

# CONCORDIA SEMINARY, ST. LOUIS OPENING SERVICE 180<sup>TH</sup> ACADEMIC YEAR

The Installations of Abjar Bahkou and Douglas Rutt The Assignment of Calls, Vicarages and Internships

> The Thirteenth Week after Pentecost 10 a.m. Friday, August 24, 2018

The Chapel of St. Timothy and St. Titus Concordia Seminary, St. Louis

"And I heard the voice of the Lord saying, "Whom shall I send, and who will go for us?" Then I said, 'Here am I! Send me."" ISAIAH 6:8 ESV

HERE AM II SEND ME

ISAIAH 6:8

In Nomine Jesu

## SERVICE OF THE WORD

## PRE-SERVICE MUSIC

## PROCESSIONAL HYMN

Stand and face the processional cross, turning as it passes you.

## In Halls of Wood and Stone

This text was written for the 150th anniversary of Concordia Seminary and submitted for the anniversary hymn search that was taking place at that time. The hymn's focus is on the mission of the Seminary to prepare pastors, deaconesses and other church leaders for preaching the message of Christ as the Light of the world.

- In halls of wood and stone From God's eternal Word, The truth, by grace alone Through faith in Christ, is heard: A beacon bright That shines to win Hearts lost in sin And darkest night.
- 2. So that this Light may shine With an unhindered beam Men learn of Love divine Which did the world redeem; That in their hour, They too can teach And rightly preach The Gospel's pow'r.
- Lord, from this sacred place You call those, so prepared, To ev'ry clime and race As saints in glory fared. Your praise resounds! The Word is sown, Your grace is known, New faith abounds!

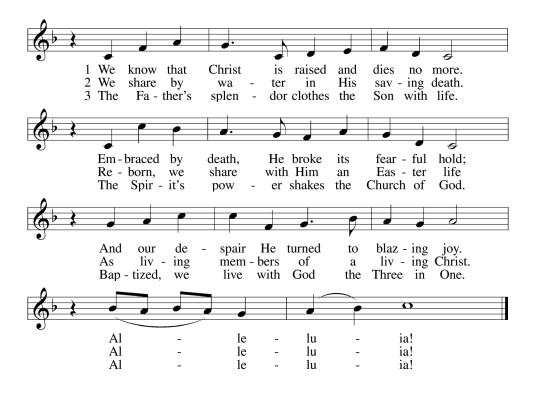
- 4. For blessings of the past In near and distant years, For all whose faith held fast Amid despairing fears: Lord Jesus Christ, In ev'ry ill Your perfect will And grace sufficed!
- 5. O Lamp of burnished gold In time that yet will be, Illumine young and old Who train for ministry; Your truth unfurl And cast His ray In this, our day: Light for our world!

# SALUTATION AND PRAYER OF THE DAY

- L: The grace of our Lord ₱ Jesus Christ, the love of God and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.
- C: And also with you.
- L: Let us pray ... Almighty God, whom to know is everlasting life, grant us to know Your Son, Jesus, to be the way, the truth and the life that we may steadfastly follow His steps in the way that leads to life eternal; through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
- C: Amen.

## **HYMN OF PRAISE**

We Know That Christ Is Raised (LSB 603)



Sit

## FIRST READING

The Old Testament reading will be read in English, Spanish and a third language representing the cultural and linguistic diversity of the Concordia Seminary community. The response to the reading in the third language will be in English.

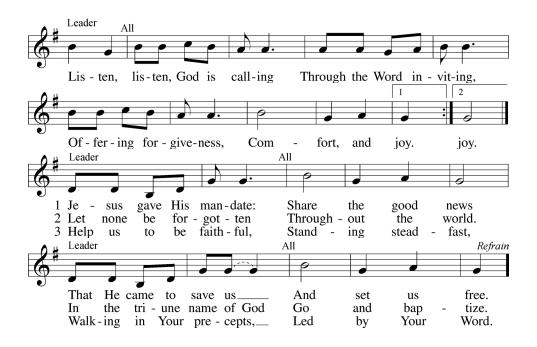
Isaiah 6:1-8

- L: This is the Word of the Lord.
- C: Thanks be to God.
- L: Hermanas y hermanos, esta es Palabra de Dios,
- C: Te alabamos, Señor.

Stand

## **GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**

Listen, God is Calling (LSB 833)

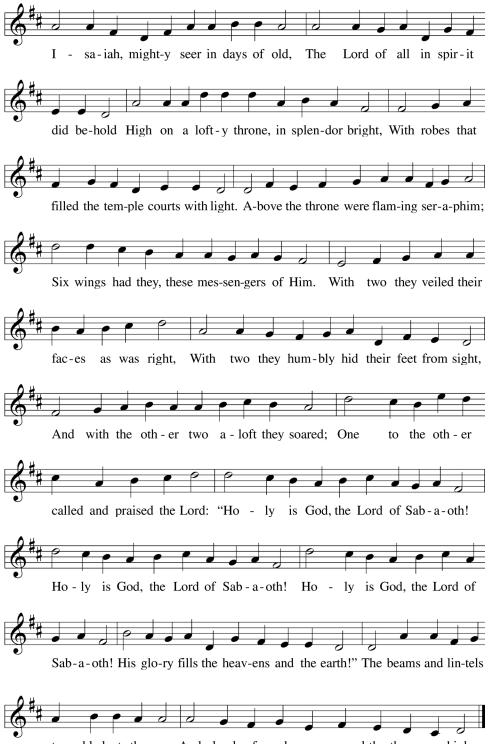


Luke 5:1-11

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

## HYMN OF THE DAY

#### Isaiah Mighty Seer in Days of Old (LSB 960)



trem-bled at the cry, And clouds of smoke en-wrapped the throne on high.

#### Sit

## SERMON

"The Beams and Lintels Trembled at the Cry, and Clouds of Smoke Enwrapped the Throne on High"

Isaiah 6:1-8

Theme for the academic year: "Here am I! Send me."

## **RITE OF INSTALLATION**

# RECOGNITION OF NEW FACULTY AND STAFF MEMBERS

## ASSIGNMENT OF VICARAGES AND INTERNSHIPS

# ASSIGNMENT OF CALLS

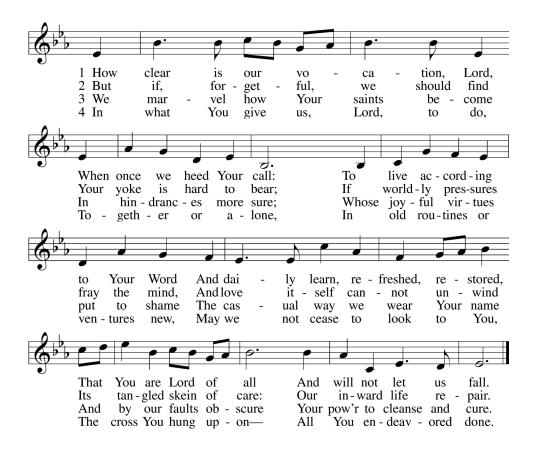
# **RECOGNITION OF REGENT AND PRESIDENTIAL AWARD RECIPIENTS**

## WELCOME AND BLESSING OF NEW STUDENTS

Stand

### HYMN

#### How Clear Is Our Vocation, Lord (LSB 853)



# PRAYERS

- L: We implore you:
- C: Hear us, good Lord.

# SHARING OF THE PEACE

Sit

# OPENING OF THE 180TH ACADEMIC YEAR

Stand

BLESSING

## SENDING HYMN

## Forth in Thy Name, O Lord, I Go (LSB 854) Tune: Duke Street

Forth in Thy name, O Lord, I go, My daily labor to pursue, Thee, only Thee, resolved to know In all I think or speak or do.

The task Thy wisdom has assigned, O let me cheerfully fulfill; In all my works Thy presence find, And prove Thy good and perfect will.

Thee may I set at my right hand, Whose eyes my inmost substance see, And labor on at Thy command, And offer all my works to Thee.

Give me to bear Thine easy yoke, And ev'ry moment watch and pray, And still to things eternal look, And hasten to Thy glorious day.

For Thee delightfully employ Whate'er Thy bounteous grace has giv'n, And run my course with even joy, And closely walk with Thee to heav'n.

## POST-SERVICE MUSIC

Soli Deo Gloria

## THE SERVANTS OF THE WORD

Liturgist: **Paul Sieveking**  *Campus Chaplain Director of Continuing Education* 

Preacher: **Dale A. Meyer** *President Professor of Practical Theology* 

Presenter of Vicarages, Internships and Calls: **Glenn Nielsen** *Director of Vicarage and* 

Deaconess Internships Director of Placement Professor of Practical Theology Crucifer: Austin Wellhousen Student Association President Post-Vicarage Seminarian

Banner Bearer: **Nathaniel Brown** Post-Vicarage Seminarian Sacristan

Organist: James Marriott Kreft Chair for Musical Arts

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# FACULTY INSTALLATIONS

#### Dr. Douglas Rutt is provost and professor of Practical Theology.

Rutt joined the staff of Concordia Seminary in July 2018 after serving as the executive director of the International Division for Lutheran Hour Ministries (LHM), a position he held since 2010.

He received his Ph.D. (1997) and Master of Divinity (1986) from Concordia Theological Seminary in Fort Wayne, Ind. He earned his bachelor's degree from Minnesota State University (1981) in Mankato, Minn. Fluent in Spanish, he graduated from the *Instituto del Idioma Español* in Antigua, Guatemala, in 1984.

Rutt previously served as an adjunct professor at Concordia Theological Seminary and a guest instructor at Concordia Seminary, where he taught Ph.D. courses on cultural anthropology and contemporary missiology. Additionally, he was associate professor of Pastoral Ministry and Missions, dean for Distance Learning and supervisor of the Ph.D. Missiology Program at Concordia Theological Seminary (2000-10). Before he began preparing for ministry, Rutt was a U.S. Navy jet engine mechanic and later served as a commercial pilot and flight instructor after he was discharged from the military.

His written works include several articles on mission history and practice. He served on the editorial committee for *Lutheran Mission Matters* (formerly *Missio Apostolica*), the journal of the Lutheran Society for Missiology. He is called upon regularly to consult and speak on mission issues throughout the United States and worldwide. He has served on the board for Lutheran Bible Translators and served as chairman of the Seminary Relations Committee of the International Lutheran Council.

His areas of academic interest include homiletics, theological education and formation, Christian leadership and missiology.

He and his wife, Deborah, have five children and 15 grandchildren. Deborah Rutt previously served as assistant vice president for advancement at Concordia Theological Seminary; as CEO of Lutheran Housing Support Corporation; as CEO and president of Humanitri, a St. Louis-based Lutheran social service organization; and is the founding president of A&D Global Business Relations, a public relations agency based in Kosice, Slovakia.

In his spare time, Rutt enjoys listening to music, spending time with family and woodworking.

#### Dr. Abjar Bahkou is associate professor of Practical Theology.

Bahkou joined the faculty in June 2018. Previously, Bahkou served in several capacities at Baylor University in Waco, Texas, including most recently as senior lecturer of Arabic literature, culture and language (2015-18), and resident research fellow for the Institute for Studies of Religion, Program on Global Studies of Religion (2009-18). His previous teaching experience includes as an adjunct professor of Muslim-Christian dialogue at Concordia Seminary (2014); adjunct professor of Arabic literature, culture and language at the University of North Texas (2009); and instructor in Islamic studies at Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary (2006-08). He also completed teaching assistantships at Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary (2006-07); St. Ephraim Theological Seminary in Damascus, Syria (1998-99); and Salesian Pontifical University in Rome, Italy (1996-98).

Bahkou holds a Ph.D. from Pontifical Institute of Arabic and Islamic Studies in Rome, Italy (2011), and a Ph.D. from Salesian Pontifical University in Rome, Italy (1998). He holds master's degrees from Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary in Islamic Studies (2009) and Salesian Pontifical University in Education (1996). He holds a bachelor's degree from Salesian Pontifical University (1995) and a Diploma in Theology from St. Ephraim Theological Seminary (1993).

He is the author of *The Monk Encounters the Prophet, The Story of the Encounter between Monk Bahīra and Muhammad as it is Recorded in the Syriac Manuscript of Mardin 259/2* (2017); Life with God: (in Arabic) a Discipleship Program based on Luther Catechism (2017); Defending Christian Faith, The Fifth Part of the Christian Apology of Gerasimus (2014); Kitāb al-Kāfī Fī al-Ma'nā al-Shāfī (The Complete Book of the Healing Meaning) (2012); On the Road to Emmaus: Youth Devotional Journey through Christian Faith (2010); and Ipotesi di Education Religiosa Cristiana Nel Contesto Giovanile Arabo Siriano, (A Proposal for the Religious Education of Young People in the Arabo-Syrian Context) (1998).

He has written numerous articles and has done translation work from English into Arabic. He is currently working on a book on Christian Muslim encounters, and has penned multiple articles to be published in 2018.

Bahkou and his wife, Phylan, have three children. His hobbies include spending time with his family, physical fitness and traveling.

# RECOGNITION OF NEW FACULTY AND STAFF MEMBERS

Diane Alt is Gift Planning Assistant Dr. Abjar Bahkou is Associate Professor of Practical Theology Rev. John Bush is Executive Director of Seminary Support Paige Durham is Gift-by-Phone Caller Dr. Bruce Durazzi is Special Collections Librarian Carla Georgie is General Ledger Accountant Kathryn Gritts is Manager of Gift Planning Services Tiffany Hudson is Communications Specialist Benjamin Marriott is Manager of Mid-Level Giving Dr. Douglas Rutt is Provost and Professor of Practical Theology Glynis Sekarski is Donor Stewardship Specialist

# RECOGNITION OF NEW POSITIONS FOR EXISTING FACULTY AND STAFF

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## ASSIGNMENT OF VICARAGES AND INTERNSHIPS

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