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Luther Theological Seminary

St. Paul, Minnesota

SEVENTY-THIRD REGULAR COMMENCEMENT

May 30, 1948



BACCALAUREATE COMMUNION SERVICE

Sunday, May 30, at 8. a.m.

Seminary Chapel

COMMENCEMENT EXERCISES

Sunday, May 30, at 3:00 p.m.

at

CHRIST LUTHERAN CHURCH

ON CAPITOL HILL

495 Park Avenue, St. Paul, Minnesota

Order of Service

PROCESSIONAL

Mrs. Minnie Berg Wollan, Organist

HYMN

Before the Lord we bow,
The God who reigns above,
And rules the world below,
Boundless in power and love.
Our thanks we bring
In joy and praise,
Our hearts we raise
To heaven's high King.

The nation Thou hast blest,
May well Thy love declare,
From foes and fears at rest,
Protected by Thy care.
For this fair land,
For this bright day,
Our thanks we pay—
Gifts of Thy hand.

Earth! hear thy Maker's voice,
Thy great Redeemer own;
Believe, obey, rejoice,
And worship Him alone;
Cast down thy pride,
Thy sin deplore,
And bow before
The Crucified.

SCRIPTURE READING AND PRAYER

Dr. George Aus

HYMN

O Word of God incarnate,
O Wisdom from on high,
O Truth unchanged, unchanging,
O Light of our dark sky;
We praise Thee for the radiance
That from the hallowed page,
A lamp unto our footsteps,
Shines on from age to age.

The Church from her dear Master
Received the gift divine,
And still that light she lifteth
O'er all the earth to shine.
It is the golden casket
Where gems of truth are stored;
It is the heaven-drawn picture
Of Christ, the living Word.

Oh, make Thy Church, dear Savior,
A lamp of burnished gold,
To bear before the nations
Thy true light as of old;
Oh, teach Thy wandering pilgrims
By this their path to trace,
Till, clouds and darkness ended,
They see Thee face to face.

ADDRESS—"The Final Test"

Dr. Herman A. Preus

HYMN

Look from Thy sphere of endless day,
O God of mercy and of might!
In pity look on those who stray,
Benighted in this land of light.

Send forth Thy heralds, Lord, to call
The thoughtless young, the hardened
old,
A scattered, homeless flock, till all
Be gathered to Thy peaceful fold.

Send them Thy mighty word, to speak
Till faith shall dawn, and doubt depart,
To awe the bold, to stay the weak,
And bind and heal the broken heart.

Then all these wastes, a dreary scene,
That make us sadden as we gaze
Shall grow, with living waters, green,
And lift to heaven the voice of praise.

CONFERRING OF DEGREES AND DIPLOMAS

President T. F. Gullixson

ADDRESS ON BEHALF OF GRADUATING CLASS

Wallace J. Asper
President of Class

HYMN

Lord, as to Thy dear cross we flee,
And plead to be forgiven,
So let Thy life our pattern be,
And form our souls for heaven.

Help us through good report and ill
Our daily cross to bear,
Like Thee to do our Father's will,
Our brethren's grief to share.

Let grace our selfishness expel,
Our earthliness refine,
And kindness in our bosoms dwell
As free and true as Thine.

If joy shall at Thy bidding fly,
And grief's dark day come on,
We in our turn would meekly cry,
"Father, Thy will be done."

Should friends misjudge, or foes defame,
Our brethren faithless prove,
Then, like Thine own, be all our aim
To conquer them by love.

Kept peaceful in the midst of strife,
Forgiving and forgiven,
Oh, may we lead the pilgrim's life,
And follow Thee to heaven.

PRAYER AND BENEDICTION

Dr. Iver Iversen

CANDIDATES FOR DEGREES AND DIPLOMAS

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