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THE
ONE HUNDRED AND THIRTY-EIGHTH
COMMENCEMENT
OF
LUTHER SEMINARY

3:00 P.M., SUNDAY, MAY 27, 2007
CENTRAL LUTHERAN CHURCH
MINNEAPOLIS, MINNESOTA

PARTICIPANTS IN THE SERVICE

PRESIDER

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President, Luther Seminary

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Associate Professor of Preaching

PREACHER

Walter Sundberg
Professor of Church History

READERS

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Master of Arts Degree Candidate

Cynthia Williams
Master of Divinity Degree Candidate

STUDENT RESPONDER

Christopher Kramer
Master of Divinity Degree Candidate

CALL TO MISSION READER

Randy Nelson
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Melvin A. Hammarberg Professor of Contextual Education*

CRUCIFER

Robin Nice, '94

BANNER BEARERS

Sigrid Magid
Master of Divinity Senior

Christopher Steubing
Master of Divinity Senior

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Orin Cummings
Doctor of Philosophy Fourth Year

Amber Hager
Master of Divinity Middler

Hannah Johnson
Master of Divinity Junior

Brian Ward
Master of Divinity Junior

FACULTY MARSHAL

Marc Kolden
Professor of Systematic Theology

ORGANIST

Mark Sedio
Music Director, Central Lutheran

THE BASILICA BRASS ENSEMBLE

John Froelich
Don Krubsack
Dave Rickheim
Chris Westermeyer

A WORD OF WELCOME

Luther Seminary is pleased to welcome you to its 138th commencement ceremonies. Receiving their degrees today are your next pastors, congregational and community leaders, and theologians of the Church.

The senior responder during today's service was elected by the senior class. Banner bearers and marshals were chosen by the Office of the Registrar.

Some of the graduates will also receive awards for academic excellence. These are listed on page 14.

Graduates, family and friends are invited to an informal reception in the Fellowship Hall following the service.

THE COMMENCEMENT SPEAKER



Walter Sundberg, professor of Church History, began his work at Luther Seminary in 1978-81 as an instructor in systematic theology. He returned as assistant professor of church history in 1984 and was named associate professor in 1986 and professor in 1994. Sundberg served as acting chair of the history department in 1987-88.

Ordained in 1981, Sundberg was assistant minister of Como Park Lutheran Church, St. Paul from 1981 to 1984. He was an instructor at Augsburg College, Minneapolis in 1980; in the U.S. Army Chaplains program in 1977; and at Lutheran Theological Seminary at Philadelphia in 1976. He was a visiting professor at the College of St. Catherine in St. Paul in 1985-86.

Sundberg earned a B.A. degree magna cum laude in 1969 from St. Olaf College, Northfield, Minn., where he was elected to Phi Beta Kappa. He received both an M.Div. degree and a Ph.D. degree magna cum laude from Princeton Theological Seminary (1973 and 1981). He studied at the University of Tübingen, Germany in 1971-72.

Sundberg is a member of the advisory council of *Interpretation*, and the editorial boards of *Lutheran Quarterly* and *Lutheran Commentator*. A board member of both the Great Commission Network and Lutheran Bible Ministries, he also served on the board of Lutheran Bible Institute and the A.I.C. Inter-Church Relations Committee. Sundberg contributed to *Called and Ordained: Lutheran Perspectives on the Office of Ministry* (1990). He has published articles in *First Things*, *Lutheran Quarterly*, *dialog*, and *Lutheran Forum*. Additional writings include *Day by Day: Luther on the Christian Life* (1983) and *The Bible in Modern Culture* (2002), which he wrote with Roy Harrisville.

THE ORDER OF SERVICE

THE PRELUDE

The Basilica Brass Ensemble

L'Alcenagina *Adriano Banchieri*
Notturmo *Nicholas Rimsky-Korsakov*
Fugue No. 14 (from the Art of Fugue) *J.S. Bach*
Prayer *Anton Bruckner*
Alleluia *Anton Bruckner*

WELCOME FROM CENTRAL LUTHERAN CHURCH

Pastor Richard Nelson, *Senior Pastor*

THE PROCESSIONAL HYMN

The congregation shall stand.

"O Day Full of Grace"

ELW 627

Stanza 1, 2 - All; 3 - Men; 4 - Women; 5 - All

1. O day full of grace that now we see
appearing on earth's horizon,
bring light from our God that we may be
abundant in joy this season.
God, shine for us now in this dark place;
your name on our hearts emblazon.
2. O day full of grace, O blessed time,
our Lord on the earth arriving;
then came to the world that light sublime,
great joy for us all retrieving;
for Jesus all mortals did embrace,
all shame and despair removing.
3. For Christ bore our sins, and not his own,
when he on the cross was hanging;
and then he arose and moved the stone,
that we, unto him belonging,
might join with angelic hosts to raise
our voices in endless singing.
4. God came to us then at Pentecost,
the Spirit new life revealing,
that we might no more in death be lost,
its pow'r over us dispelling.
This flame will the mark of sin efface
and bring to us all true healing.
5. When we on that final journey go
that Christ is for us preparing,
we'll gather in song, our hearts aglow,
all joy of the heavens sharing,
and there we will join God's endless praise,
with angels and saints adoring.

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DIALOGUE/LITANY

A: Holy Spirit, Creator, in the beginning you moved
over the waters. From your breath all creation drew
life. With you, life turns to dust.

C: Come, Holy Spirit!

A: Holy Spirit, Counselor, by your inspiration, the
prophets spoke and acted in faith. You clothed them
in power to be bearers of your Word.

C: Come, Holy Spirit!

A: Holy Spirit, Power, you came as fire to Jesus' disciples;
you gave them voice before the rulers of this world.

C: Come, Holy Spirit!

A: Holy Spirit, Sanctifier, you created us children of God;
you make us the living temple of your presence; you
intercede within us with sighs too deep for words.

C: Come, Holy Spirit!

A: Holy Spirit, Giver of life, you guide and make holy the
church you create; you give gifts—the spirit of wisdom
and understanding, the spirit of counsel and fortitude,
the spirit of knowledge and piety, the spirit of the fear
of the Lord—that the whole creation may become
what you want it to be.

C: Come, Holy Spirit!

THE PRAYER OF THE DAY

P: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

P: Let us pray...

Almighty and ever-living God, you fulfilled the promise
of Easter by sending the gift of your Holy Spirit. Look
upon your people gathered in prayer, open to receive
the Spirit's flame. May it come to rest in our hearts
and heal the divisions of word and tongue, that with
one voice and one song we may praise your name in
joy and thanksgiving; through Jesus Christ, our Savior
and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy
Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen.

The congregation shall be seated.

FIRST READING

Acts 2:1-21

R: The word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

SECOND READING

Romans 8:14-17

R: The word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

The congregation shall stand.

THE ORDER OF SERVICE

GOSPEL

Matthew 28:16-20

R: The word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

The congregation shall be seated.

THE SERMON

"Making Disciples"

Walter Sundberg

THE HYMN OF THE DAY

"Lord, You Give the Great Commission"

ELW 579

*Stanza 1, 2 - All; 3 - Women (Refrain, All);
4 - Men (Refrain, All); 5 - All*

1. 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.

2. 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*
3. 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*
4. 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*
5. 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*

INSTALLATION TO TENURE

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THE CONFERRING OF DEGREES

All candidates listed on pages 7-14.

PRESENTATION OF THE CLASS

David Lose
Academic Dean

CONFERRING OF DEGREES

Richard Bliese
Susan Jenkins
Chair, Board of Directors

Diane Doncits
Registrar

Diane Jacobson
*Professor of Old Testament,
Associate Dean—M.A./M.S.M. Programs*

Alvin Luedke
*Associate Professor of Rural Ministry
Associate Dean—M.Div. Programs*

Paul Lokken
Associate Dean—Graduate Theological Education

THE ANNOUNCEMENT OF AWARDS AND HONORS

Richard Bliese

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

The Graduate Preaching Fellowship is given to an outstanding master of divinity degree graduate from the senior class.

Descriptions are on page 14.

RESPONSE ON BEHALF OF THE GRADUATES

Christopher Kramer,
Master of Divinity Degree Candidate

THE CALL TO MISSION

The graduates 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.

THE ORDER OF SERVICE

L: Luther Seminary, with its partners in church and society, has now completed this phase of its work with you. It has done its best to prepare you for the life of service and mission that called you to this place and now sends you out from this place. Now it is up to you and to the Spirit of God to find that new place where your gifts and deep gladness will meet the world's deep hunger.

Graduating students, in the presence of God, we honor you for your diligence, perseverance, and faithfulness in study and we present to the church all of you who aspire to serve the Church of God in the variety of ministries to which you have been called and for which you are prepared. But your preparation is not over and you will need to be creative, flexible, and visionary as you bear witness to salvation through Jesus Christ and serve in God's world, a world that is constantly changing.

When Jesus said, I have come not to be served but to serve, Jesus defined the meaning of ministry. Luther Seminary sends you forth into service and mission with its love and blessing and prays that you may be adequate to the task.

Graduates:

With faith in the Triune God, we commit ourselves to his ministry of service and mission. 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

Following each petition

A: Lord, in your mercy,

C: Hear our 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 for ever. Amen

THE BENEDICTION

THE RECESSIONAL HYMN

"Voices Raised to You"

ELW 845

Stanza 1, 2 - All; 3 - Men; 4 - Women; 5 - All

1. Voices raised to you we offer;
tune them, God, for songs of praise.
Hearts and hands we bring in tribute
for your gifts through all our days.
Alleluia! Alleluia!
Triune God, to you we sing!
2. All creation joins to praise you;
earth and sky your works display.
Art and music, gifts you lend us,
we return to you today.
Alleluia! Alleluia!
God, creator, source of life!
3. Christ, the song of love incarnate,
touching earth with heaven's grace,
for your living, suffering, dying,
for your rising, hear our praise!
Alleluia! Alleluia!
Christ, redeemer, Lord of life!
4. Spirit, flaming through creation,
kindle faith within each heart.
Lift our voices high in chorus;
through our hands your love impart.
Alleluia! Alleluia!
Spirit, helper, breath of life!
5. How can any praise we offer
measure all the thanks we owe?
Take our hearts and hands and voices—
gifts of love we can bestow.
Alleluia! Alleluia!
Triune God, to you we sing!

THE POSTLUDE

The Basilica Brass Ensemble

"Intrada" from

At the Lamb's High Feast We Sing

arr. Frank Stoldt

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NEWLY TENURED FACULTY



Matthew Skinner joined the Luther Seminary faculty in 2002. He earned his graduate degrees from Princeton Theological Seminary, where he also served as a teaching fellow and visiting lecturer prior to accepting a call to Luther Seminary.

In 1990 he received the A.B. degree magna cum laude, with a concentration in Philosophy, from Brown University, Providence, Rhode Island, and the MDiv. degree from in 1997, and the Ph.D. degree in Biblical Studies (New Testament) from Princeton Theological Seminary in Princeton, NJ, in 2002.

He has served as Editorial Associate for two journals: *The Princeton Seminary Bulletin* and *Theology Today*. His first book, *Locating Paul: Places of Custody as Narrative Settings in Acts 21-28*, is published in the Society of Biblical Literature's *Academia Biblica* series. Skinner is proficient in Hellenistic Greek, Biblical Hebrew, Aramaic, French, and German.

Skinner is a member of the Society of Biblical Literature and the American Academy of Religion.

Skinner is an ordained minister in the Presbyterian Church (USA). From 1990-1994 he served on a church's pastoral staff as Director of High School Student Ministries. He has also served in several other short-term positions and internships in ministry.

CANDIDATES FOR DEGREES

CERTIFICATE

The certificate programs are designed to equip lay leaders across denominational lines. This program provides a basic grounding in Christian theology and tradition, in addition to focusing on various aspects of ministry.

Iver Otto Aal

*Our Saviors, Chokio, Minnesota
St. Johns, Starbuck, Minnesota*

Nanci J. Meyer

Trinity Lutheran, Faribault, Minnesota

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.

Paul Curtis Adams

McMinnville Cooperative Ministry, McMinnville, Oregon

Krista Michelle Anderson

Trinity Lutheran, North Branch, Minnesota

Renee Ann Banas

Kristine Kay Bjorke

*Lord of Life Lutheran, Maple Grove, Minnesota
Faith Lutheran, Coon Rapids, Minnesota
United Redeemer Lutheran, Zumbrota, Minnesota*

Sara M. Breeggemann

*Kimball Memorial Lutheran, Kannapolis, North Carolina
Little Elk Creek Lutheran, Menomonie, Wisconsin*

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St. Matthew's Episcopal, St. Paul, Minnesota*

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Hosanna Lutheran, Liberty, Missouri

Jennifer Louise Becker Carpenter

Neil A. Christians

*Kinsmen Lutheran, Houston, Texas
Christ the King Lutheran, New Brighton, Minnesota*

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Michelle Ruth Collins

Salem Evangelical Lutheran, Minneapolis, Minnesota

Joanna Melissa Deer *

Shepherd of the Valley Lutheran, Apple Valley, Minnesota

Robert F. DeGeorge

The Salvation Army Petoskey Corps, Petoskey, Michigan

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Our Saviors Lutheran, New Ulm, Minnesota

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Glenwood Lutheran, Glenwood, Minnesota*

Karen Elizabeth Gutzman

St. John Lutheran, Madison, South Dakota

Julie Anna Hagen

Trinity Lutheran, Moorhead, Minnesota

Joy Elizabeth Halstead

Roseville Lutheran, Roseville, Minnesota

C. John Hildebrand II

*Calvary Baptist, Minneapolis, Minnesota
Glenrock Community Baptist, Glenrock, Wyoming*

Audrey Keller

All Saints Lutheran, Highland, Michigan

Laura Diane Kensok

Triumph Lutheran Brethren, Moorhead, Minnesota

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

** Requirements to be met by August 31, 2007*

** G. M. & Minnie Bruce Award in New Testament*

† A.E. Hanson Prize in Homiletics

❖ John Milton Prize in Old Testament

** Graduate Preaching Fellowship (2006 and 2007)*

Prize/Fellowship Description. See page 14.

CANDIDATES FOR DEGREES

Lee Eun Kim
Yangmoon Presbyterian, Seoul, South Korea

Rachel Ann Knoke
Christ Lutheran, Nauvoo, Illinois

Brett Adam Kosec
Mercy Seat, Minneapolis, Minnesota
Our Savior's Lutheran, Council Bluffs, Iowa

Patricia Ann Stauss Kraus
Beautiful Savior Lutheran, Plover, Wisconsin

Sarah Marie Larson
Normandale Lutheran, Edina, Minnesota

Ingelaurie Ann Lisher
St. Mark's Lutheran by The Narrows, Tacoma, Washington

Adam C. Lohrmann *
Olivet Lutheran, Sylvania, Ohio

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Lue Moua
Hmong Central Lutheran, St. Paul, Minnesota

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First Free Will Baptist, Russellville, Arkansas

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St. Peter's Lutheran, Northfield, Minnesota

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Grand Forks, Minnesota

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Cassandra Jo Schermbeck
Bethel Lutheran (LCMS), Dallas, Texas

Allison Kay Schmitt

Chue Siong
Hmong Central Lutheran, St. Paul, Minnesota

Diane Leslie Solmonson
Lord of Life Lutheran, Maple Grove, Minnesota
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Trinity Lutheran, Stillwater, Minnesota

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Community of St. Martin, Minneapolis, Minnesota

Jane Marie Vaaler
Trinity, Cashton, Wisconsin

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St. Olaf Lutheran, Rubicon, Wisconsin

Laura Ruth Wilkinson
United Redeemer Lutheran, Zumbrota, Minnesota

Karen Andrea Wilson
Trinity Evangelical Lutheran, Santa Barbara, California

Marie Alice Woog
Our Saviour's Lutheran, Hastings, 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.

SallyAnn Jacob Messner

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William Ondieki Obaga *

Kenya Evangelical Lutheran

Ivana Sabanosova *

Ev.a.v.zbor, Senec, Slovakia

Ev.a.v.zbor, Partizanske, Slovakia

Philip Kealy Wilson *

Trinity Evangelical Lutheran,

Santa Barbara, California

Ishaya Yarison *

The Nigerian Baptist Theological Seminary, Nigeria

Grace United Methodist, Minneapolis, Minnesota

Bethlehem Baptist, Minneapolis, Minnesota

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.

Jeanne Marie Aamot

Colonial Church of Edina, Edina, Minnesota

Kelly Burns Ahola

Concordia Lutheran, Glyndon, Minnesota

Scandia Lutheran, Averill, Minnesota

St. Paul Lutheran, Sharon Center, Ohio

Julie Ann Kurtz Anderson

First Lutheran, Alexandria, Minnesota

Jasper Evangelical Lutheran, Jasper, Minnesota

Eric Anspach-Hanson *

King of Glory, Billings, Montana

Kevin R. Beard

Faith Lutheran, Staples, Minnesota

Bethel Lutheran, Newtown, North Dakota

Gerd Jon Bents

Our Savior's Lutheran, Menomonie, Wisconsin

First Lutheran, Northwood, Iowa

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St. Stephen's Lutheran, W. St. Paul, Minnesota

Salem Lutheran, West St. Paul, Minnesota

Community Lutheran, Las Vegas, Nevada

Trisha Rae Boese

Peace Lutheran, Sioux Falls, South Dakota

Daniel A. Bredberg

Shepherd of the Valley Lutheran, Apple Valley, Minnesota

Immanuel Lutheran, Dunnell, Minnesota

Calvary Lutheran, Alexandria, Minnesota

Steven Craig Broers

Sinai Lutheran, Fremont, Nebraska

Gloria Dei Lutheran, Cincinnati, Ohio

Bluffs Trinity Lutheran, Fremont, Nebraska

Barbara Jean Bruneau

St. Mark Lutheran, Sioux City, Iowa

Central Lutheran, Minneapolis, Minnesota

Jason Bryan-Wegner *

First Lutheran, St. Peter, Minnesota

Christ the King Lutheran, Mankato, Minnesota

St. John Lutheran, Eau Claire, Wisconsin

Jason Matthew Burggraff

First Lutheran, Fargo, North Dakota

Big Timber Lutheran, Big Timber, Montana

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Lutheran Community of Grace, Minnetonka, Minnesota

First Baptist, Fargo, North Dakota

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Liz Erickson

St. Olaf Lutheran, Austin, Minnesota

Carl Luther Fiskness

Peace Lutheran, New London, Minnesota

Immanuel-Trinity Lutheran, Fond du Lac, Wisconsin

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Bethlehem Lutheran, Aberdeen, South Dakota
Savo Lutheran, Frederick, South Dakota
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Prince of Peace Lutheran, Burnsville, Minnesota
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Bethel Lutheran, Minneapolis, Minnesota

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Grace Lutheran, Luverne, Minnesota

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Calvary Lutheran Church of Golden Valley,
Golden Valley, Minnesota

Renee Elizabeth Hesseltine
Lutheran Church of the Cross, Altoona, Iowa
Trinity Lutheran, Hildreth, Nebraska
Lutheran Student Center—University of Nebraska—Lincoln,
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Diane M. House
The Lutheran Church of the Good Sheperd,
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Sandra J. Johnson
Peace Lutheran, Dresser, Wisconsin

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Como Park Lutheran, St. Paul, Minnesota
Augustana Lutheran, Fergus Falls, Minnesota
Gatzke/Thief Lake Lutheran Parish, Gatzke, Minnesota
Elim Baptist, Minneapolis, Minnesota

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Sung Moon Methodist, Korea
Korean Evangelical United Methodist,
Brooklyn Center, Minnesota

Matthew Richard Knopf
Esperanza Lutheran, Phoenix, Arizona
Bethlehem Lutheran, Marysville, Washington

Christopher Thor Kramer
Grace Lutheran, Des Moines, Washington

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Grace University Lutheran, Minneapolis, Minnesota
First Lutheran Church of Crystal,
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Steven Meier
St. Paul Lutheran, Manson, Iowa

Valyn Metropoulos
Faith Lutheran, Hamilton, Montana

Christopher Howard Miller
Bethel Lutheran, Palisade, Minnesota
Grace Lutheran, McGregor, Minnesota

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Arlington Hills Lutheran, St. Paul, Minnesota

Katherine J. Nelson
Our Saviors Lutheran, Columbia Falls, Montana
Lord of Life Lutheran, Bismarck, North Dakota

Emily Ann Pankow Nesdahl
Bethany Lutheran, Minot, North Dakota

Mark Patrick Odland
Calvary Lutheran, Alexandria, Minnesota

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Marc David Ostlie-Olson * 2007

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Zion Lutheran, Iowa City, Iowa

Sheila Katherine Rawn *

*St. James Lutheran, Lake Forest, Illinois
Central Lutheran, Everett, Washington*

Jon C. Rhodes

Mount Olivet Lutheran, Minneapolis, Minnesota

Adam Charles Roberts *

St. Mark Lutheran, Circle Pines, Minnesota

Gerald O. Roise

Bethlehem Lutheran, Ross, North Dakota

Jennifer Lynn Rose

Newport Lutheran, Newport, Minnesota

Dorothy Sandahl

Our Saviors Evangelical Lutheran, Hastings, Minnesota

Kyle Kenneth Schiefelbein

Trinity Lutheran, Cyrus, Minnesota

Jean Louise Smith

Grace University Lutheran, Minneapolis, Minnesota

Heather Rose Spears †

*Faith Lutheran, Spicer, Minnesota
Faith Lutheran, Seattle, Washington*

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Immanuel Lutheran, Forest City, Iowa

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*Our Savior's Lutheran, Warren, Minnesota
St. Paul-Reformation Lutheran, St. Paul, Minnesota
Community Lutheran, Las Vegas, Nevada*

Brenda Kay Wicklund

*Emanuel (Dell Grove) Lutheran, Sandstone, Minnesota
Grace Lutheran (Sister Parish), Sandstone, Minnesota*

Beth Eileen Wilkie Horsch

Augustana Lutheran, West St. Paul, Minnesota

Cynthia Dianne Williams *

Park Avenue United Methodist, Minneapolis, Minnesota

Leslie K. M. Williamson

*Grace University Lutheran, Minneapolis, Minnesota
Lutheran Church of the Good Shepherd,
Mexico City, Mexico*

Letha Wilson-Barnard

*Holy Apostles Episcopal, St. Paul, Minnesota
Messiah Episcopal, St. Paul, Minnesota*

Rebecca Catherine Wold

*Prince of Peace Lutheran, Roseville, Minnesota
Gloria Dei Lutheran, St. Paul, Minnesota
Sierra Evangelical Lutheran, Sierra Vista, Arizona*

Eunice Louise Woodberry *

Salem Evangelical Lutheran, St. Cloud, Minnesota

Craig S. Zimmerman

*Hilltop United Methodist, Mankato, Minnesota
Steamboat Rock Presbyterian, Steamboat Rock, Iowa*

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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.

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| David James Baer | Whitewood, South Dakota | Michael A. Kroona | Moville, Iowa |
| "Norms for Preaching: The Role of Biblical and Theological Norms in Lutheran Preaching" | | "Preaching a Theology of the Cross: An Assessment Tool to Determine If and How Well a Sermon Preaches this Theology" | |
| Timothy Martin Bauer | Milaca, Minnesota | Lauren R. Ley | Wausau, Wisconsin |
| "Art Reading Scripture: A Conversation Partner for Preachers" | | "Anxiety and Inactivity in Congregational Systems" | |
| John Mark Bjorge | Forest Lake, Minnesota | John Henry Paulson ** | Wessington Springs, South Dakota |
| "Preaching for Conversion from a Theology of Grace" | | "Cross-Training Christians for Rural-Servant-Leadership: An Exploration of the Role of a Congregation in Nurturing Leadership in the Community of Wessington Springs, South Dakota" | |
| Gene Bernard Broughton | Park Rapids, Minnesota | Michael David Peck ** | Overland Park, Kansas |
| "The Lord Heard My Cry: Recapturing the Use of Biblical Lament" | | "The Work of God's People: A Search for a Vocational Missiology" | |
| William Alan Enns | Raleigh, North Carolina | Robert Edward Sachs, Jr. | Cordova, Nebraska |
| "Leadership Formation for Pastors of Large Churches" | | "Reconciling the Believing Nonbelonger: Readiness to Reach and Receive Lost Sheep" | |
| Robert F. Ericson ** | Watertown, Minnesota | Christopher Colby Smith | Rosemount, Minnesota |
| "Servant S-H-A-P-E: A Small Group Model for Encouraging, Supporting and Holding Congregation Members Accountable for Ministry in Daily Life" | | "Preaching as Performance: The Appropriation of Skills and Elements of Acting Performance for Preaching" | |
| Mary Dannies Gustafson | Southbridge, Massachusetts | Michael K. Stangeland, Sr. | Westbrook, Minnesota |
| "A Strategy for Preaching to a New England Church in Exile in Contemporary American Society" | | "Introducing Small Group Ministry to a Rural Community" | |
| Kathleen Whippo Haller | Fort Wayne, Indiana | Earnest Eugene Tate | Minneapolis, Minnesota |
| "Midwest American Lutherans in the 21st Century: Images of Regional Faith, Practice, and Missional Implications" | | "Biblical Preaching in a Variety of Denominations within a Diverse Faith Community" | |
| Ronald D. Jensen | Mantorville, Minnesota | Edward Ritchie Treat | Minnetrista, Minnesota |
| "Cross Scenes, Crossing Life: A Resource for the Integration of Exemplary Drama and Musicals into the Proclamation of God's Word" | | "Is There Room in the Inn? A Systems Theory Perspective on Congregation Capacities for Mission and the Matter of Sociological Space" | |
| Keith Alan Kolstad | Marinette, Wisconsin | Melanie J.S. Wallschlaeger | Sioux Falls, South Dakota |
| "Discerning God's Dreams: Clarifying a Congregation's Missional Vision through the Art of Discernment" | | "Blessings and Woes of Social Location: Intersections of Faith and Socioeconomic Class" | |
| | | Lai Lin Yuen | Hong Kong, China |
| | | "Pastoral Care Giving with Older Adults in the Hong Kong Church Setting" | |
| | | Eugene Raymond Zeller | Loveland, Colorado |
| | | "Formative Preaching: Doing the Particular Promise" | |

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MASTER OF THEOLOGY

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

Andrew J. Carlson ** *Finland, Minnesota*
 "The Concept of the Demonic in the Theology of Paul Tillich"

Vijaya Sastry Meesala *India*
 "Jerusalem in the Islamic Imagination"

John H. G. Rasmussen ** *Vass, North Carolina*
 "Five 'Mirrors-of-Princes' in Light of the Classic Just War Tradition"

John B. Sumo *Monrovia, Liberia*
 "The Concept of Death and the Afterlife in the Akan Indigenous Religion of Ghana: The Liberian Baptist Church's Perspective on the Akan Belief System"

Jayamon Yohannan *Kerala, India*
 "The Role of Education in Social Changes among the Sunni Muslims in Contemporary Kerala"

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.

Michael Brands *St. Paul, Minnesota*
 "The Kingdom Commission, Light for the Nations: The Expanding Mission of Matthew 28:16-20 in its Literary Context within Matthew's Gospel"

Christopher M. Croghan *Sioux Falls, South Dakota*
 "Melancthon's *Der Ordinanden Examen* and *Examen Eorum*: A Case Study in Pedagogical Method"

Terri Lynn Martinson Elton *Apple Valley, Minnesota*
 "Congregations as Systems for Empowering Missional Leadership: Cultural Dynamics of Missional ELCA Congregations"

Hollie Marie Holt-Woehl *Brooklyn Park, Minnesota*
 "Congregations as Trinitarian Communities: Accepting, Welcoming and Supporting Those with Chronic Mental Illness"

Elieshi Ayo Mungure *Arusha, Tanzania*
 "Conflict Transformation in the Family: A Quest for a Contemporary Pastoral Care and Counseling Approach in Tanzania"

Teng Christopher Thao *Elk Grove, California*
 "The Rhetoric of Prosopopoeia in Luke-Acts: John the Baptist, the Covenant Messenger"

Matthew Keith Thompson *Woodbury, Minnesota*
 "Kingdom Come: Revisioning Pentecostal Eschatology"

Thomas Lip Tet Tsen *Kota Kinabalu, Sabah, Malaysia*
 "Pastoral Care Amidst the Multicultural Context of a Lutheran Church—Basel Christian Church of Malaysia: A Proposal for a Theological Model of Contextual Pastoral Care in a Diverse Christian Community of Malaysia"

Kristen Ann Gushwa Venne *Chanhassen, Minnesota*
 "The Family as the Center of Faith Formation: A Study of the Connection between Home and Congregation in the Faith Lives of Families"

Christina Lynn Wendland *Albert Lea, Minnesota*
 "'I will give you a heart of flesh': The Heart, Relationship, and Faithfulness in the Book of Ezekiel"

Yu Zhao *China*
 "Mainland Chinese Christian Scholars Leaving the Church in the Twin Cities (Minneapolis/St. Paul): A Theological and Pastoral Analysis"

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AWARDS FOR ACADEMIC EXCELLENCE

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

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 are 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.

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.

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* *Graduate Preaching Fellowship*