he distinguished himself, and often served as an interpreter for missionaries. Tumsa became a nurse and teacher in Nakamte, but the missionaries who he assisted believed God had other plans for him. Gudina received his basic theological training at the Nedjo Seminary. Then, in 1961, the Ethiopian Evangelical Church Mekane Yesus (EECMY)—established in 1959 through the work of Lutheran missionaries from abroad—sent him to the United States for further theological training. Tumsa attended Luther Seminary from 1963 to 1966.

Upon returning to Ethiopia, Tumsa became General Secretary of the EECMY and served in this capacity until his death.

In 1974 the Ethiopian Revolution saw the overthrow of Emperor Haile Selassie. But with it came internal strife and regional rebellions under the dictatorial socialist regime of Mengistu Haile Mariam. Regardless of the political climate, Tumsa never ceased proclaiming the gospel. Under his leadership, the EECMY joined the Lutheran World Federation, the All Africa Conference of Churches and the World Council of Churches.

Tumsa was also actively involved in civil society concerns. He opposed all forms of racism, the exploitation of farmers and domestic servants among his own people, and spoke out in favor of fundamental land reform. For many among the poor, oppressed and disenfranchised in Ethiopia, Tumsa and the EECMY became a symbol of hope.

In 1978, Tumsa was arrested for the first time and set free a few weeks later. After his second arrest in 1979, the regime attempted to brand him a counter-revolutionary and political agent. After worldwide protests, he was again released in June 1979. Although given opportunities to leave Ethiopia, Tumsa was unwilling to leave the people he served. A few weeks later, after attending church services, he was kidnapped by armed men in Addis Ababa and subsequently executed.

Today, the Gudina Tumsa Foundation carries on Tumsa's ideals and spiritual legacy for the Ethiopian people. The organization assists community based development and self sufficiency projects, encourages ecumenism and dialogue with various religions, Islam in particular, and organizes meetings where exchanges of views take place on important issues, promoting mutual understanding and tolerance.

CANDIDATES FOR DEGREES

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.

- Carole Jean Berg
 Claire Elise Bischoff
Holy Spirit Church, St. Paul, Minnesota
- Erin Lee Bockoven
 Joan Patricia Lucey Braunhardt
Cross of Hope Lutheran Church, Albuquerque, New Mexico
- Amy Lee Buck
Oak Grove Lutheran Church, Richfield, Minnesota
- Alice Woodard Cummings
Lord of Life Lutheran Church, Maple Grove, Minnesota
- Amy Doster Daniels
Christ Lutheran Church, Charlotte, North Carolina
- Scott Adrian Dobovsky*
North Como Presbyterian Church, St. Paul, Minnesota
- Amy Dorothea Eisenmann
Saint Paul's Lutheran Church, Red Wing, Minnesota
- David A. Foster
Emmanuel Lutheran Church, Seguin, Texas
- Kara J. Hanson*
Messiah Lutheran Church, Hoffman, Minnesota
- Sara Marie Hilmoe
Baltic Lutheran Church, Baltic, South Dakota
- Erin Marisa Holloway
Transfiguration Lutheran Church, Bloomington, Minnesota
Lord of Life, Maple Grove, Minnesota
- Nicholas Robert Hopman
Zion Lutheran Church, Tinley Park, Illinois
- Kathleen Ann Juneke
*First Presbyterian Church of South St. Paul,
 South St. Paul, Minnesota*
Wyoming Presbyterian Church, Millburn, New Jersey
- Rebecca Hanson Kolowé
Messiah Lutheran Church, Madison, Alabama
- Colleen Marie Leary
St. Paul Lutheran Church, Niceville, Florida
- DebraJane Baker Olson
Cross of Glory Lutheran Church, Mounds View, Minnesota
Advent Lutheran Church, Anoka, Minnesota
- Elizabeth Mercer Morgenstern Paul
St. Paul Lutheran Church, Neenah, Wisconsin

- Abigail Lindsey Pelham
House of Mercy, St. Paul, Minnesota
- Diane Louise Reishus
Minnetonka Lutheran Church, Minnetonka, Minnesota
- Mark R. Salo
 Glendine Marie Soiseth
*Shepherd of the Valley Lutheran Church,
 Apple Valley, Minnesota*
Bethel Lutheran Church, New Town, North Dakota
- John B. Sumo
Twin Cities Metro Baptist Association
Ebenezer Community Church, Brooklyn Park, Minnesota
- Jessi Jean Suomala
*St. Philip the Deacon Lutheran Church,
 Plymouth, Minnesota*
- Dorothy J. Tate
Messiah Lutheran Church, Minneapolis, Minnesota
St. Peter's A.M.E. Church, Minneapolis, Minnesota
- Michelle Marie Thomas
St. Mark's Lutheran Church, North St. Paul, Minnesota
- Joseph M. Umar
First Lutheran Church of Crystal, Brooklyn Park, Minnesota
- Kara Elizabeth VerHage
St. Paul's Lutheran Church, Hampton, Virginia
First Covenant Church, St. Paul, Minnesota
- Rachel Christine Wachter*
Peace Lutheran Church, Cobb, Wisconsin
Saint Barnabas Lutheran Church, Plymouth, Minnesota
- Cassandra A. Webber*
Woodland Hills Church, Maplewood, Minnesota
- Janell Cathryn Weum
Maple Grove Lutheran Church, Maple Grove, Minnesota

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.

- Ellen Andreyana
 Shaun Theodore Halland
Our Savior's Lutheran Church, Circle Pines, Minnesota
St. John's Lutheran Church, Waukon, Iowa
- Christopher G. Nelson*
 Michael J. Schmidt †
Calvary Lutheran Church, Golden Valley, Minnesota
Immanuel Lutheran Church, Forest City, Iowa

*Names of churches are the candidate's home and/or supporting congregations.
 * Requirements to be met by August 31, 2004*

CANDIDATES FOR DEGREES

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.

Marie Ann Kuhlman Anderson

Mount Olive Lutheran Church, Rochester, Minnesota

John Thomas Andrews

Hope Lutheran Church, Fargo, North Dakota

Joshua E. Auchenbach

Mt. Zion Lutheran Church, Tucson, Arizona

Redeemer Lutheran Church, Fridley, Minnesota

Herman Edward Bakker

Calvary Lutheran Church, Mora, Minnesota

American Lutheran Church, Worthington, Minnesota

Hope Lutheran Church, Grasston, Minnesota

Judith Ann Bangsund* †

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

Kurt Martin Bockoven, Jr.

Bethel Lutheran Church, Menominee, Michigan

Ivy Borgstrom

Roseville Lutheran Church, Roseville, Minnesota

Andrea M. Pates Bowe*

Bloomington Covenant Church, Bloomington, Minnesota

Mary Ann N. Bowman

Balsam Lutheran Church, Amery, Wisconsin

Merchelle Sherii Burkhalter

Faith Institute, St. Paul, Minnesota

Victory Christian Center, Tulsa, Oklahoma

Jay Michael Carlson

Bethel Evangelical Lutheran Church, Willmar, Minnesota

Channice Charles*

Epiphany Lutheran Church, Minneapolis, Minnesota

Trinity Lutheran Church, Minneapolis, Minnesota

Catrina Louise Ciccone

St. Mark Lutheran Church, Circle Pines, Minnesota

Stephanie Joy Coltvet

Our Savior's Lutheran Church, Rochester, Minnesota

David A. Danner

St. Andrew Lutheran Church, Eden Prairie, Minnesota

Brian Lee Ferguson*

Our Savior's Lutheran Church, Sandwich, Illinois

Paul Bryan Finley

Christ Lutheran Church, Byron, Minnesota

Aaron Franklin, Jr.

Macedonia Baptist Church, Minneapolis, Minnesota

Jennifer L. Fuhr

St. John's Lutheran Church, Leigh, Nebraska

Zion Lutheran Church, Platte Center, Nebraska

Sierra Evangelical Lutheran Church, Sierra Vista, Arizona

Tabitha Jo Gallatin

Grace Lutheran Church, Green Bay, Wisconsin

Diane M. Goulson

Holy Trinity Lutheran Church, New Prague, Minnesota

Craig Virgil Groseclose

Trinity Lutheran Church, Lewiston, Idaho

Faith Lutheran Church, Enid, Oklahoma

Salem Lutheran Church, Stillwater, Oklahoma

Janet Sue Gwin*

Prince of Peace Lutheran Church, SeaTac, Washington

Shepherd of the Valley Lutheran Church,

Maple Valley, Washington

Emanuel Lutheran Church, Bock, Minnesota

Timothy John Hackbarth

Vining Lutheran Parish, Vining, Minnesota

Susan Rae Hookham

Immanuel Lutheran Church, Everson, Washington

Central Lutheran Church, Bellingham, Washington

Trinity Lutheran Church, Point Roberts, Washington

Eric Dennis Hullstrom

Grace Lutheran Church, Dawson, Minnesota

Lord of Life Church, Ramsey, Minnesota

Deborah Kay Hutterer †

Cross Lutheran Church, Roberts, Wisconsin

Linda M. Jorgensen*

Bergen Lutheran Church, Meckling, South Dakota

Faith United Lutheran Church, Volin, South Dakota

Jolene Marie Knudson-Hanse

Our Savior's Lutheran Church, Larimore, North Dakota

Sheyenne-Oberon Area Ministry, Sheyenne, North Dakota

Paul Christopher Koch †

Mt. Olive Lutheran Church, Minneapolis, Minnesota

Julianne Elaine Koivisto

Lutheran Church of Our Saviour, Calgary, Alberta

Patricia Ann Lehrer

Holy Cross Lutheran Church, Sioux Falls, South Dakota

Lisa Marie Lewton

Our Savior Lutheran Church, Sherwood, North Dakota

Trinity Lutheran Church, Alexander, North Dakota

Holy Cross Lutheran Church, Maple Lake, Minnesota

Blaine Alan MacNeil

Augustana Lutheran Church, Cumberland, Wisconsin

Luther J. Martell

Bethel Lutheran Church, Northfield, Minnesota

Scott Ryan McAnally

Our Saviour's Lutheran Church, Fort Collins, Colorado

Gethsemane Lutheran Church, Austin, Texas

Christ Lutheran Church, Highlands Ranch, Colorado

Ascension Lutheran Church, Thousand Oaks, California

CANDIDATES FOR DEGREES

- Kristi Renee Mitchell
Immanuel Lutheran Church, Almelund, Minnesota
Trinity Lutheran Church, Madelia, Minnesota
- Terry B. Monson*
Peace Lutheran Church, Fargo, North Dakota
Good News Lutheran Church, Fargo, North Dakota
- Jason D. Neel
Cross View Lutheran Church, Edina, Minnesota
Trinity Lutheran Church, Edwardsville, Illinois
- Susan J. Odegard
Our Savior's Lutheran Church, Beldenville, Wisconsin
- Amanda Mae Olson †
St. Peter's Lutheran Church, Northfield, Minnesota
- DanaLee L. Ommen
All People's Church, Milwaukee, Wisconsin
- James LaMont Page, II
Grace Lutheran Church, Eau Claire, Wisconsin
- Matthew T. Peterson
Trinity Lutheran Church, Stillwater, Minnesota
- Matthew John Philaya*
Calvary Lutheran Church, Perham, Minnesota
- Melissa Grace Moyle Pohlman
Grace Lutheran Church, Tomahawk, Wisconsin
Zion Lutheran Church, Minneapolis, Minnesota
- Rachael Jean Powell
McFarland Lutheran Church, McFarland, Wisconsin
- Dana M. Pukrop
English Lutheran Church, La Crosse, Wisconsin
- Reyna Marie Purcell
Zion Lutheran Church, Cottage Grove, Minnesota
- Gale Gunter Reitan
Bethlehem Lutheran Church, St. Paul, Minnesota
- Manuel J. Retamoza
Central Lutheran Church, Minneapolis, Minnesota
- Catherine Irene Rhodes
Christ Lutheran Church, Byron, Minnesota
Immanuel Lutheran Church, Hillman, Minnesota
- Kendra L. Rosencrans
Hettinger Lutheran Church, Hettinger, North Dakota
- Tanya E. Rynkiewich
House of Mercy, St. Paul, Minnesota
- Michael J. Schmidt †
Calvary Lutheran Church, Golden Valley, Minnesota
Immanuel Lutheran Church, Forest City, Iowa
- Elizabeth Jane Schoenknecht
Trinity Lutheran Church, Eau Claire, Wisconsin
- Joshua Lee Erwald Schunk
House of Prayer Lutheran Church, Oakdale, Minnesota
- Kyle Matthew Sidlo
Prince of Peace Lutheran Church, Brooklyn Park, Minnesota
- Carol E. Sinykin
Abiding Savior Lutheran Church, Mounds View, Minnesota
- William Tue Siong*
Hmong Central Lutheran Church, St. Paul, Minnesota
- Breen Marie Sipes
Normandale Lutheran Church, Edina, Minnesota
Pilgrim Lutheran Church, St. Paul, Minnesota
- Valerie Anne Strickert*
Lutheran Church of the Redeemer, St. Paul, Minnesota
Lutheran Church of the Apostles, Atlanta, Georgia
- Mary J. Strom*
Breckenridge Lutheran Church, Breckenridge, Minnesota
- Marsa Corine Terrell
First Lutheran Church of Plains, Plains, Montana
Immanuel Lutheran Church, Silverton, Oregon
Peace Lutheran Church, Lauderdale, Minnesota
- Pollyanna Prudence Tews
Immanuel Lutheran Church, Cedarberg, Wisconsin
- Zachary Nathan Thompson
Shepherd of the Hills Lutheran Church, Shoreview, Minnesota
- Nicholas George Uthphall
Trinity Lutheran Church, Eau Claire, Wisconsin
Grace Lutheran Church, Wenatchee, Washington
House of Prayer Lutheran Church, Richfield, Minnesota
- Nelli Marianna Vahter
Estonian Evangelical Lutheran Church
Trinity Lutheran Church, Ottawa, Illinois
- Micheline Katherine Verlautz*
Nativity Lutheran Church, St. Anthony, Minnesota
- Susan K. Vikstrom
St. Paul's Lutheran Church, Minnetonka, Minnesota
- Kristin J. Wendland
Trinity Lutheran Church, Stevens Point, Wisconsin
- Herb G. Wounded Head III
South Canyon Lutheran Church, Rapid City, South Dakota
Gayville Lutheran Church, Gayville, South Dakota
- Sara Louise Yotter
Prince of Peace Lutheran Church, Appleton, Wisconsin
St. James Lutheran Church, Crystal, Minnesota
- Patrick K. Ziems
First Lutheran Church of Gladstone, Gladstone, Michigan

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* Requirements to be met by August 31, 2004

† A.E. Hanson Prize in Homiletics

* Graduate Preaching Fellowship

See page 11.

CANDIDATES FOR DEGREES

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.

- Mark F. Bents *Apple Valley, Minnesota*
 "Intentional Interim Ministry: The Development of a Tool to Assess Needs During Pastoral Transition."
- Robert H. Furniss, III *Woodbury, Minnesota*
 "Formation for Congregational Leadership."
- Alemseged Asmelash Hagos *Gothenburg, Sweden*
 "A Model for Equipping Ethiopian Emigrant Parents for the Religious Education of their Children in a New Culture."
- Leonard Andrew Halvorson *Sioux Falls, South Dakota*
 "You Have Been Called: A Handbook for Lay Preachers."
- Paul G. Hill *Dubuque, Iowa*
 "Understanding the Excited Imagination and Existential Struggles of Early Adolescent Males and the Ministry Implications for the Church."
- Donald W. Johnson *Maplewood, Minnesota*
 "Reformulating Missional Strategy: The Move Toward Self-determination Among the Indigenous People Served by the Lutheran Association of Missionaries and Pilots US."
- Paul H. Moessner** *Columbia, Missouri*
 "Tolerance and Lordship: Faith Experienced in a Pluralistic Community."
- Rebecca M. Sogge** *Buffalo, Minnesota*
 "Focusing on Single Parent Ministry."
- Marcia L. Solberg *Manitowoc, Wisconsin*
 "Worship for Sale: Is Consumerism Changing Lay Attitudes about Worship?"
- Mark L. Yackel-Juleen *Windom, Minnesota*
 "Preparing Leaders for Christian Mission in Twenty-first Century Rural America."

MASTER OF THEOLOGY

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

- Mary Margaret Fast *Sioux Falls, South Dakota*
 "A Liberation Theology of Disability."
- Megersa Basha Kumbi* *St. Paul, Minnesota*
 "Jürgen Moltmann's Theology of the Cross as a Critique of an Abyssinian Theology of Election."

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