Carillon Recital by Karel Keldermans (Carillonneur)

### **PRE-COMMENCEMENT MUSIC**

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## THE COMMENCEMENT EXERCISES

7 p.m.

In Nomine Jesu

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

## THE PROCESSIONAL HYMN

O Holy Spirit, Enter In (LSB 913)



# THE INVOCATION AND PRAYER

Rev. Prof. Paul Robinson, M.Div., S.T.M., Ph.D. Interim Provost

## THE SCRIPTURE READING

Ezekiel 37:1-14

# THE HYMN

Up through Endless Ranks of Angels (LSB 491)

1 Up through end - less ranks of an - gels, Cries of tri - umph 2 Death - de - stroy - ing, life - re - stor - ing, Prov - en e - qual 3 To our lives of wan - ton wan - d'ring Send Your Spir - it, 4 Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia! Oh, to breathe the
in His ears, To His heav'n - ly throne as - cend - ing, to our need, Now for us be - fore the Fa - ther prom - ised guide; Through our lives of fear and fail - ure Spir - it's grace! Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!
Hav - ing van - quished all their fears, As our broth - er in - ter - cede; With Your pow'r and love a - bide; Oh, to see the Fa - ther's face! Al - le - lu - ia,
As our broth - er in - ter - cede; Flesh that for our With Your pow'r and love a - bide; Wel - come us, as

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## THE CLOSING OF THE ACADEMIC YEAR

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## **THE LORD'S PRAYER**

## THE APOSTOLIC BENEDICTION

During the recessional hymn, please turn to face the cross as it passes you, then face forward again when the cross reaches the back of the quadrangle.

### THE RECESSIONAL HYMN

Thy Strong Word (LSB 578)



- 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, alleluia! 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. Mortals, angels, now and ever Praise the holy Trinity!

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Soli Deo Gloria

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#### THE CHRISTUS VIVIT AWARD

Chosen by the faculty — after consideration of personal knowledge and/or recommendations by others the recipient(s) of the Christus Vivit Award have demonstrated exemplary service to the church.

### Craig and Jane Olson

Craig and Jane Olson are passionate in their support of Concordia Seminary, Christian education and church renewal. The Orange, Calif., couple served as co-chairs of the Seminary's volunteer board known as the National Campaign Council, which led the milestone Generations Campaign to its successful conclusion in December 2017, raising more than \$200 million. The campaign was the Seminary's largest campaign in its 179-year history, rallying more than 52,000 donors who contributed more than 213,000 gifts to build endowment, increase annual support, renovate the library and invest in learning technology initiatives. The couple expertly guided the campaign, from its origins to its conclusion.

"The Generations Campaign is about our daughters and our granddaughters and the future generations of our family and your family, and the saving grace of our Savior, Jesus," they said. "That's what it's about. That's what we need to ensure, assure and support."

Craig and Jane linked arms with the Seminary early on, participating in the "Campaign Readiness Study" in 2011 and the National Leadership Summit in 2013. In addition to chairing the National Campaign Council, Craig also has been serving on the steering committee guiding the development of the Seminary's 2018-20 strategic priorities since it was established in spring 2017.

Craig holds a bachelor's degree in Business Administration from the University of Southern California and is a certified management accountant. He received an honorary Doctor of Laws from Concordia University, Irvine, Calif.

Craig joined Fresh Start Bakeries Inc. in 1978 as controller and vice president finance, becoming the company's president in 1982. Fresh Start is one of the largest suppliers of bakery products to the McDonald's restaurant system in the United States, Europe, Latin America, Asia, Australia and New Zealand. He retired in January 2011. He now provides strategic and financial consulting services to private enterprises and church-related institutions. Craig and Jane serve as trustees for The Olson Family Foundation and also support Grace Ethiopian Outreach Ministry and Grace Theological College in Ethiopia. Also, they own vineyard property in Paso Robles, growing Cabernet Sauvignon and other wine grape varieties.

Craig is former chairman for the Board of Regents at Concordia University, Irvine, Calif. (CUI), and he currently serves as vice chairman. He was also the founding chairman and former member of the CUI President's Advisory Council, and is former chairman and current member of the Board of Directors for Orange Lutheran High School. Craig is a lifelong Lutheran, and Jane, who was raised Catholic, converted to Lutheranism after the couple married. They are active members of Salem Lutheran Church in Orange, Calif., where they have served in numerous leadership capacities. Craig is currently serving as volunteer business manager at Salem. Jane is an active volunteer at CUI, Orange Lutheran High School and Salem Lutheran Church and School. The Olsons have two grown daughters, Lisa and Amanda, and two granddaughters.

### THE DISTINGUISHED ALUMNUS AWARD

#### Reverend Timothy H. Maschke

Rev. Timothy Maschke is a pastor, teacher and theologian who has helped to prepare and form hundreds of students for service and ministry in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ for generations to come.

Maschke received his Master of Divinity from Concordia Seminary in 1974 and a Master of Sacred Theology in 1981. He also holds a Doctor of Ministry from Trinity Evangelical Divinity School in Deerfield, Ill. (1984), and in 1993, he earned a Ph.D. in historical theology from Marquette University under the late Luther scholar, Dr. Kenneth Hagen. Sent from the Seminary, he served at St. John's Evangelical Lutheran Church in Elgin, Ill., from 1974-80, and The Lutheran Church of Saint Luke in Itasca, Ill., from 1980-82.

He then moved into the academic realm, joining the faculty of Concordia College in Milwaukee, Wis. (now Concordia University Wisconsin, Mequon), as an associate professor and campus pastor from 1982-95. He was named a full professor and served as chairman of the Department of Theology from 1995-2002. He retired in 2018. He continues to serve as an instructor for several online courses and serves as associate pastor for care ministry at St. Paul Lutheran Church in Grafton, Wis.

Maschke taught courses in biblical, doctrinal, historical and practical theology, with a special interest in biblical doctrine, Luther and Lutheran worship. He has written dozen of scholarly articles and has several projects in the works including several hymn background essays for the *Lutheran Service Book: Hymnal Companion* and "Martin Luther's Sermons, Worship Aids, and Catechisms" for Cambridge University Press' *Luther In Context* series. His introduction to the history of Christianity, *Called to Be Holy in the World* from Wipf and Stock, was published in 2016. A second edition of his book, *Gathered Guests: A Guide to Worship in the Lutheran Church*, was published in 2009 from Concordia Publishing House. He is a noted speaker at conferences and workshops around the country and, most recently, has given numerous presentations on the life and thought of Martin Luther.

Maschke holds membership in several professional organizations, including the Sixteenth Century Society and Conference, and the American Society of Church History. He is the corporate representative for *Lutheran Quarterly*. He has received multiple advising and teaching awards.

Maschke and his wife, Sharon, have three sons and five grandchildren.

## CANDIDATE FOR THE DEGREE OF DOCTOR OF DIVINITY

## *Reverend Ray S. Wilke* Doctor of Divinity, honoris causa

Rev. Ray S. Wilke of Norfolk, Neb., is approaching his 80th birthday in September, but he has no thoughts of retiring as he continues to look at how he can best serve the church and our Lord.

As is the case with many pastors, Wilke's vocational choice initially was not pastoral ministry. Having earned a bachelor's degree in animal science, he spent several years in that field before pursuing ministry. Upon his graduation from Concordia Theological Seminary in Springfield, Ill., in 1970, Wilke and his wife, Lois, served for seven years as missionaries in the Philippines. In doing so, Wilke soon understood why helping people with their basic human needs is so important, as it helps open their hearts to hearing the Gospel.

In 1977 the Wilkes moved to Norfolk, where Wilke was called as assistant pastor at Grace Lutheran Church. In 1987 he became senior pastor and continues to serve as senior pastor at Grace, a congregation of about 1,050 souls. The congregation's mission statement includes strong emphasis on youth and teaching as well as support for world missions and human care.

In 1992, the Wilkes spent several weeks in Russia and Latvia. Moved by the needs of people in that region, Wilke conceived the idea to share the Gospel and give care to the people of that devastated part of the world. That idea became the present-day Orphan Grain Train ministry, of which Wilke has served as president since its beginning. Orphan Grain Train provides Gospel teaching materials, medical supplies, food, clothing and other human care materials to 67 countries around the world, as well as serving domestic disaster needs as they occur.

Under Wilke's visionary leadership, Orphan Grain Train has emerged from an idea emanating out of a small city in northern Nebraska to a major ministry of The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod. With branches in 26 locations around the country, Orphan Grain Train delivered more than \$39 million worth of aid to countries around the world in the last year. Amazingly, thanks to a corps of thousands of volunteers, the organization is able to do all this while keeping its administrative and fundraising cost at only 3 percent.

Lois Wilke went to be with the Lord in February 2015. She was a registered nurse who served as a nursing supervisor at Faith Regional Hospital in Norfolk.

The couple has three grown children and nine grandchildren.

On Aug. 5, 2017, Wilke married Judy Wolff of Lincoln, Texas. Judy holds a Master of Education degree from Texas State University and taught pre-kindergarten and kindergarten for 31 years in the greater Austin, Texas, area before retiring in 2010. The Wilkes live on a farm north of Norfolk where by God's grace they continue to thrive.

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Everyone is invited to a reception in the Main Quadrangle sponsored by the Seminary Guild following Commencement exercises. (In the event of inclement weather, the reception will be held in Koburg Hall.)