



CONCORDIA SEMINARY, ST. LOUIS

OPENING SERVICE

180TH 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

A person wearing a red hoodie and dark pants is walking away from the viewer on a wide, unpaved dirt path. The path curves through a lush green forest with tall evergreen trees. In the background, a steep, rocky hillside rises, partially covered in green vegetation. A large, light blue, downward-pointing triangle is superimposed over the upper right portion of the image, containing the text 'HERE AM I! SEND ME' and 'ISAIAH 6:8'.

**HERE AM I!
SEND ME**

ISAIAH 6:8

*"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

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.

1. 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.
3. 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)

1 We know that Christ is raised and dies no more.
2 We share by wa - ter in His sav - ing death.
3 The Fa - ther's splen - dor clothes the Son with life.

Em - braced by death, He broke its fear - ful hold;
Re - born, we share with Him an Eas - ter life
The Spir - it's pow - er shakes the Church of God.

And our de - spair He turned to blaz - ing joy.
As liv - ing mem - bers of a liv - ing Christ.
Bap - tized, we live with God the Three in One.

Al - le - lu - ia!
Al - le - lu - ia!
Al - le - lu - ia!

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)

Leader All

Lis - ten, lis - ten, God is call - ing Through the Word in - vit - ing,

Of - fer - ing for - give - ness, Com - fort, and joy. joy.

Leader All

1 Je - sus gave His man - date: Share the good news
2 Let none be for - got - ten Through - out the world.
3 Help us to be faith - ful, Stand - ing stead - fast,

Leader All Refrain

That He came to save us — And set us free.
In the tri - une name of God Go and bap - tize.
Walk - ing in Your pre - cepts, — Led by Your Word.

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)



The musical score is written for a single voice part on a treble clef staff. The key signature has two sharps (F# and C#), and the time signature is common time (C). The melody is composed of eighth and quarter notes, with some measures containing rests. The lyrics are printed below the staff, aligned with the notes. The hymn consists of ten lines of music, each corresponding to a line of text.

I - sa-iah, might-y seer in days of old, The Lord of all in spir-it
did be-hold High on a loft-y throne, in splen-dor bright, With robes that
filled the tem-ple courts with light. A-bove the throne were flam-ing ser-a-phim;
Six wings had they, these mes-sen-gers of Him. With two they veiled their
fac-es as was right, With two they hum-bly hid their feet from sight,
And with the oth-er two a-loft they soared; One to the oth-er
called and praised the Lord: "Ho - ly is God, the Lord of Sab-a-oth!
Ho - ly is God, the Lord of Sab-a-oth! Ho - ly is God, the Lord of
Sab-a-oth! His glo-ry fills the heav-ens and the earth!" The beams and lin-tels
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)

1 How clear is our vo - ca - tion, Lord,
 2 But if, for - get - ful, we should find
 3 We mar - vel how Your saints be - come
 4 In what You give us, Lord, to do,

When once we heed Your call: To live ac - cord - ing
 Your yoke is hard to bear; If world - ly pres - sures
 In hin - dranc - es more sure; Whose joy - ful vir - tues
 To - geth - er or a - lone, In old rou - tines or

to Your Word And dai - ly learn, re - freshed, re - stored,
 fray the mind, And love it - self can - not un - wind
 put to shame The cas - ual way we wear Your name
 ven - tures new, May we not cease to look to You,

That You are Lord of all And will not let us fall.
 Its tan - gled skein of care: Our in - ward life re - pair.
 And by our faults ob - scure Your pow'r to cleanse and cure.
 The cross You hung up - on— All You en - deav - ored done.

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

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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-Kāfi Fī al-Ma'nā al-Shāfi' (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

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