SERVICE OF PRAISE
WITH ASSIGNMENT OF CALLS

The Fourth Week of Easter
May 1, 2012
7:00 p.m.

CONCORDIA SEMINARY
ST. LOUIS, MISSOURI
In Nomine Jesu

PRELUDE

*Komm, Heiliger Geist, Herr Gott*, Dietrich Buxtehude
*Komm, Heiliber Geist, Herr Gott*, Heinrich Scheidemann

Bell Peal

*As the hymn is introduced, please stand and face the processional cross, turning as it passes you.*

THE PROCESSIONAL HYMN

*Lift High the Cross (LSB 837)*

Refrain  Lift high the cross, the love of Christ proclaim
Till all the world adore His sacred name.

1  Come, Christians follow where our Captain trod,
   Our King victorious, Christ the Son of God. (Refrain)

2  Led on their way by this triumphant sign,
   The host of God in conquering ranks combine. (Refrain)

3  All new-born soldiers of the Crucified
   Bear on their brows the seal of Him who died. (Refrain)

4  This is the sign which Satan’s legions fear
   And angels veil their faces to revere. (Refrain)

5  *(Choir only)* Saved by this Cross whereon their Lord was slain,
   The sons of Adam their lost home regain. (Refrain)

6  From north and south, from east and west they raise
   In growing unison their song of praise (Refrain)

7  O Lord, once lifted on the glorious tree,
   As Thou hast promised, draw us all to Thee. (Refrain)

8  Let ev’ry race and ev’ry language tell
   Of Him who saves our lives from death and hell. (Refrain)

9  *(Choir only)* From farthest regions let them homage bring,
   And on his Cross adore their Saviour King. (Refrain)

10 Set up thy throne, that earth’s despair may cease
   Beneath the shadow of its healing peace. (Refrain)

11 So shall our song of triumph ever be:
   Praise to the Crucified for victory! (Refrain)
THE INVOCATION

Leader: In the name of the Father and of the ✞ Son and of the Holy Spirit.
Congregation: Amen.

L: Alleluia! Christ is risen!
C: He is risen indeed! Alleluia!

THE COLLECT FOR THE FOURTH WEEK OF EASTER

L: Almighty God, merciful Father, since You have wakened from death the Shepherd of Your sheep, grant us Your Holy Spirit that when we hear the voice of our Shepherd we may know Him who calls us each by name and follow where He leads; through the same Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
C: Amen.

Sit

THE PSALMODY

Psalm 23
Refrain: Columba Kelly; Psalm Setting: Stephen Rosebrock

Refrain

Choir: Refrain
All: Refrain
Choir: The Lord is my shepherd; I shall not want. He makes me lie down in green pastures. He leads me beside still waters.
All: Refrain

Choir: He restores my soul. He leads me in paths of righteousness for his name’s sake. Even though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil, for you are with me; your rod and your staff, they comfort me.
All: Refrain

Choir: You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies; you anoint my head with oil; my cup overflows. Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life, and I shall dwell in the house of the Lord forever.
All: Refrain
THE READING
Acts 4:1-12
L: This is the Word of the Lord.
C: Thanks be to God.

THE HYMN
The King of Love My Shepherd Is (LSB 709)

Stanzas 1-5: Congregation in unison

1 The King of love my shepherd is, Whose goodness
2 Where streams of living water flow, My ransomed
3 Perverse and foolish oft I strayed, But yet in
4 In death’s dark vale I fear no ill With Thee, dear

fail - eth nev - er; I noth - ing lack if
soul He lead - eth And, where the ver - dant
love He sought me And on His shoul - der
Lord, be - side me, Thy rod and staff my

I am His And He is mine for - ev - er.
pas - tures grow, With food ce - les - tial feed - eth.
gent - ly laid And home re - joic - ing brought me.
com - fort still, Thy cross be - fore to guide me.

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

Stand

THE READING
John 10:11-18
L: This is the Word of the Lord.
C: Thanks be to God.
Sit
THE RESPONSE

Make a Joyful Noise to the Lord
Text: Psalm 100
Music: René Clausen

Make a joyful noise to the Lord,
Serve the Lord with gladness,
Come into His presence with singing,
Alleluia.

Know that the Lord is God,
It is He who made us, Alleluia.
Not we ourselves, alleluia.
We are His people, the sheep of His pasture, alleluia.
And we are His, alleluia.

Enter His gates with thanksgiving,
And His courts with praise,
Give thanks to Him and praise His holy name.
Alleluia.

For the Lord is good,
His mercy endures forever,
And His faithfulness endures,
From generation to generation,
From age to age.

Make a joyful noise to the Lord,
Serve the Lord with gladness,
Come into His presence with singing,
Alleluia, Amen.

THE SERMON
“A Beautiful Pastor” John 10:11–16

THE MOTET

Komm, Heiliger Geist, Herre Gott
Text: *Veni sancte Spiritus*, 11th century; German, 15th century
Music: from *Geystliche gesangbuchleyn*; Setting: Johann Walter


Come, Holy Ghost, God and Lord, with all Your graces now outpoured on each believer’s mind and heart; Your fervent love to them impart. Lord, by the brightness of Your light in holy faith Your Church unite; from every land and every tongue this to Your praise, O Lord, our God, be sung: Alleluia, Alleluia.
THE ASSIGNMENT OF CALLS

Stand

THE PRAYERS

L: The Lord be with you.
C: And also with you.
L: Let us pray:

L: O Heavenly Father, the Author of all wisdom, understanding, and true strength, we ask You to look mercifully upon Your servants and send Your Holy Spirit into their hearts, that when they must join to fight in the field for the glory of Your holy name, then they, being strengthened with the defense of Your right hand, may stand in the confession of Your faith and of Your truth, and continue in the same unto the end; through Jesus Christ, our Lord.
C: Amen.

Candidates: Almighty and gracious God, You have commanded us to pray that You would send forth laborers into your harvest; in Your mercy make us true servants of Your Word with Your saving Gospel in our hearts and on our lips that we may truly fulfill Your command and do those things which are well-pleasing to You; through Jesus Christ, our Lord.
C: Amen.

L: O Lord, You have power over death and the grave and have shown us Your wonderful grace in rescuing us from sin. We thank You for the blessings in the past 173 years that You have bestowed on Concordia Seminary and we thank You for the work You have given us to do together in The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod. We ask You to give us grace to persevere in our present work so that Your honor and glory are magnified everywhere; through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
C: Amen.

THE OUR FATHER

L: Taught by our Lord and trusting His promises, we are bold to pray:
C: Our Father, who art in heaven,
    hallowed be Thy name,
    Thy kingdom come,
    Thy will be done
    on earth as it is in heaven.
    Give us this day our daily bread;
    and forgive us our trespasses
    as we forgive those
    who trespass against us;
    and lead us not into temptation,
    but deliver us from evil.
    For Thine is the kingdom
    and the power and the glory
    forever and ever. Amen.
THE BENEDICTION

L: May Almighty God, who has redeemed us and made us His children through the resurrection of His Son our Lord, bestow upon you the riches of His blessing; and the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the * Son, and the Holy Spirit, be upon you and remain with you forever.
C: Amen.

THE RECESSIONAL HYMN

*All the Earth with Joy is Sounding (LSB 462)*

1 All the earth with joy is sounding:
   Christ has risen from the dead!
   He, the greater Jonah, bounding
   From the grave, His three-day bed,
   Wins the prize:
   Death’s demise—
   Songs of triumph fill the skies.

2 Christ, the devil’s might unwinding,
   Leaves behind His borrowed tomb.
   Stronger He, the strong man binding,
   Takes, disarms his house of doom;
   In the rout
   Casting out
   Pow’rs of darkness, sin, and doubt.

3 Jesus, author of salvation,
   Shared in our humanity;
   Crowned with radiant exaltation,
   Now He shares His victory!
   From His face
   Shines the grace
   Meant for all our fallen race.

4 Praise the Lord, His reign commences,
   Reign of life and liberty—
   Paschal Lamb, for our offenses,
   Slain and raised to set us free!
   Evermore
   Bow before
   Christ, the Lord of Life adore!

THE POSTLUDE

*Christ ist erstanden*, Johann Sebastian Bach

*Soli Deo Gloria*
THE SERVANTS OF THE WORD

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Post-Vicarage Seminarian

The Board of Regents, faculty, relatives, and friends are invited to a reception on the Chapel Plaza (Koburg Dining Hall if rain) at 8:30 p.m.

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