

Concordia Seminary Commencement

ONE HUNDRED AND THIRTY-SEVENTH YEAR

Academic Exercises



Friday Evening

May 21, 1976

Seven o'clock

Concordia Seminary Quadrangle

Saint Louis, Missouri

CARILLON CONCERT

by

David R. Hunsberger

6:30 P.M.

Matthias van den Gheyn

Preludio I in G

David R. Hunsberger

Pavian and Galliarde

Gaetano Donizetti

Lucia di Lammermoor
Prelude to Scene 2, Act I

Raymond Keldermans

Prelude, Fugue, and Toccata on
"A Mighty Fortress is Our God"
(written for the dedication of the
Luther Tower Carillon)

THE ORDER OF THE GROUPS IN THE PROCESSIONAL

Candidate for the Degree of Master of Arts in Religion
Candidates for the Degree of Master of Divinity
Candidates for the Degree of Master of Sacred Theology
The Faculty and Executive Staff
The Board of Control
Recipient of the *Christus Vivit* Award
Candidate for the Degree of Doctor of Laws
Candidate for the Degree of Doctor of Letters
Candidates for the Degree of Doctor of Divinity
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 which conferred the degree. The colors of the silk lining of the hood are the colors of the institution that granted the degree; e. g., the hood of Concordia Seminary is lined with 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.

White: Arts and Letters

Dark Blue: Philosophy

Scarlet: Theology

Lemon: Library

Violet: Theology Europe

Light Blue: Education

Pink: Music

Gold bullion tassels on the caps indicate a doctor's degree.

THE COMMENCEMENT EXERCISES

7:00 P. M.

In Nomine Jesu

THE PROCESSIONAL HYMN

"Thy Strong Word Did Cleave the Darkness"

Martin H. Franzmann, 1954

Hymn tune by Thomas John Williams, 1890

(The assembly shall rise for the processional and join in singing the hymn)

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 INVOCATION, PRAYER, AND SCRIPTURE READING

The Rev. Prof. Roland A. Hopmann, M.Div.

Dean of Student Affairs

Director of Placement

THE HYMN BY THE CONGREGATION:

"The Church's One Foundation"

1. The Church's one foundation
Is Jesus Christ, her Lord;
She is His new creation
By water and the Word.
From heav'n He came and sought her
To be His holy bride;
With His own blood He bought her,
And for her life He died.

2. Elect from ev'ry nation,
Yet one o'er all the earth,
Her charter of salvation
One Lord, one faith, one birth.
One holy name she blesses,
Partakes one holy food,
And to one hope she presses,
With ev'ry grace endued.

3. The Church shall never perish!
Her dear Lord, to defend,
To guide, sustain, and cherish,
Is with her to the end.
Tho' there be those that hate her,
False sons within her pale,
Against both foe and traitor
She ever shall prevail.

4. Though with a scornful wonder
Men see her sore oppressed,
By schisms rent asunder,
By heresies distressed,
Yet saints their watch are keeping;
Their cry goes up, "How long?"
And soon the night of weeping
Shall be the morn of song.

5. Mid toil and tribulation
And tumult of her war
She waits the consummation
Of peace forevermore,
Till with the vision glorious
Her longing eyes are blest
And the great Church victorious
Shall be the Church at rest.

THE ADDRESS:
"The Day for the Preacher"

The Rev. Gilbert T. Otte, Pastor
Trinity Lutheran Church, Detroit, Michigan

THE CONFERRING OF EARNED DEGREES

The Presentation of the Candidates for the Degree of Master of Arts in Religion

The Rev. Prof. John W. Klotz, M.Div., Ph.D.
Director of Graduate Studies

The Presentation of the Candidates for the Degree of Master of Divinity

The Rev. Prof. William J. Schmelder, S.T.M.
Registrar

The Presentation of the Candidates for the Degree of Master of Sacred Theology

The Rev. Prof. John W. Klotz, M.Div., Ph.D.
Director of Graduate Studies

THE CONFERRING OF THE HONORARY AWARDS AND DEGREES

The Presentation of the Candidate for the *Christus Vivit* Award

The Presentation of the Candidate for the Honorary Degree of Doctor of Laws

The Presentation of the Candidate for the Honorary Degree of Doctor of Letters

The Presentation of the Candidates for the Honorary Degree of Doctor of Divinity

The Rev. Prof. August R. Suelflow, S.T.M., D.D.
For the Faculty Honors Committee

THE CLOSING OF THE ACADEMIC YEAR

The Rev. Prof. Ralph A. Bohlmann, S.T.M., Ph.D.
President

THE LORD'S PRAYER

THE APOSTOLIC BENEDICTION

THE RECESSIONAL HYMN

"Praise to the Lord, the Almighty"

(The assembly shall remain standing)

1. Praise to the Lord, the Almighty, the King of creation!
O my soul, praise Him, for He is thy Health and Salvation!
Join the full throng;
Wake, harp and psalter and song;
Sound forth in glad adoration!
2. Praise to the Lord, who o'er all things so wondrously reigneth,
Who, as on wings of an eagle, uplifteth, sustaineth.
Hast thou not seen
How thy desires all have been
Granted in what He ordaineth?
3. Praise to the Lord, who hath fearfully, wondrously, made thee;
Health hath vouchsafed and, when heedlessly falling, hath stayed thee.
What need or grief
Ever hath failed of relief? —
Wings of His mercy did shade thee.
4. Praise to the Lord, who doth prosper thy work and defend thee,
Who from the heavens the streams of His mercy doth send thee.
Ponder anew
What the Almighty can do,
Who with His love doth befriend thee.
5. Praise to the Lord! Oh, let all that is in me adore Him!
All that hath life and breath, come now with praises before Him!
Let the Amen
Sound from His people again;
Gladly for aye we adore Him.

Soli Deo Gloria

THE MARSHALS

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The Rev. Prof. Horace D. Hummel, S.T.M., Ph.D.
The Rev. Prof. Richard Klann, M.Div., Ph.D.
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**In Absentia*

**Degree to be awarded on completion of requirements

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Thomas Elmer Manteufel: "The Message of Salvation: A Comparative Study of Two Views on the Relationship of Faith and Unbelief to the Word of God"

Erwin William Conrad Moehring: Non-Thesis S.T.M. Program with a Major in Systematic Theology

Raymond O. Alvin Mueller: "A Lutheran View of Vatican II on Liturgy and Scriptures"

*A. R. Victor Raj: "A Contemporary Application of the Parables of Growth"

Taizo Taniguchi: Non-Thesis S.T.M. Program with a Major in Practical Theology

* *In absentia*

RECIPIENT OF THE *CHRISTUS VIVIT* AWARD

Mabel Warnke

Concordia Seminary honors Mabel Warnke especially for her indefatigable work in her home congregation and for her contributions to the work of women in our church body. We say of her what St. Paul once observed in the case of Phoebe, "She has been a helper of many" (Romans 16:2).

CANDIDATE FOR THE DEGREE OF DOCTOR OF LAWS

Raymond C. Rauscher

Raymond Rauscher represents the quiet and faithful devotion to duty that has always characterized The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod. Today Concordia Seminary recognizes him for the Christian concern and gentlemanly consideration with which he managed the affairs of his various offices. Like Demetrius in John's third epistle, Raymond Rauscher "has testimony from every one and from the truth itself" that "he who does good is of God" (3 John 11:12).

CANDIDATE FOR THE DEGREE OF DOCTOR OF LETTERS

The Rev. Roger L. Sommer

Roger Sommer's life and work stand as a monument to that cardinal virtue of the ministerial profession which consists of committed service without any personal interest in the acclaim of others. The faculty of Concordia Seminary honors him as a living embodiment of the principle articulated by the Lord when He said, "He who loses his life for my sake will find it" (Matthew 10:39).

CANDIDATES FOR THE DEGREE OF DOCTOR OF DIVINITY

***The Rev. Oscar E. Heilman**

Concordia Seminary honors Pastor Heilman in particular for his staunch faith, for the strong leadership which he provided his congregations particularly in the field of stewardship, and especially for his work of leading so many young people into the professional work of the church. His solid accomplishments for the Lord recall the words of the prophet, "Those who turn many to righteousness shall shine like the stars for ever and ever" (Daniel 12:3b).

The Rev. Elmer J. Knoernschild

Concordia Seminary recognizes the services of a pioneer in his field who applied the techniques of mass communication to bringing the knowledge of eternal salvation in Jesus Christ to the ends of the earth. Pastor Knoernschild has made a unique contribution toward the fulfillment of the Lord's prediction, "This gospel of the kingdom will be preached throughout the whole world, as a testimony to all nations; and then the end will come" (Matthew 24:14).

The Rev. Henry F. Meyer

Pastor Henry Meyer is, indeed, a true veteran of the cross, and for that the faculty of Concordia Seminary recognizes him, being mindful of the joy awaiting him at the moment when he will humbly say to his Redeemer and Lord, "Master, you delivered to me five talents; here I have made five talents more" (Matthew 25:20).

The Rev. Gilbert T. Otte

The faculty of Concordia Seminary honors Pastor Otte for his blend of faithfulness in the parish ministry, his zealous pursuit of the historical, and his effective witness on the printed page. He has applied to himself the words of the Psalmist: "I remember the days of old; I meditate on all thy works" (Psalm 143:5).

The Rev. Frederic E. Schumann

The faculty of Concordia Seminary honors Pastor Schumann especially for his broad interests in all phases of church life, his literary productions, and especially for a stalwartness of conviction that merits the emulation of all. With St. Paul he, too, has said, "I forget what is behind, reach for what is ahead, and with my eyes on the mark I go after the heavenly prize to which God has called us in Christ Jesus" (Philippians 3:13-14).

**In absentia*

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Everyone is invited to a reception following the commencement exercises.