Service of Praise with Assignment of Calls

The Fourth Week of Easter
April 24, 2018
7 p.m.

Concordia Seminary, St. Louis
In Nomine Jesu

THE PRE-SERVICE MUSIC

Bell Peal

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

Love Divine, All Loves Excelling  (LSB 700)

(Stanza 2 will be the organ only.)

1. Love divine, all loves excelling, Joy of heav'n, to earth come down! Fix in us Thy
2. Breathe, O breathe Thy loving Spirit In all Thy life receive; Sud-denly re-
3. Come, Almighty, to deliver; Let us spot-less let us be; Let us see Thy
4. Finish then Thy new creation, Pure and humble dwelling, All Thy faith-ful mer-cies crown.

Thee in-her-it; Let us find Thy prom-ised rest.

great sal-va-tion Per-fectly re-stored in Thee,

Jesus, Thou art all com-pas-sion, Pure, un-

Take away the love of sinning; Al-pha

Thee we would be always bless-ing, Serve Thee

Changed from glo-ry in-to glo-ry, Till in

bound-ed love Thou art; Vis-it us with

and O-me-ga be; End of faith, as

as Thy hosts above, Pray and praise Thee

heav'n we take our place, Till we cast our

Thy sal-va-tion, Enter ev-'ry trembling heart.

its be-gin-ning, Set our hearts at lib-er-ty.

with-out ceas-ing, Glo-ry in Thy per-fect love,

crowns be-fore Thee, Lost in won-der, love, and praise!
THE INVOCATION

Liturgist: 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

The King of Love My Shepherd Is (LSB 709)

Psalm 23

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 verdant
love He sought me And on His shoulder
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.

5 Thou spreadst a table in my sight; 6 And so through all the length of days
Thine unction grace bestoweth; Thy goodness faileth never;
And, oh, what transport of delight Good Shepherd, may I sing Thy praise
From Thy pure chalice floweth! Within Thy house forever!

THE READING

Acts 4:1-12

L: This is the Word of the Lord.
C: Thanks be to God.
THE HYMN

O God, O Lord of Heaven and Earth (LSB 834)
(Stanza 2 will be sung by the choir.)

1 O God, O Lord of heav'n and earth, Thy liv-ing
2 Our fa-tal will to e-qual Thee, Our re-bel
3 Thou cam-est to our hall of death, O Christ, to
4 O Spir-it, who didst once re-store Thy Church that

fin-ger nev-er wrote That life should be an aim-
will wrought death and night. We seized and used in pride -
breathe our poi-soned air, To drink for us the dark
it might be a-gain The bring-er of good news

less mote, A death-ward drift from fu-til birth. 
ful spite Thy won-drous gift of lib-er-ty.
de-spair That stran-gled our re-luc-tant breath. 
to men, Breathe on Thy clo-ven Church once more,

Thy Word meant life tri-um-phant hurled In splen-dor through
We housed us in this house of doom, Where death had roy -
How beau-ti-ful the feet that trod The road that leads
That in these gray and lat-ter days There may be those

Thy bro-ken world. Since light a-woke and life be-gan, al scope and room, Un-til Thy serv-ant, Prince of Peace,
us back to God! How beau-ti-ful the feet that ran whose life is praise, Each life a high dox-o-logy

Thou hast de-sired Thy life for man. Breached all its walls for our re-lease.
To bring the great good news to man! To Fa-ther, Son, and un-to Thee.
THE READING

John 10:11-18

L:  This is the Word of the Lord.
C:  Thanks be to God.

Sit

THE SERMON

A Man’s Best Friend
John 10
I Am Forever Who I Am / Kurt von Kampen

Solo (or All) 1 Though mountains slide into the sea, And

Women 2 We buy and sell, we lose or gain; Our

Men 3 Our lust for power, wealth, and land Di-

Choir 4 Like shepherds watching for the light, A-

...waters rush where fields should be, Though

...minish-es the earth you planned. Pre-

...monu-ments and na-tions fall, Your

...tain our lives, re-ward our toil With

...vent our crimes and fu-tile wars; Con-

...he-ar the an-gel: “Do not fear, The

...hol-ly cit-y stands through all. When

...bread and hon-ey, wine and oil. Save

...vin-ce us that all things are yours. We

...Sav-i-or of the world is near.” We

...noth-ing seems to stay the same, You teach us your e-ter-nal name.

...us and oth-ers from our greed; You al-ways give us what we need.

...rage and burn and kill and steal, But you re-deem, re-store, and heal.

...run, we see, we touch, we laugh. You came to earth on our be-half.

Refrain (All sing except for Stanza 4)

...I AM for-ev-er WHO I AM. A-bove you, be-neath you, A-

...round you and with-in you. Be still and know that I am God.

5 Each generation looks for truth,

And doubt can trouble age or youth.

If other gods would take Your place,

Remember us with love and grace.

Reclaim us if we go astray;

You are the Truth, the Life, the Way.

6 Some days seem long, though life is brief,

And death is waiting like a thief.

When vision fades and dreams go dry,

We will on unseen things rely.

Our stories take up but a page,

But Yours goes on from age to age.
THE ASSIGNMENT OF CALLS

THE RESPONSE

Ubi Caritas / Maurice Duruflé

Ubi caritas et ámor, Deus ibi est.
Congregavit nos in unum Christi ámor.
Exsultemus et in ipso jucundemur.
Timeamus et amemus Deum vivum
Et ex corde diligamus nos sincere.
Ubi caritas et ámor, Deus ibi est.

Where charity and love are, God is there.
Christ’s love has gathered us into one.
Let us rejoice and be pleased in Him.
Let us fear, and let us love the living God.
And may we love each other with a sincere heart.

THE PRAYERS

L: The Lord be with you.
C: And also with you.

L: Let us pray: 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 179 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:

_The Lord’s Prayer / Christian Izaac Tamaela (Indonesian)_

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.
CHORAL BLESSING

Nunc Dimittis
Setting by René Clausen

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 BENEDICTION

L: May God who has brought us from death to life fill you with great joy in believing. Almighty God, Father, * Son and Holy Spirit, bless you now and forever.
C: Amen.

L: Alleluia! Christ is risen!
C: He is risen indeed! Alleluia!
THE RECESSIONAL HYMN

Alleluia! Jesus Is Risen (LSB 474)

1 Al-le-lu-ia! Je-sus is ris-en! Trum-pets re-
sound-ing in glo-ri-ous light! Splen-dor, the Lamb, Heav-en for-
2 Walk-ing the way, Christ in the cen-ter Tell-ing the sto-ry to o-pen our eyes; Break-ing our bread, Giv-ing us
glo-ry: Je-sus our bless-ing, our con-stant sur-prise.
3 Je-sus the vine, We are the branch-es; Life in the Spir-it the fruit of the tree; Heav-en to earth, Christ to the peo-ple, Gift of the fu-ture now flow-ing to me.
4 Weep-ing, be gone; Sor-row, be si-lent; Death put a-
o-pen!” Clothe us in won-der, a-dorn us in light. o-ren!
5 Cit-y of God, Eas-ter for-ev-er, Gold-en Je-
ever! Oh, what a mir-a-cle God has in sight!
glo-ry! Clos-er, Closer, to God the I AM!

Refrain

Je-sus is ris-en and we shall ar-rise.

Give God the glo-ry! Al-le-lu-ia!

THE POST-SERVICE MUSIC

Soli Deo Gloria
The streamers, if used in the service, add elements of movement and color. They are celebratory in nature, accenting the celebration of Christ Jesus the Lord’s resurrection and the certification of men and women for service in the church.

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