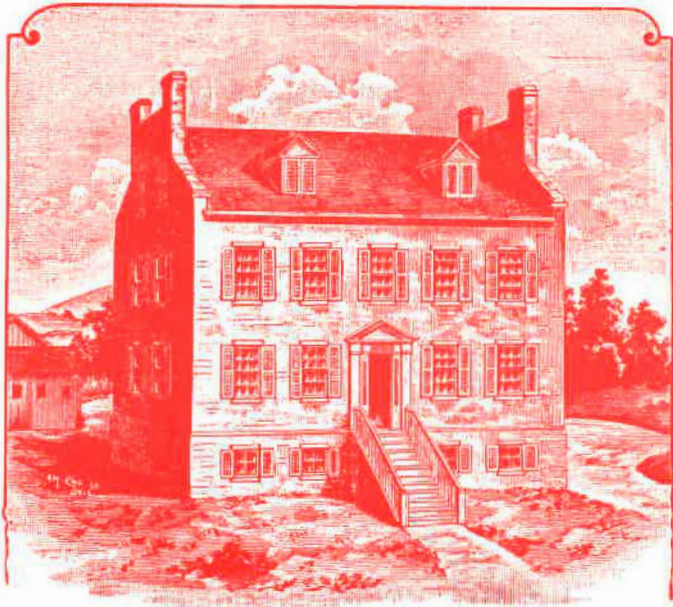


CONVOCATION
and
THE ORDER OF THE HOLY COMMUNION

commemorating the
141st ANNIVERSARY OF FOUNDING
of
CONCORDIA SEMINARY
St. Louis, Missouri



Wednesday, December 10, 1980

10:00 a.m.

Wyneken Chapel

THE PRELUDE

THE PROCESSIONAL HYMN "Thy Strong Word Did Cleave the Darkness"

1. Thy strong Word did cleave the darkness;
At Thy speaking it was done;
For created light we thank Thee,
While Thine ordered seasons run:
Alleluia! Alleluia!
Praise to Thee who light dost send.
Alleluia! Alleluia!
Alleluia without end!

2. Lo, on men who dwelt in darkness,
Dark as night and deep as death,
Broke the light of Thy salvation,
Breathed Thine own life-breathing breath:
Alleluia! Alleluia!
Praise to Thee who light dost send.
Alleluia! Alleluia!
Alleluia without end!

3. From the Cross Thy wisdom shining
Breaketh forth in conquering might;
From the Cross forever beameth
All Thy bright redeeming light:
Alleluia! Alleluia!
Praise to Thee who light dost send.
Alleluia! Alleluia!
Alleluia without end!

4. Thy strong Word bespeaks us righteous;
Bright with Thine own holiness,
Glorious now, we press toward glory,
And our lives our hope confess:
Alleluia! Alleluia!
Praise to Thee who light dost send.
Alleluia! Alleluia!
Alleluia without end!

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! God of glory!
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;
Men and angels, now and ever
Praise the Holy Trinity. Amen.

THE ACADEMIC CONVOCATION

The conferring of the degree of Doctor of Divinity

The Rev. Albert M. Marcis, M. Div.

Churchmanship at its best consists of the skill to combine effective administration with increasing theological insights for sensitive parish supervision. The ministry of Pastor Albert Marcis has consistently exhibited this approach. He is a district president, a parish pastor, and a theologian of competence.

Pastor Marcis chose not to give up his parish responsibilities at Calvary Lutheran Church, Parma, Ohio, when he became president of the SELC District of the LCMS in 1972. Nor did he cease to develop his theological pursuits, as evidenced by the fact that he served as an official representative of the LCMS to the Lutheran Council's Consultation on The Function of Doctrine and Theology in the Light of the Unity of the Church from 1972 to 1977.

As a member of the Council of Presidents, he has been an effective voice for sound confessional Lutheranism. In this capacity he has made a number of theological presentations on parish matters to the Council and has been an effective committee chairman at synodical conventions.

Pastor Marcis' commitment to the parish ministry has had a wholesome effect in the district which he serves. He diligently attends the installation of pastors, regularly visits the congregations in his district, and assists them during pastoral vacancies by leading them

through a document which he prepared, entitled "Guidelines for Calling a Pastor."

In honoring Pastor Marais, Concordia Seminary salutes all leaders in the church who faithfully and evangelically apply their concern for the truth of God's Word to the congregational life of the church, mindful of the directive given by St. Paul long ago: "Preach the Word, be instant in season, out of season; reprove, rebuke, exhort with all long-suffering and doctrine." (2 Tim. 4:2, 3)

The Rev. Clarence H. Peters, M.A., Th.D.

Constant spiritual growth and continuing intellectual development in terms of service are among the hallmarks of the Lutheran ministry. Pastor Clarence Peters personifies these essential characteristics of an effective ministry.

He was one of the first pastors to earn his doctorate in theology at Concordia Seminary in 1951, and in 1955 earned the Master of Arts in Education degree from Washington University. These disciplined programs helped prepare him for one of his greatest contributions to church life, namely, the creation and maintenance of a church youth program of substance and quality.

During his 34 years as pastor of St. Luke's Lutheran Church, St. Louis, that congregation was known far and wide for its strong program of youth activities. For 27 years Pastor Peters served on the National Lutheran Scouting Committee; for twelve years he was chairman of that committee and received both the Lamb Award and the Silver Beaver Award.

Pastor Peters' commitment to the church's youth extended also to such organizations as the International Walther League, the LSV Schools of that day, the Caravanning Program, the St. Louis Christmas Carols Association, and the Lutheran Released Time Project in St. Louis. For fifteen years he was Chairman of the Board for Young People's Work of the LCMS. Yet throughout all these extra-parish activities he was first and foremost the shepherd of the flock at St. Luke's.

In honoring Dr. Peters, Concordia Seminary pays tribute to all parish pastors and lay people who have helped shape and mold the lives of young people, heeding the exhortation of St. Paul to Timothy, "Let no man despise thy youth; but be thou an example of the believers, in word, in conversation, in charity, in spirit, in faith, in purity." (1 Tim. 4:12)

The Participants

President	Ralph A. Bohlmann, S.T.M., Ph.D.
Faculty Marshal	Robert G. Hoerber, Ph.D.
For the Honors Committee	Martin H. Scharlemann, Ph.D., Th.D.

THE ORDER OF THE HOLY COMMUNION

THE PRELUDE

THE HYMN

“A Mighty Fortress Is Our God”

1. A mighty Fortress is our God,
A trusty Shield and Weapon;
He helps us free from ev'ry need
That hath us now overtaken.
The old evil Foe
Now means deadly woe;
Deep guile and great might
Are his dread arms in fight;
On earth is not his equal.

2. With might of ours can naught be done,
Soon were our loss effected;
But for us fights the Valiant One,
Whom God Himself elected.
Ask ye, Who is this?
Jesus Christ it is,
Of Sabaoth Lord,
And there's none other God;
He holds the field forever.

4. The Word they still shall let remain
Nor any thanks have for it;
He's by our side upon the plain
With His good gifts and Spirit.
And take they our life,
Goods, fame, child, and wife,
Let these all be gone,
They yet have nothing won;
The Kingdom ours remaineth. Amen.

3. Refertus orbis daemounum
Licet strepat furor,
Speramus attamen bonum
Finem, Dei favore,
Quamlibet tremat
Nos Satan premat,
Nil tamen potest,
Quod iudicatus est,
Verbo fugit repressus.

THE ORDER OF THE CONFESSION (*spoken*)

V: In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.
R: Amen.

V: Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid, cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the enlightenment of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you and worthily magnify your holy name, through Jesus Christ, our Lord.
R: Amen.

V: Since we are assembled here to hear God's Word, to call upon him in prayer, and to receive the body and blood of Christ, let us think of our unworthiness, confess before God that we have sinned in thought, word, and deed, and realize also that by our own strength we cannot free ourselves from our sinful nature. Therefore, we take refuge in his infinite mercy, seeking and imploring his grace for the sake of our Lord Jesus Christ.
R: O almighty God, merciful Father, I, a troubled and penitent sinner, confess to you all my sins and iniquities with which I have offended you and justly deserved your present and eternal punishment. But I am heartily sorry for them and sincerely repent of them, and I pray you of your boundless mercy and for the sake of the sufferings and death of your Son, Jesus Christ, to be gracious and merciful to me, a poor, sinful being. Forgive me all my sins, and grant me the power of the Holy Spirit that I may amend my sinful life.

V: Upon this, your confession, I, by virtue of my office as a called and ordained servant of the Word, announce the grace of God to all of you, and in the stead and by the command of our Lord Jesus Christ, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.
R: Amen.

THE HYMN

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“Kyrie, God Father in Heaven Above”

Kyrie, God Father in heav’n above,
Great art Thou in grace and love,
Of all things the Maker and Preserver.

Eleison, eleison!

Kyrie, O Christ, our King,
Salvation for sinners Thou didst bring.

O Lord Jesus, God’s own Son,

Our Mediator at the heav’nly throne,

Hear our cry and grant our supplication.

Eleison, eleison!

Kyrie, O God the Holy Ghost,

Guard our faith, the gift we need the most;

Do Thou our last hour bless;

Let us leave this sinful world with gladness.

Eleison, eleison!

THE LESSON

Isaiah 2:2-5

THE EPISTLE

I Peter 2:1-10

THE HOLY GOSPEL

Saint John 10:22-30

THE ANTHEM

“O God, Our Help in Ages Past”

THE SERMON

THE PRAYERS

V: You are worthy, O Lord, to receive power and riches and wisdom and strength and honor and glory and blessing:

R: We praise and magnify you, O Lord.

V: Blessed be your glorious name, that your Word has sounded forth, not only in Jerusalem and Antioch, in Athens and in Rome, but that in every place the faith of Christ is spread abroad:

R: All glory be to you, O Lord.

V: For your good soldiers in every age, striving lawfully, enduring unto the end:

R: We bless and praise your glorious name.

V: For the wisdom of doctors, the zeal of evangelists, the eloquence of prophets:

R: We bless and praise your glorious name.

V: For the love of pastors; for the praise of children, the service of women, the purity of the young, the fervor of the aged; for all the signs of your presence; for all the marks of your Cross:

R: We bless and praise your glorious name.

V: For the light of your everlasting Gospel, sent to every nation and kindred and tongue and people, shining so long in our midst:

R: All glory be to you, O Lord.

V: For your church, the pillar and ground of the truth, against which the gates of hell shall not prevail:

R: All glory be to you, O Lord.

V: For your gracious word of promise that they that be wise shall shine as the brightness of the firmament and they that turn many to righteousness as the stars forever and ever:
R: All glory be to you, O Lord.

V: O God, you govern and sanctify your church through those whom you have called into the sacred ministry of your Word and sacraments; support with the help of your Holy Spirit, we pray, the labors of those who teach and the studies of those who are taught at our theological seminaries, that from these schools there may continue to come forth more excellent ministers of your new covenant. Make them firm in the faith once for all delivered to your holy people, zealous for the expansion of your kingdom, and devout in their own worship of you. Let them be examples to the believers in speech and conduct, in love, in faith and in purity, and keep them conscious that you have made them guardians of your church not that they may enjoy privileges but that they may spend themselves in service; through him who is the church's Head, your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord.

R: Amen.

THE HYMN **"God of Grace and God of Blessing"**
(Written for the dedication of Concordia Seminary in 1926 by Dr. W. G. Polack, revised in 1939 for publication in *The Lutheran Hymnal*.)

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| 1. God of grace and God of blessing,
Humbly now we come to Thee,
Offering devout thanksgiving,
All unworthy though we be;
Freely Thou hast showered blessings,
Countless as the ocean's sands,
Blessings rich and overflowing,
On the labors of our hands. | 3. Help us ever, God of mercy,
In our hearts the truth retain:
That, except Thou art the Builder,
All our labor is in vain.
Keep us from all pride and boasting,
Vanity, and foolish trust,
Knowing that our work without Thee
Soon will crumble into dust. |
| 2. Thou didst guide our fathers' footsteps
To this land we hold so dear;
Lengthening the cords and curtains
Of their habitation here;
Strengthening Thy Temple's pillars,
As Thou hast from age to age;
Giving us, their sons and daughters,
An enduring heritage. | 4. God of grace and God of blessing,
Thine alone the praise shall be!
Give us hearts to trust Thee only
And to serve Thee willingly.
Grant us here Thy future blessing,
Till we join the heavenly host,
There to serve and praise Thee ever,
Father, Son, and Holy Ghost! Amen. |

THE ORDER OF THE HOLY COMMUNION (*The Lutheran Hymnal*, pp. 24-28)

THE DISTRIBUTION

THE HYMN **"At the Lamb's High Feast We Sing"**

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| 1. At the Lamb's high feast we sing
Praise to our victorious King,
Who has washed us in the tide
Flowing from his pierced side.
Alleluia! | 3. Where the Paschal blood is poured,
Death's dark angel sheathes his sword;
Israel's hosts triumphant go
Through the wave that drowns the foe.
Alleluia! |
| 2. Praise we him, whose love divine
Gives his sacred blood for wine,
Gives his body for the feast,
Christ the Victim, Christ the Priest.
Alleluia! | 4. Mighty Victim from the sky.
Hell's fierce powers beneath thee lie;
Thou hast conquered in the fight,
Thou has brought us life and light.
Alleluia! |

5. Now no more can death appall,
Now no more the grave enthrall;
Thou hast opened Paradise,
And in thee thy saints shall rise.
Alleluia!

6. Easter triumph, Easter joy,
Sin alone can this destroy;
From sin's power do thou set free
Souls newborn, O Lord, in thee.
Alleluia!

7. Hymns of glory, songs of praise,
Father, unto thee we raise:
Risen Lord, all praise to thee
With the Spirit ever be.
Alleluia! Amen.

THE HYMN

“For All the Saints”

1. For all the saints who from their labors rest,
Who Thee by faith before the world confest,
Thy name, O Jesus, be forever blest.
Alleluia! Alleluia!

2. Thou wast their Rock, their Fortress, and their Might;
Thou, Lord, their Captain in the well-fought fight;
Thou, in the darkness drear, their one true Light.
Alleluia! Alleluia!

3. Oh, may Thy soldiers, faithful, true, and bold,
Fight as the saints who nobly fought of old
And win with them the victor's crown of gold.
Alleluia! Alleluia!

4. O blest communion, fellowship divine,
We feebly struggle, they in glory shine;
Yet all are one in Thee, for all are Thine.
Alleluia! Alleluia!

5. And when the fight is fierce, the warfare long,
Steals on the ear the distant triumph song,
And hearts are brave again, and arms are strong.
Alleluia! Alleluia!

6. But, lo, there breaks a yet more glorious day;
The saints triumphant rise in bright array;
The King of Glory passes on His way.
Alleluia! Alleluia!

7. The golden evening brightens in the west;
Soon, soon, to faithful warriors cometh rest.
Sweet is the calm of Paradise the blest.
Alleluia! Alleluia!

8. From earth's wide bounds, from ocean's farthest coast,
Through gates of pearl, streams in the countless host,
Singing to Father, Son, and Holy Ghost,
Alleluia! Alleluia!

THE HYMN

“O Lord, We Praise Thee”

1. O Lord, we praise Thee, bless Thee, and adore Thee,
In thanksgiving bow before Thee.
Thou with Thy body and Thy blood didst nourish
Our weak souls that they may flourish:
O Lord, have mercy!
May Thy body, Lord, born of Mary,
That our sins and sorrows did carry,
And Thy blood for us plead
In all trial, fear, and need:
O Lord, have mercy!

2. Thy holy body into death was given,
Life to win for us in heaven.
No greater love than this to Thee could bind us;
May this feast thereof remind us!
O Lord, have mercy!
Lord, Thy kindness did so constrain Thee
That Thy blood should bless and sustain me.
All our debt Thou hast paid;
Peace with God once more is made:
O Lord, have mercy!

3. May God bestow on us His grace and favor
To please Him with our behavior
And live as brethren here in love and union
Nor repent this blest Communion!
O Lord, have mercy!
Let not Thy good Spirit forsake us;
Grant that heav'nly-minded He make us;
Give Thy Church, Lord, to see
Days of peace and unity:
O Lord, have mercy! Amen.

THE DISMISSAL

THE THANKSGIVING

V: O give thanks unto the Lord, for He is good.

R: And His mercy endureth forever.

V: Almighty and ever-living God, we thank you for having fed us with the body and blood of our Savior Jesus Christ, assuring us thereby that we are truly members of his body, the church. And we ask you to help us by your Holy Spirit that we may continue in this fellowship and do the good works which you desire us to do; through Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord, to whom, with you and the same Spirit, be all honor and glory, forever and ever.

R: Amen.

THE BENEDICTION

THE RECESSIONAL HYMN

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“One Thy Light, the Temple Filling”

1. One Thy Light, the Temple filling,
Holy, Holy, Holy, Threel
Meanest men and brightest angels
Wait alike the word from Thee;
Highest musings, lowliest worship,
Must their preparation be.

2. Now Thou speakest, hear we trembling,
From the glory comes a voice,
Who accepts th' Almighty's mission?
Who will make Christ's work his choice?
Who for us proclaim to sinners,
Turn, believe, endure, rejoice?

3. Here are we, Redeemer, send us!
But because Thy work is fire
And our lips unclean and earthly,
Breathe no breath of high desire,
Send Thy seraph from the altar,
Veiled, but in his bright attire.

4. Cause him, Lord, to fly full swiftly
With the mystic coal in hand,
Sin consuming; soul transforming
Faith and love will understand.
Touch our lips, Thou wondrous Mercy,
With Thine own keen healing brand.

5. Thou didst come that fire to kindle;
Fain would we Thy torches prove,
Far and wide Thy beacons lighting
With th' undying spark of love.
Only feed our flame, we pray Thee,
With Thy breathings from above.

6. Now to God, the soul's Creator,
To His Word and Wisdom sure,
To His all-enlightening Spirit,
Patron of the frail and poor,
Three in One, be praise and glory
Here and while the heavens endure.

THE POSTLUDE

Soli Deo Gloria

The Preacher

The Reverend Paul Ph. Spitz, President
The Missouri District, The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod

The Celebrant

The Reverend Professor William J. Schmelder
Academic Advisor and Registrar, Chaplain

The Officiants

The Reverend Professor Ralph A. Bohlmann
President

Ralph Blomenberg
Student Association President

The Organist

The Reverend Professor Alfred Fremder

NOTES ON FOUNDERS DAY

Concordia Seminary was founded 141 years ago on December 9, 1839, in a log cabin in Perry County, Missouri, approximately 100 miles south of St. Louis. A replica of the first school stands on the present campus.

The original school was not planned as a theological training institution only, but also as an elementary and preparatory school. The first enrollment consisted of eleven students: seven boys and four girls, ranging in age from five to fifteen years.

When The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod was organized in Chicago in 1847, the congregations in Perry County and St. Louis were asked to relinquish their control of the school to the Synod. Both congregations agreed to this, although considerable discussion was given to the location of the institution. In 1849 the seminary was moved to St. Louis. Two acres of land were sold by Trinity Congregation to the Missouri Synod for \$1.00 to serve as the campus. The cornerstone for the first building, the southern wing, was laid on November 8, 1849. The building was dedicated on June 11, 1850. The building was designed by a seminary student, Martin Stephan, the son of the leader of the Saxon immigration. The total cost of the project was \$4,236.88.

C.F.W. Walther, who had been selected as professor of theology in 1849, delivered the address for the cornerstone laying. He stressed the role of the church as the patroness of the arts and sciences, learning and culture.

At the dedication, the president of Synod, F.C.D. Wyneken, spoke in German; Walther addressed the audience in Latin. "A Mighty Fortress" was sung in Latin, according to a translation prepared by Rektor Fabricius for the centennial of the Augsburg Confession in 1630; stanza three of that translation is sung in our service this day. Pastor Hermann Fick wrote a hymn for the occasion which is notable for its German nationalism and its emphasis on Lutheran orthodoxy.

Two additions were made to the original building. The right wing was erected in 1852; the center section, filling the gap between the two wings, was built during 1856-57. In the summer of 1882, the complex was demolished, to prepare for the erection of the new seminary, which was dedicated in 1883, and served until 1926, when the present campus was dedicated.

As we observe the 141st birthday of Concordia Seminary today, and as we note the 130 years that the seminary has been in St. Louis, we thank and praise God for the fathers and founders who established this institution. Under God, we rededicate ourselves to the same unswerving commitment they had to the hallmarks of Lutheranism: *sola Scriptura*, *sola gratia*, and *sola fide*.