

THE ORDER OF WORSHIP
for the
OPENING OF THE 143rd ACADEMIC YEAR
of
CONCORDIA SEMINARY
St. Louis, Missouri

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September 4, 1981
8:00 p.m.

THE PRELUDE

THE PROCESSIONAL HYMN

"Thy Strong Word Did Cleave the Darkness"
Martin H. Franzmann, 1954

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,
Alleluia 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 DIALOG

In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.
Amen.

Blessed are those whose way is blameless,
Who walk in the law of the Lord!

We will praise you with upright hearts,
When we learn your righteous ordinances.

Open our eyes, that we may behold
Wondrous things out of your law.

Make us to understand the way of your precepts,
And we will meditate on your wondrous works.

Let your steadfast love come to us, O Lord,
Your salvation according to your promise.

We will also speak of your testimonies before kings,
And shall not be put to shame.

Remember your word to your servants,
In which you have made us hope.

Let your steadfast love be ready to comfort us
According to your promise to your servants.

For ever, O Lord, your word is firmly fixed in the heavens;
Your faithfulness endures to all generations.

How sweet are your words to our taste,
Sweeter than honey to our mouths.

Your word is a lamp to our feet
And a light to our path.

Your testimonies are our heritage for ever;
They are the joy of our hearts.

Your testimonies are righteous for ever;
Give us understanding that we may live.

The sum of your word is truth;
And every one of your righteous ordinances endures for ever.

Let our cry come before you, O Lord;
Give us understanding according to your word.

Our tongues will sing of your word,
For all your commandments are right.

We long for your salvation, O Lord;
Let us live, that we may praise you!

Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit;
As it was in the beginning, is now, and shall be forever and ever. Amen.

THE PSALMODY

Psalm XXXI, In Te, Domine, speravi
Adam Reusner, 1533

1. In Thee, Lord, have I put my trust;
Leave me not helpless in the dust,
Let me not be confounded.
Let in Thy Word My faith, O Lord,
Be always firmly grounded.

2. Bow down Thy gracious ear to me
And hear my cries and prayers to Thee,
Haste Thee for my protection;
For woes and fear Surround me here.
Help me in mine affliction.

3. My God and Shield, now let Thy pow'r
Be unto me a mighty tow'r
Whence bravely I defend me
Against the foes That round me close.
O Lord, assistance lend me.
5. The world for me has falsely set
Full many a secret snare and net
To tempt me and to harm me.
Lord, make them fail, Do Thou prevail,
Let their disguise not charm me.
4. Thou art my Strength, my Shield, my Rock,
My Fortress that withstands each shock,
My Help, my Life, my Treasure.
Whate'er the rod, Thou art my God;
Naught can resist Thy pleasure.
6. With Thee, Lord, have I cast my lot;
O faithful God, forsake me not,
To Thee my soul commending.
Lord, be my Stay, Lead Thou the way
Now and when life is ending.
7. All honor, praise, and majesty
To Father, Son, and Spirit be,
Our God forever glorious,
In whose rich grace We'll run our race
Till we depart victorious. Amen.

THE LESSONS

1 Timothy 6:11-16
Saint Luke 24:44-53

THE HYMN

"Go Labor On"
Horatius Bonar, 1874

1. Go labor on; spend and be spent—
Your joy to do the Father's will;
It is the way the Master went,
Should not the servant tread it still?
4. Men die in darkness at your side,
Without a hope to cheer the tomb;
Take up the torch and wave it wide,
The torch that lights time's thickest gloom.
2. Go labor on; 'tis not for naught;
Your earthly loss is heavenly gain;
Men heed you, love you, praise you not?
The Master praises — what are men?
5. Toil on, faint not, keep watch, and pray;
Be wise the erring soul to win;
Go forth into the world's highway,
Compel the wanderer to come in.
3. Go labor on, while it is day,
The world's dark night is hastening on;
Speed, speed your work, cast sloth away;
It is not thus that souls are won.
6. Toil on, and in your toil rejoice;
For toil comes rest, for exile home;
Soon shall you hear the Bridegroom's voice,
The midnight cry, "Behold, I come!"

THE SERMON

THE LITANY FOR THE SEMINARY AND THE CHURCH

O Lord,
Have mercy on us.

O Christ,
Have mercy on us.

O Lord,
Have mercy on us.

O Christ,
In mercy, hear us.

O God the Father in heaven,
Have mercy on us.

O God the Son, Redeemer of the world,
Have mercy on us.

O God the Holy Spirit,
Have mercy on us.

Be gracious to us,
Help us, good Lord.

From all that disturbs and halts our worship;
From apathy toward your holy Word;
From unconcern toward our sin;
From mouthing of our prayers;
From callousness toward our brethren in this place;
From hardness of heart to the need of people throughout the world:
Good Lord, deliver us.

Though unworthy, we implore you
To hear us, O Lord God.

To sustain our bodies in all their tasks;
To refresh body and spirit with wholesome play;
To hallow our enjoyment of all useful arts;
To give wisdom and patience to those who teach and those who learn:
We implore you to hear us, good Lord.

To bless us as we go forth to speak your Word to others;
To give courage to every testimony of our lives and lips;
To make this school a light of your Word to many;
To make us mindful of the brother who is near as well as the stranger who is far;
To make our witness winsome and our speech ever seasoned with salt:
We implore you to hear us, good Lord.

To sustain and reward all who guide or minister to us in this place;
To remember in grace our parents and those dear to us;
To encourage and guide our fathers and brethren in every ministry of the Word;
To protect missionaries of your Word, especially those in loneliness and danger;

To give wisdom and patience to the leaders of our church;
To bless our Synod in the fulfillment of its tasks in your name:
We implore you to hear us, good Lord.

To keep us kind in judgment and ready to help in weakness;
To defend us from pride and from the desire to be right for our own sake;
To give us the mind of Christ to esteem others better than ourselves;
To bless all the words of reproof, correction, and counsel said to one another:
We implore you to hear us, good Lord.

O Lord Jesus Christ, Son of God,
We implore you to hear us.

O Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world,
Have mercy on us.

O Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world,
Have mercy on us.

O Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world,
Grant us your peace.

O Christ,
Hear us.

O Lord,
Have mercy on us.

O Christ,
Have mercy on us.
Lord, have mercy on us. Amen.

THE HYMN

"O Thou Whose Fiery Blessing"
Martin H. Franzmann, 1960

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| 1. O Thou whose fiery blessing can
Make pure the unclean lips of man,
Who takest man and makest him,
A singer with the seraphim. | 2. O Thou who buildest mighty praise
From shouts that children's voices raise,
Who canst, when human voices die,
Make silent stones to prophesy. |
| 3. Oh, speak to us Thy potent Word,
That we may say, "Thus saith the Lord,"
That in our frailty we may be
A wall of brass that echoes Thee. Amen. | |

THE RITES OF INSTALLATION AND INDUCTION

(The department chairmen join the officiants in the laying on of hands.)

THE HYMN

1. Thou whose glory none can see,
Wisdom comes by fear of Thee;
Fear of Thee we cannot know
Till forgiveness Thou bestow.
2. Send Thy Spirit from on high,
Who Thy Son shall glorify,
Who shall show us in Thy Son
All Thy grace and truth have done.
3. He shall give us eyes to see
In the Cross Thy mastery,
In Thy Son's death Satan's doom,
Life eternal from His tomb.

"Thou Whose Glory None Can See"

Martin H. Franzmann, 1957

4. Thou Forgiver, fear of Thee
Shall from folly set us free,
Set us free from self-sought ways,
Set us free to sing Thy praise.
5. All that man has sought and found,
All that man has caught and bound,
We shall take, and let it be
First fruits offered unto Thee.
6. Then at world's end we shall raise
The full harvest home of praise
To Thee, Father, to Thy Son,
To Thy Spirit, Three in One!

THE OPENING OF THE ACADEMIC YEAR

THE BENEDICTION

THE RECESSIONAL HYMN

"The God of Abraham Praise"

Thomas Olivers, 1770

1. The God of Abr'ham praise;
All praised be His name
Who was and is and is to be
And still the same!
The one eternal God,
Ere aught that now appears;
The First, the Last: beyond all thought
His timeless years!
2. The God of Abr'ham praise,
At whose supreme command
From earth I rise and seek the joys
At His right hand.
I all on earth forsake,
Its wisdom, fame, and pow'r,
And Him my only Portion make,
My Shield and Tow'r.
3. The God of Abr'ham praise,
Whose all-sufficient grace
Shall guide me all my pilgrim days
In all my ways.
He deigns to call me friend;
He calls himself my God!
And He shall save me to the end
Through Jesus' blood.
4. He by Himself hath sworn,—
I on His oath depend,—
I shall, on eagles' wings upborne,
To heav'n ascend;
I shall behold His face,
I shall His pow'r adore,
And sing the wonders of His grace
Forevermore.
5. Before the Savior's face
The ransomed nations bow,
O'erwhelmed at His almighty grace
Forever new.
He shows His wounds of love;
They kindle to a flame!
And sound through all the worlds above
The Paschal Lamb.
6. The whole triumphant host
Give thanks to God on high;
"Hail, Father, Son, and Holy Ghost!"
They ever cry.
Hail, Abr'ham's God and mine!—
I join the heav'nly lays,—
All might and majesty are Thine
And endless praise!

THE POSTLUDE

The Officiants:

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

The Reverend Ewald J. Otto
Chairman, Board of Control

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

The Preacher:

The Reverend Professor Ralph A. Bohlmann
President

The Organist:

The Reverend Professor Alfred Fremder

Everyone is invited to an informal reception after the service in the Seminary Quadrangle. Refreshments will be served by the Seminary Guild.

NEW FACULTY MEMBERS

JONATHAN FREDERICK GROTHE, Th.D., *Assistant Professor of Exegetical Theology*, attended Wittenberg University, Springfield, Ohio, from 1957 until 1960 and was graduated from Concordia Senior College, Fort Wayne, Indiana, in 1962 and Concordia Seminary, St. Louis, in 1966. He earned the M.Div., S.T.M., and Th.D. degrees from Concordia Seminary, St. Louis, in 1966, 1967, and 1981, respectively. He also studied at the Goethe-Institut, Schwabisch-Hall, in West Germany in 1967 and the Universität Tübingen in Germany from 1967 until 1975. From 1975 until 1979 he served as pastor of Christ the King Lutheran Church in Walnut, California. He also served as part-time instructor at Lutheran High School, LaVerne, California. In the summer of 1978, he was at Concordia Seminary, St. Louis, as guest instructor. He was a Fulbright Fellow at Eberhard-Karls Universität, Tübingen, West Germany, from 1967 until 1969. While in Germany, he became student pastor of Patch Barracks Lutheran Congregation (U.S. Army). He and his wife, the former Lois Ann Menzel, have five children: Harold, Judy, Nathan, Phillip, and Joel (ages 20, 18, 12, 11, and 2, respectively).

CHARLES TAYLOR KNIPPEL, S.T.M., *Associate Professor of Practical Theology*, was graduated from St. John's College, Winfield, Kansas, in 1947 and Concordia Seminary, St. Louis, in 1952. In 1969 he received the S.T.M. degree at Concordia Seminary, St. Louis. He served as pastor of Salem Lutheran Church, Salem, Illinois, from 1953 to 1954 and Trinity Lutheran Church, Norman, Oklahoma, from 1954 until 1963, also serving as campus pastor at the University of Oklahoma. From 1963 until 1967, he was pastor of the Lutheran Church of the Risen Mission Association of Metropolitan St. Louis. He again accepted a parish pastorate, remaining at St. Paul Lutheran Church, Wood River, Illinois, from 1976 until 1981. He served as a Circuit Counselor in both Oklahoma and Illinois and in 1980 was elected Second Vice-President of the Southern Illinois District. He has studied extensively in the field of alcohol and drug abuse at Rutgers University, New Brunswick, New Jersey, and Washington University, St. Louis. He has taught in that field and was chief counselor at St. Michael's Therapeutic Community, St. Louis, from 1973 until 1975. He is married to the former Donna Marie Niehaus. They have five children: Arthur, 26; David, 25; Martin, 22; Charles, 17; and Anne, 14.

ROBERT LEWIS ROSIN, M.Div., M.A., *Instructor of Historical Theology*, was graduated from Concordia Teachers College, River Forest, Illinois, in 1972 and Concordia Seminary, St. Louis, in 1976. In 1977, he earned the M.A. degree at Stanford University, Stanford, California. He is a Ph.D. candidate at Stanford in the field of Early Modern European History and his dissertation topic is: "Luther and the Reformation Response to Skepticism." In 1978-79, he was a Deutscher Akademischer Austauschdienst Research Fellow at Tübingen University and at the Institut für Spätmittelalter und Reformation, both in Germany. In 1979-81, he was Resident Fellow at the Institut für Europäische Geschichte in Mainz, Germany. He is a member of the American Society for Reformation Research and the Sixteenth Century Studies Conference. His wife is the former Laine Fellwock.

DAVID GERHARD SCHMIEL, Th.D., *Dean of Instruction and Professor of Historical Theology*, was graduated from Northwestern College, Watertown, Wisconsin, in 1953; and Wisconsin Lutheran Seminary, Mequon, Wisconsin, in 1957. He studied at Lutherische Theologische Hochschule, Oberursel, Germany, in 1954-55. He earned the S.T.M. degree at Concordia Seminary in 1958 and the Th.D. degree in 1967. He served two pastorates from 1958 until 1962: St. Paul's Lutheran Church in Gresham, Nebraska, and St. Paul's Lutheran Church in Onalaska, Wisconsin. From 1962 until 1970, he was Associate Professor of St. Paul's College, Concordia, Missouri. In 1970 he joined the faculty of Concordia College, St. Paul, Minnesota, as Associate Professor and served one term as Dean of Faculty. For the past year he served that institution as interim vice-president during the president's absence from the campus for a special project of the church. He and his wife, formerly Shirley Ann Friede, have five children, ages 17 through 23: Julia, Daniel, Steven, Peter, and Mark.

PAUL LOUIS SCHRIEBER, M.Div., *Assistant Professor of Exegetical Theology*, attended St. Paul's College, Concordia, Missouri, and was graduated from Concordia Senior College, Fort Wayne, Indiana, in 1971 and Concordia Theological Seminary, Springfield, Illinois, in 1975. He studied at Lutherische Theologische Hochschule, Oberursel, Germany, in 1973. He attended the Hispanic-American In-Service Training Program, San Antonio and Harlingen, Texas, in 1974. He served as pastoral assistant, Epiphany, St. Louis, Missouri, in 1975-76, joining Concordia College, River Forest, Illinois, as an instructor in 1976. From 1978 to 1981 he was Assistant Professor at the institution. In 1976 he was visiting instructor at Concordia Seminary, St. Louis. He is currently a candidate for the Th.D. degree at Concordia Seminary, St. Louis. He and his wife, formerly Betty Jean Koehler, have four children, ages six months to six years: Deborah, Sarah, Jonathan, and Katherine.

NEW EXECUTIVE STAFF MEMBERS

RICK HENRICKSEN, B.A., *Assistant Business Manager*, was graduated from Wheaton College, Wheaton, Illinois, in 1974 and pursued graduate work at the University of Wisconsin, Madison, Wisconsin, from 1975 until 1977. From 1977 until 1980, he served on the staff of Calvary Lutheran Chapel with the Lutheran Campus Ministry at the University of Wisconsin. A native of Racine, Wisconsin, he is a member of Glendale Lutheran Church, Glendale, Missouri, where he currently serves on the worship committee.

JAMES O. RICE, JR., B.A., *Director of Communications*, was graduated from Lenoir Rhyne College, Hickory, North Carolina, in 1965. From 1964 until 1969, he served the college in several capacities, including three years as Director of Public Relations and Alumni Affairs. He then entered private industry as Editor of Company Publications and Director of Marketing Services for a major telecommunications manufacturer, Superior Continental Corporation, in Hickory, North Carolina. In May 1972, he formed a management consulting firm, The Resource Group, Ltd., in Conover, North Carolina, to serve private businesses in the Southeast in the areas of marketing and general management. In that consulting practice, he served a number of firms in the Southeast as President and/or Chief Executive Officer during a reorganization period of those companies, gaining experience in the furniture, textile, land development, water resources, and mining industries. He served as President of The Resource Group, Ltd., until accepting his present position at Concordia Seminary, St. Louis. He and his wife, the former Glenda Butler, have three sons: Andy, 21; Jeff, 17; and Bradley, 13.