

Opening Service

of

CONCORDIA SEMINARY

Saint Louis, Missouri



One Hundred and Thirtieth Year

September 15, 1968

The Fourteenth Sunday After Trinity

4:00 P.M.

Chapel-Auditorium

801 De Mun Avenue

In Nomine Jesu

THE PRELUDE

(The congregation will stand for the processional hymn, invocation, and other elements of the service as indicated by the officiant.)

THE PROCESSIONAL HYMN: "Thy Strong Word Did Cleave the Darkness"

1. Thy strong Word did cleave the darkness;
At Thy speaking it was done;
For created light we thank Thee,
While Thine ordered seasons run:
Alleluia! Alleluia!
Praise to Thee who light dost send.
Alleluia! Alleluia!
Alleluia without end!
2. Lo, on men who dwelt in darkness,
Dark as night and deep as death,
Broke the light of Thy salvation,
Breathed Thine own life-breathing
breath:
Alleluia! Alleluia!
Praise to Thee who light dost send.
Alleluia! Alleluia!
Alleluia without end!
3. From the Cross Thy wisdom shining
Breaketh forth in conquering might;
From the Cross forever beameth
All Thy bright redeeming light:
Alleluia! Alleluia!
Praise to Thee who light dost send.
Alleluia! Alleluia!
Alleluia without end!
4. Thy strong Word bespeaks us
righteous;
Bright with Thine own holiness,
Glorious now, we press toward glory,
And our lives our hope confess:
Alleluia! Alleluia!
Praise to Thee who light dost send.
Alleluia! Alleluia!
Alleluia without end!
5. Give us lips to sing Thy glory,
Tongues Thy mercy to proclaim,
Throats that shout the hope that
fills us,
Mouths to speak Thy holy name:
Alleluia! God of glory!
May the light which Thou dost send
Fill our songs with alleluias,
Alleluias without end!
6. God the Father, Light-Creator,
To Thee laud and honor be;
To Thee, Light of Light begotten,
Praise be sung eternally;
Holy Spirit, Light-Revealer,
Glory, glory be to Thee;
Men and angels, now and ever
Praise the Holy Trinity.

THE INVOCATION, PRAYER, INTRODUCTION OF THE SPEAKER

THE ADDRESS

THE CHORAL SELECTION

THE FORMULA OF MATRICULATION

THE ORDINATION AND THE INSTALLATIONS OF NEW MEMBERS OF THE STAFF

THE INTRODUCTION OF GUEST INSTRUCTORS

THE RECOGNITION OF THE PRESIDENT'S ADVISORY COUNCIL AND EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

THE CONFERRING OF THE HONORARY DEGREE

THE OPENING OF THE SCHOOL YEAR

THE ORDER OF VESPERS (*TLH*, pp. 41—45)

3. Who learn of Thee the truth shall
find;
Who follow, gain the goal.
With reverence crown the earnest mind
And speak within the soul.

4. Awake the purpose high which strives
And, falling, stands again;
Conform the will of eager lives
To quit themselves like men.

5. Thy life the bond of fellowship,
Thy love the law that rules,
Thy name, proclaimed by every lip,
The Master of our schools.

℣: Let my prayers be set forth before Thee as incense:

℟: AND THE LIFTING UP OF MY HANDS AS THE EVENING SACRIFICE.

THE NUNC DIMITTIS:

Lord, now lettest Thou Thy servant depart in peace: according to Thy Word;
For mine eyes have seen Thy Salvation: which Thou hast prepared before the
face of all people;
A Light to lighten the Gentiles: and the Glory of Thy people Israel.
Glory be to the Father and to the Son: and to the Holy Ghost;
As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be: world without end. Amen.

THE KYRIE:

Lord, have mercy upon us.
Christ, have mercy upon us.
Lord, have mercy upon us.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

THE SALUTATION:

℣: The Lord be with you.
℟: AND WITH THY SPIRIT.

THE COLLECT FOR THE DAY

℟: AMEN

THE COLLECT FOR THE SEMINARY

℟: AMEN.

THE COLLECT FOR PEACE

℟: AMEN

THE BENEDICAMUS:

℣: Bless we the Lord.
℟: THANKS BE TO GOD.

THE BENEDICTION:

℣: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ and the love of God and the com-
munion of the Holy Ghost be with you all.

℟: AMEN.

THE RECESSIONAL AND POSTLUDE

Soli Deo Gloria

THE HYMN OF PRAISE (TLH, No. 36): "Now Thank We All Our God"

1. Now thank we all our God
 With heart and hands and voices,
 Who wondrous things hath done,
 In whom His world rejoices;
 Who from our mother's arms
 Hath blessed us on our way
 With countless gifts of love
 And still is ours today.
2. Oh, may this bounteous God
 Through all our life be near us,
 With ever joyful hearts
 And blessed peace to cheer us
 And keep us in His grace
 And guide us when perplexed
 And free us from all ills
 In this world and the next!
3. All praise and thanks to God
 The Father now be given,
 The Son, and Him who reigns
 With them in highest heaven:
 The one eternal God,
 Whom earth and heaven adore!
 For thus it was, is now,
 And shall be evermore.

℣: O Lord, open Thou my lips.

℟: AND MY MOUTH SHALL SHOW FORTH THY PRAISE.

℣: Make haste, O God, to deliver me.

℟: MAKE HASTE TO HELP ME, O LORD.

GLORY BE TO THE FATHER AND TO THE SON AND TO THE HOLY GHOST; AS IT WAS IN THE BEGINNING, IS NOW, AND EVER SHALL BE, WORLD WITHOUT END. AMEN. HALLELUJAH!

PSALM 93 (TLH, p. 143: responsively by verses; the final stanza is the antiphon)

The Lord reigneth; He is clothed with majesty: the Lord is clothed with strength, wherewith He hath girded Himself.

The world also is established: that it cannot be moved.

Thy throne is established of old: Thou art from everlasting.

The floods have lifted up, O Lord, the floods have lifted up their voice: the floods lift up their waves.

The Lord on high is mightier than the noise of many waters: yea, than the mighty waves of the sea.

Thy testimonies are very sure: holiness becometh Thine house, O Lord, forever.

THE GLORIA PATRI AND ANTIPHON

THE LESSON: Romans 10:8-17

℣: But Thou, O Lord, have mercy upon us.

℟: THANKS BE TO THEE, O LORD!

THE SERMON

THE ORGAN VOLUNTARY AND THE OFFERING
(designated for the seminary carillon)

THE HYMN FOR THE SEMINARY

(TLH, No. 486): "O Thou Whose Feet Have Climbed Life's Hill"

1. O Thou whose feet have climbed life's
 hill
 And trod the path of youth,
 Our Savior and our Brother still,
 Now lead us into truth.
2. The call is Thine; be Thou the Way,
 And give us men to guide.
 Let wisdom broaden with the day;
 Let human faith abide.

Dr. Huegli, the new instructors, and their families will remain at the south end of the auditorium to receive the greetings of friends.

The Seminary Guild invites all present to Wartburg and Koburg Halls for sandwiches, cake, and coffee immediately after the service.

Notes

President Alfred O. Fuerbringer presides at the initial ceremonies and delivers the sermon at Vespers. The Rev. Herman C. Scherer, president of the Missouri District of the LCMS, conducts the rite of ordination and the installations of the new staff members. The Rev. Prof. Alfred v. R. Sauer is the faculty marshal; the Rev. Prof. Richard R. Caemmerer Sr., dean of the chapel.

Seminarian David J. Susan is organist. His prelude is "Rigaudon" by Andre Campra. "Sonata III" by Paul Hindemith is included in his service music.

Dr. William Heyne conducts the Seminary Chorus in the traditional opening hymn, "With the Lord Begin Thy Task," in the translation of the late Professor W. G. Polack and in the director's own setting of Peter Frank's tune.

The processional hymn was prepared by the Rev. Prof. Martin H. Franzmann for seminary use. Hymn 36 is the chorale of Johann Crueger to words by Martin Rinckart in the translation by Catherine Winkworth; Hymn 486, Louis F. Benson's hymn for the church's schools, sung to the Scottish tune "Dundee."

ALBERT G. HUEGLI

acting president of Valparaiso University, is a 1936 alumnus of this seminary. He has served Valparaiso since 1961, after service as professor at St. John's College, Winfield, Kans., and Concordia Teachers College, River Forest, Ill., where he became academic dean in 1955. Among his many services to The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod is the chairmanship of its Board for Higher Education. The citation of the honorary degree of doctor of divinity conferred today reads:

Experienced teacher, helpful councilor, seasoned administrator, manning crucial positions in several of his church's leading educational institutions in a time of change, sharer of vision and courage for uncertainties of the future, scholar, Christian gentleman.

His address today is entitled "Renewal in the Church College."

New Members of the Staff

ARLIS J. EHLEN

assistant professor of Old Testament, was graduated from this seminary in 1956, was instructor here in Old Testament 1958—61, at Colgate Rochester Divinity School 1963—65, and assistant professor at California Concordia College in Oakland 1967—68. His graduate study was at this seminary, at the University of Bonn, and at Harvard. His pastorates have been in Rochester, N. Y. (ordained 1963), and Yuba City, Calif. (1965—67). His wife is Dayna (nee Schwarz), and their children are: Timothy (1962), Elizabeth (1964), and Peter (1967).

WI JO KANG

assistant professor of missions, was graduated from this seminary in 1960. He has the Ph. D. degree from the University of Chicago and has taught at Columbia and Valparaiso Universities. His wife is Yon Soon Cho, and their children are Jo Han (1962), Sueliann (1963), Miliann (1965), and Martin (1967).

RALPH W. KLEIN

assistant professor of Old Testament, graduated from this seminary in 1962 and received the Th. D. from Harvard in 1966. He was guest lecturer at Amherst College in 1965, instructor at Concordia Senior College, Fort Wayne, Ind., since 1966, and summer guest instructor here in 1967. His wife is Marilyn Ruth (nee Kieninger). Their daughter is Martha (1965).

DUANE P. MEHL

assistant professor in the Department of Practical Theology, was graduated from this seminary in 1957, attended the University of Delaware, and received the M. A. from Washington University in St. Louis. He had a 2-year vicarage in Nigeria, was pastor for 7 years near the University of Delaware. Since 1964 he has served as associate editor and consultant with the synodical board of parish education. Mrs. Mehl is Dorothy Helen (nee Pannell), and the children are Jennifer (1959) and David (1960).

Guest Instructors

THE REV. CARL A. BERGEN, a 1927 graduate of this seminary, has served parishes in New Jersey through his entire ministry. Expert in liturgy and worship, he has lectured at Union Theological Seminary in New York City and at many institutes and has published widely in this field. He received the honorary degree of doctor of divinity from this seminary last spring.

MR. ALFRED J. FREITAG (Ed. D. from U. S. C.), graduate of Concordia Teachers College, Seward, Nebr., in 1938, is superintendent of the Lutheran High School of Los Angeles since 1953. Mrs. Freitag is the former Doris Bachmann; their children are: John, a seminarian; Carol Gugel of the Los Angeles High School faculty, and Mary Ann.

PROF. EDWARD H. SCHROEDER is a 1954 graduate of this seminary and holds the Th. D. degree from the University of Hamburg. He is a veteran teacher at Valparaiso University, where he has most recently been head of the Department of Theology. His wife is the former Marie Hoyer, and their children are: Anne Marie (1958), Nathan Edward (1959), and Gail (1963).

THE REV. HERBERT M. ZORN is a 1947 graduate of this seminary. His M. A. is from Washington University. His entire ministry has been in India, where he has been missionary and more recently professor at Concordia Seminary in Nagercoil. Mrs. Zorn is the former Dorothy Lichtsinn, and their children are: Rebecca (1949), Paul (1951), and Stephen (1952).

Other guest instructors prospectively with us during the year will be: The Rev. Samuel Boda, Th. D.; Mr. James Cross; the Rev. Paul M. Heerboth; the Rev. Richard P. Jungkuntz, Ph. D.; Professor Heino Kadai, M. S. T.; the Rev. Martin Neeb, Jr., Ph. D.; and the Rev. Fred Precht, Th. D.

The first Communion service of the school year will be conducted Monday, September 16, 6:30 p. m. in the Chapel-Auditorium. It will be preceded at 6:00 p. m. by the baptism in the Chapel of the Holy Apostles of the infant daughter of Prof. and Mrs. David E. Deppe. The new dorsal curtain is their gift of thanksgiving.