

COMMENCEMENT

One Hundred Eightieth Year
Academic Exercises

The Fourth Week of Easter
May 17, 2019
7 p.m.

Concordia Seminary, St. Louis

Carillon Recital by Karel Keldermans (Carillonneur)

PRE-COMMENCEMENT MUSIC

The Order of the Groups in the Processional

Candidates for the Residential Alternate Route Certificate
Candidates for the Degree of Master of Arts
Candidates for the Degree of Master of Divinity
Candidates for the Degree of Doctor of Ministry
Candidates for the Degree of Master of Sacred Theology
Candidates for the Degree of Doctor of Philosophy
Faculty and Staff
Board of Regents
Recipients of the *Christus Vivit* Award
Recipient of the Distinguished Alumnus Award
Candidate for the Degree of Doctor of Divinity
Candidate for the Degree of Doctor of Letters
Candidates for the Degree of Doctor of Laws
Platform Officiants

A Note on Academic Dress

The hoods worn by faculty members and candidates for degrees indicate the degree held, the subject in which it is held and the institution that conferred the degree. The colors of the silk lining the hood are the colors of the institution that granted the degree (e.g., the hood of Concordia Seminary is lined with myrtle green and gold). The color of the velvet edging of the hood, running forward around the throat, indicates the faculty or department in which the degree has been earned.

Scarlet: Theology
Violet: Law
White: Arts and Letters
Dark Blue: Philosophy
Light Blue: Education
Lemon: Library
Drab: Business
Pink: Music

A gold bullion tassel on the cap indicates a doctoral degree.

THE COMMENCEMENT EXERCISES

In Nomine Jesu

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

THE PROCESSIONAL 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!

THE INVOCATION AND PRAYER

Rev. Prof. Douglas L. Rutt, *M.Div., Ph.D.*
Provost

THE SCRIPTURE READING

John 16:23-33

THE HYMN

Jesus, Thy Boundless Love to Me *(LSB 683)*



THE ADDRESS

The Honorable Larry Bucshon
Congressman representing the Eighth District of Indiana

THE CONFERRING OF CERTIFICATES

The Presentation of the Residential Alternate Route Candidates
Rev. Prof. Timothy E. Saleska, *M.Div., M.Phil., Ph.D.*
Dean of Ministerial Formation

THE CONFERRING OF EARNED DEGREES

The Presentation of the Candidates for the Degree of Master of Arts
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THE CONFERRING OF THE HONORARY AWARDS

The Presentation of the Recipients of the *Christus Vivit* Award
Rev. Prof. David J. Peter, *M.Div., D.Min.*
Dean of Faculty

The Presentation of the Recipient of the Distinguished Alumnus Award
Rev. Prof. David J. Peter, *M.Div., D.Min.*
Dean of Faculty

THE CONFERRING OF THE HONORARY DEGREES

The Presentation of the Candidate for the Degree of Doctor of Divinity
Rev. Prof. David J. Peter, *M.Div., D.Min.*
Dean of Faculty

The Presentation of the Candidate for the Degree of Doctor of Letters
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Dean of Faculty

The Presentation of the Candidates for the Degree of Doctor of Laws
Rev. Prof. David J. Peter, *M.Div., D.Min.*
Dean of Faculty

THE RECOGNITION OF A RETIRING PROFESSOR

Rev. Prof. Dale A. Meyer, *M.A., M.Div., Ph.D., D.D.*
President

Greetings from the *Lutherische Theologische Hochschule* (LThH) Church Body and the *Selbständige Evangelische Lutherische Kirche* (SELK) from Dr. Christian Neddens, Professor of Systematic Theology

THE CLOSING OF THE ACADEMIC YEAR

Rev. Prof. Dale A. Meyer, *M.A., M.Div., Ph.D., D.D.*
President

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

Alleluia! Jesus is Risen *(LSB 474)*



POST-COMMENCEMENT MUSIC

Soli Deo Gloria

THE MARSHALS

Rev. Prof. Joel Biermann, *M.Div., Ph.D.*
Rev. Prof. Charles Arand, *M.Div., S.T.M., Th.D.*
Rev. Prof. Jeffrey Gibbs, *M.Div., S.T.M., Ph.D.*
Rev. Prof. Mark Rockenbach, *M.A., M.Div., Ph.D.*

THE MUSICIANS

Gateway Brass Quintet
Robert Souza, *Trumpet*
Dawn Weber, *Trumpet*
Peter Ulffers, *Horn*
Gabe Mueller, *Trombone*
Steve Lawson, *Tuba*
Dr. James Marriott, *Conductor*

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These students have completed academic residency and will be eligible for certification and ordination upon completion of a one-year vicarage.

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Donn Eric Woolweber

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2 Degree granted Dec.14, 2018
3 Degree granted Jan. 18, 2019

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Major Applied Project: Congregational Stewardship Education Following a Capital Campaign

*[2] Brian J. Hesse
Major Applied Project: Best Practices in LCMS Congregational Mergers into Multisite Ministries

Scott Alan Holder
Major Applied Project: Generational Connections: A Study of the Frequency of Intergenerational Connections at Oak Road Lutheran Church in Lilburn, Georgia

[1] Nathan Alex Kuhlman
Major Applied Project: Developing a Mentor-Method of Evangelism at Redeemer Lutheran Church, Rolla, Missouri

Rocco J. Mallardi
Major Applied Project:"Using Luther's Small Catechism as a Family Devotional" A Study of Family Prayer at Messiah Lutheran Church, Hays, Kansas, 2018

Raymond Brian Stolarczyk
Major Applied Project: Theological and Financial Integrity in Church Budgeting: A Study of the Effects of Budget Theory Education Using Two Kinds of Righteousness Framework

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Adviser: The Rev. Dr. Anthony Cook

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Dissertation: My Eyes have Seen Your Consolation: Παράκλησις in Luke-Acts
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Andrew D. Whaley
Dissertation: The Eclipse of Elegance: Towards a Contemporary Lutheran Aesthetics of Discipleship
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THE *CHRISTUS VIVIT* AWARD

Chosen by the faculty – after consideration of personal knowledge and/or recommendations by others – the recipients of the Christus Vivit *Award have demonstrated exemplary service to the church.*

Dan and Marti Huss

Dan and Marti Huss are lifelong residents of Cincinnati, Ohio. They have been married for more than 50 years and are the parents of three children: Kelly, John and Kathy. Dan is an attorney, still practicing part-time in Oxford, Ohio, and from his home office in Cincinnati. He retired from the faculty of Miami University where he taught business law from 1965-92. Marti is a retired teacher who spent the majority of her career at Fairfield South Elementary School in the greater Cincinnati area, teaching first and second grades. She has remained active in the Ohio Education Association and was instrumental in starting an intergenerational mentoring program that pairs college students majoring in education with classroom teachers to assist the students with their educational experience before student teaching.

Dan was raised attending Trinity Lutheran Church in Peach Grove, Ohio, and Marti joined him there when they were married. They have been members at Christ Lutheran Church in Cincinnati for more than 45 years and have been involved in a wide variety of ministries and activities of the church.

Dan and Marti volunteered to lead the youth ministry when their own children were young. They hosted camping events, chaperoned retreats and mentored the youth group for many years. Dan served in various positions of leadership within the congregation and taught Sunday school. Marti volunteered with the video production team when it was first implemented at the church.

Their ministry involvement went far beyond their home congregation. Because of their son's involvement in Youth Encounter ministries, they supported that organization. That wider view moved Marti to become a short-term missionary for several years beginning in 1995. She traveled as a teacher to Togo in West Africa, Taiwan and China. Her abilities to record and edit videos were used by Apple of His Eye mission society when that organization was getting started.

Dan stayed closer to home, but became involved in the Federation of Lutheran Churches of Cincinnati and vicinity. This organization engages in ministry on behalf of The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod congregations in southwest Ohio, southeast Indiana and northern Kentucky that could not do so alone. Ministry outreach includes chaplaincy at local hospitals, campus ministry at the University of Cincinnati, a young adult ministry and joint ministries of education, special worship celebrations including Reformation and a Federation-wide publication.

As the vice president (2002-04) and president (2005-13), Dan helped the Federation grow and expand its ministry opportunities. He was re-elected president in 2019.

Their son, John, graduated from Concordia Seminary, St. Louis with a Master of Divinity in 2006 and now serves as pastor at Mount Olive Lutheran Church in Milpitas, Calif. Dan and Marti supported their son in his formation for ministry and, following his graduation, they have continued to support the Seminary. The Seminary's faculty have preached at Federation events, and the Federation hosted the Seminary's presentation of "The Gospel of Mark" as well.

Dan had considered attending the Seminary and becoming a pastor; however, circumstances intervened and his life took a different course. But through a wide variety of ministries and through the stewardship of the gifts that God gave to him and to Marti, their influence on the church and impact in the lives of saints around the world cannot be measured.

THE DISTINGUISHED ALUMNUS AWARD

Reverend Doctor Samuel H. Nafzger

The Rev. Dr. Samuel H. Nafzger was born and raised in Plainview, Texas. He is a graduate of Concordia High School and Junior College in Austin, Texas, and he received a B.A. degree with high distinction from Concordia Senior College in Fort Wayne, Ind. (1961). Following graduation from Concordia Seminary, St. Louis with a Master of Divinity (1965), he studied in Heidelberg, Germany, at the *Ruprecht-Karls-Universitaet* (1965-66) on a DAAD scholarship. He earned a Th.D. degree in systematic theology from Harvard University (1980).

Ordained in 1967, he served parishes in Texas and Massachusetts. In 1973 he accepted a call to The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod's (LCMS) Commission on Theology and Church Relations (CTCR) and served as executive director from 1974 until his retirement in 2008. Following his service to the CTCR, he was asked to become the LCMS' first director of church relations, assistant to the president (2008-10) and, in 2010, to serve as an adjunct professor at Concordia Seminary, St. Louis (2010-12). He also served as the first executive secretary of the International Lutheran Council from the time of its organization in 1993 until his retirement in 2011.

Nafzger is the author of many articles and essays in various publications and periodicals. He was co-editor of *Studies in Lutheran Hermeneutics* (1979) and the author of *An Introduction to The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod* (1994). He is the general editor of the new dogmatics for the LCMS, *Confessing the Gospel: A Lutheran Approach to Systematic Theology* (2017).

Nafzger has served as a frequent essayist throughout the U.S. and abroad and as guest professor at the Ingrian Lutheran Seminary in St. Petersburg, Russia. He served on the Lutheran/Roman Catholic Dialogue in the U.S. for round IX on Scripture and Tradition (1992-95) and round XI on Hope for Eternal Life (2005-10). He also was the LCMS' official observer to the commission, which formed the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America (1982-87).

In 1998 Nafzger was recognized by his alma mater, Concordia University in Austin, Texas, as one of its distinguished graduates. He was awarded an honorary Doctor of Letters in 2004 by Concordia University, St. Paul, Minn., and a Doctor of Divinity by Concordia University, Irvine, Calif., in 2008.

Nafzger was married July 2, 1967, to Janis Schoppa, a Lutheran school teacher, also from Plainview. They are the parents of four grown children and 13 grandchildren. Their daughter, Heidi (Nafzger) Fields, is a pastor's wife, librarian and music teacher at Immanuel Lutheran School in Valparaiso, Ind. Son Christian is an assistant U.S. attorney in Boise, Idaho; son Peter is an assistant professor of Practical Theology at Concordia Seminary, St. Louis; and son Jonathan is an architect in Anchorage, Alaska. The Nafzgers now live in retirement in Washington, Mo.

CANDIDATE FOR THE DEGREE OF DOCTOR OF DIVINITY

Archbishop Jānis Vanags
Doctor of Divinity, honoris causa

Jānis Vanags was born May 25, 1958, in Liepaja, Latvia. After he completed his primary schooling in his hometown, he studied chemistry at the University of Latvia in Riga from 1976-82. He worked as a teacher of chemistry at the 31st Secondary (middle) school in Riga from 1982-85. As a young adult, Vanags converted to Christianity and was baptized in the Evangelical Lutheran Church of Latvia (ELCL). Under the Soviet regime, this eventually led to his expulsion from the teaching office.

In 1985, still as a student of the ELCL's Theological Seminary, Vanags was ordained and served as a pastor in five congregations. During the last period of the Soviet era, he was involved in the movement for independence of Latvia and was a co-founder of the "Rebirth and Renewal" group, which fought for the liberation of the church from the control of the Soviet government.

In 1993 he was elected and consecrated as Archbishop of Riga. During his episcopacy, Vanags strived to strengthen the confessional awareness and Lutheran identity of his church. He initiated the foundation of the Luther Academy, which now is the only institution of Lutheran education in Latvia. Under his leadership, the ELCL entered in full fellowship with The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod and is heading toward joining the International Lutheran Council. As a council member, he was a conservative, Lutheran voice in the Lutheran World Federation. For his theological position and his engagement as a church leader, Concordia Theological Seminary, Fort Wayne, Ind., awarded him the honorary Doctor of Divinity in 1997.

As the leader of the largest Christian denomination in his country, Vanags worked toward renewal of the relationships with the Latvian state, which were destroyed by the Soviet occupation. He participated in formulating the new legislation for religious organizations including particularly the law for the Lutheran church, which provides the ELCL freedom to exercise faith without state interference. He also endeavored to establish constructive cooperation between the state and the church in social car , culture, education, monument protection and other fields. He played an important role in developing friendly relationships of trust and cooperation with churches of other denominations in Latvia. Vanags has been recognized for his contribution with the awarding of the Medal of the Three Stars in 1998. In 2006, the Republic of Estonia awarded him the Cross of Terra Mariana.

Vanags and his wife, Baiba, have three children: Krists (1980-2007), Gatis and Elizabete. In his limited free time, he enjoys directing retreats, diving caves and listening to good music.

CANDIDATE FOR THE DEGREE OF DOCTOR OF LETTERS

Doctor Werner Rudolf Albert Klän
Doctor of Letters, honoris causa

Dr. Werner Klän was born and baptized in Wuppertal, Germany, in 1952. Following his primary education, he studied theology in Oberursel and then theology and philosophy in Münster. Following successful completion of his university exams, with a graduate study stipend intervening, he was ordained in November 1982 as a pastor in the Independent Evangelical-Lutheran Church (*Selbständige Evangelisch-Lutherische Kirche* [SELK]). He served from 1982-85 as an assistant professor at the *Lutherische Theologische Hochschule* and as the assistant pastor in the *St. Johannes-Gemeinde*, both in Oberursel. Following graduation from the *Westfälische Wilhlems-Universität Münster*, he served from 1985-87 as pastor in the *St. Thomas-Gemeinde* in Münster. From 1987-91 he was a research fellow at the *Ostkirchen-Institut* of the *Westfälische Wilhlems-Universität Münster*.

Klän then returned to serve at the institution with which he has been associated throughout most of his career, the *Lutherische Theologische Hochschule* in Oberursel. He served as a lecturer from 1990-93. In 1994 he completed his Habilitation dissertation and lecture in the faculty of church history at the *Westfälische Wilhlems-Universität Münster*. From 1993-96 he served as an interim professor of systematic theology at the *Hochschule in Oberursel* and then was appointed a full professor at the institution in 1996, a position he filled until being granted emeritus standing in March of last year. First holding the chair of Church History, he has served since 2003 as chair of the systematics department. In addition, he has filled the position of rector on three occasions.

He has also filled professorships in Pretoria, South Africa, at the Lutheran Theological Seminary in Tshwane since 2008 and at the Department of Church History and Church Polity at the University of Pretoria since 2013. He has been a guest lecturer at many international universities and seminaries including Concordia Seminary, St. Louis. He has been occupied with research in the realm of confessional Lutheran churches and with "Third Reich" and post-war church history in general. More recently, he has been investigating the history of those churches throughout the last 50 years. From 1985 until 2006 he served as SELK speaker in ecumenical affairs. Since 2013 he has been a member of the Bilateral Dialogue Group of the International Lutheran Council and the Pontifical Council for Promoting Christian Unity (Roman Catholic Church).

His publications number more than 150 books, chapters, essays, encyclopedia entries and book reviews in church history, Reformation and Lutheran history, theology of the Lutheran Confessions, systematic theology and ecumenical affairs.

CANDIDATE FOR THE DEGREE OF DOCTOR OF LAWS

The Honorable Larry Bucshon
Doctor of Laws, honoris causa

Congressman Larry Bucshon, M.D., represents the 8th District of Indiana, which encompasses all or part of 19 counties in southwest Indiana.

Since coming to Congress, Bucshon has been a champion for advancing patient-centered health care reforms that will give patients and their doctors the freedom to make their own health care decisions. He also has been a leader in the fight to end the opioid epidemic; he was recognized by the Coalition to Stop Opioid Overdose in 2016 for his work on the issue. Beyond health care, Bucshon was a recognized leader on transportation issues when he served on the House Transportation and Infrastructure Committee. Whether working to protect innocent human life or supporting tax cuts for middle-class families and small businesses, Bucshon has been a consistent advocate for hard-working families, farmers and Main Street businesses.

Bucshon received his bachelor's degree from the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign and his medical degree from the University of Illinois at Chicago. Following medical school, he completed a residency at the Medical College of Wisconsin, serving as chief resident in surgery, and remained there to complete a fellowship in cardiothoracic surgery. During this time, Bucshon enlisted with the United States Navy Reserve and served for almost a decade before being honorably discharged.

Before coming to Congress, Bucshon was a practicing physician and surgeon specializing in cardiothoracic surgery. During his time in private practice, Bucshon performed hundreds of heart surgeries and served as president of Ohio Valley HeartCare. Bucshon's outstanding work and leadership in this field led to him being honored as the St. Mary's Medical Staff Physician of the Year in 2007. Bucshon also served as Chief of Cardiothoracic Surgery and Medical Director of the open heart recovery intensive care unit at St. Mary's Hospital. He is board certified in Cardiothoracic Surgery by the American Board of Thoracic Surgery.

First elected to the U.S. House of Representatives in 2010, Bucshon currently serves as a member of the House Energy and Commerce Committee. The Energy and Commerce Committee is the oldest standing legislative committee in the House of Representatives and has a broad jurisdiction over the nation's energy, health care, telecommunications and consumer product safety policies. On the committee, Bucshon serves on the Health Subcommittee, Energy Subcommittee and the Consumer Protection and Commerce Subcommittee.

Bucshon and his wife, Kathryn, who also is a physician and a practicing anesthesiologist, reside in Vanderburgh County and attend Our Redeemer Lutheran Church in Evansville, Ind. They have four children.

CANDIDATE FOR THE DEGREE OF DOCTOR OF LAWS

Doctor Melissa Salomón
Doctor of Laws, honoris causa

For many years, Dr. Melissa Salomón has been a leader in The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod's (LCMS) Hispanic community and beyond. She has been a featured speaker and workshop leader in several Hispanic Lutheran conferences and conventions as well as in various Lutheran Women Missionary League (LWML) conventions and events. Even though Salomón could have had a career in law, she instead has devoted herself in service to various ecclesial tasks such as national/international mission administration, intercultural ministries and education, community life organizing and the spiritual care of women (especially from underrepresented groups and marginalized communities).

Salomón has been involved in the LWML since the 1980s. Currently, she is chairwoman of the Heart to Heart Sisters Committee, an intentional effort to welcome and encourage women from various ethno cultural groups in the U.S. to participate in the LWML community and mission. In 2001, Salomón was asked to serve on a national committee which led to the LWML's intentional focus on intercultural engagement in an increasingly diverse nation and church. Salomón had a foundational role in developing this plan to identify ethnic women leaders within the LCMS. Through their involvement with the LWML, these ethnic women have been able to lend their ministry and leadership skills to LWML local, district and national committees.

Salomón brings to her service to the church a special love for and commitment to the promotion of cross-cultural ministries on both sides of the U.S.-Mexico border. She has had the privilege of serving her Lord in border ministry since 1986. In 1998 she was part of a team that opened the first Lutheran Hour Ministries (LHM) office in Mexico, located in Tijuana. In 2012 that office was moved to Mexico City, but Salomón has since continued to work in border ministries. She has been an active participant in Frontera ministries, an LCMS think tank dealing with ministry initiatives in the borderlands. Her work with Concordia Church and School in Chula Vista, Calif., allows her an opportunity to engage in mission and mercy projects along the border and beyond in other countries such as Guatemala.

Salomón also has contributed to Concordia Seminary's Center for Hispanic Studies (CHS) in two special ways. She offered a response to a lecturer for one of the CHS Annual Lectures in Hispanic/Latino Theology and Missions on the theme of mission in the borderlands. She also contributed a theological reflection on Hispanic women's ministries for a special CHS partnership issue of *Missio Apostolica (*now *Lutheran Mission Matters)*. She has been a featured writer and a translator of materials for the LWML and other agencies of the church. For her contributions to women's and border ministries, Salomón was featured on the cover and as the main feature in the Winter 2007 issue of *Lutheran Women's Quarterly*.

Salomón earned a bachelor's degree in political science and Spanish literature from Occidental College, Pasadena, Calif., in 1978 and a Juris Doctorate from Loyola Law School, Los Angeles, Calif., in 1985. In addition to her volunteer service to the church, Salomón serves as chief service officer/community life coordinator at Concordia Church and School in Chula Vista, Calif.

She is the proud mother of Andrés Alejandro and Elizabeth Rhode, both recently married. She enjoys calligraphy and blogging.

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