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**The Order of Worship  
Opening of the 146th Academic Year**

**Concordia Seminary  
St. Louis, Missouri**

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With the Installation of

**D. Scott Hewes  
Harley L. Kopitske**

**August 31, 1984  
8:00 p.m.  
Wyneken Chapel**

THE PRELUDE

THE PROCESSIONAL HYMN

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

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| <p>1. Thy strong Word did cleave the darkness;<br/>At Thy speaking it was done;<br/>For created light we thank Thee,<br/>While Thine ordered seasons run:<br/>Alleluia! Alleluia!<br/>Praise to Thee who light dost send.<br/>Alleluia! Alleluia!<br/>Alleluia without end!</p>        | <p>4. Thy strong Word bespeaks us righteous;<br/>Bright with Thine own holiness,<br/>Glorious now, we press toward glory,<br/>And our lives our hope confess:<br/>Alleluia! Alleluia!<br/>Praise to Thee who light dost send.<br/>Alleluia! Alleluia!<br/>Alleluia without end!</p>            |
| <p>2. Lo, on men who dwelt in darkness,<br/>Dark as night and deep as death,<br/>Broke the light of Thy salvation,<br/>Breathed Thine own life-breathing breath:<br/>Alleluia! Alleluia!<br/>Praise to Thee who light dost send,<br/>Alleluia! Alleluia!<br/>Alleluia without end!</p> | <p>5. Give us lips to sing Thy glory,<br/>Tongues Thy mercy to proclaim,<br/>Throats that shout the hope that fills us,<br/>Mouths to speak Thy holy name:<br/>Alleluia! God of Glory!<br/>May the light which Thou dost send<br/>Fill our songs with alleluias,<br/>Alleluia without end!</p> |
| <p>3. From the Cross Thy wisdom shining<br/>Breaketh forth in conquering might;<br/>From the Cross forever beameth<br/>All Thy bright redeeming light:<br/>Alleluia! Alleluia!<br/>Praise to Thee who light dost send.<br/>Alleluia! Alleluia!<br/>Alleluia without end!</p>           | <p>6. God the Father, Light-Creator,<br/>To Thee laud and honor be;<br/>To Thee, Light of Light begotten,<br/>Praise be sung eternally;<br/>Holy Spirit, Light-Revealer,<br/>Glory, glory be to Thee;<br/>Men and angels, now and ever<br/>Praise the Holy Trinity.</p>                        |

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 XXIII, Dominus regit me*  
Henry L. Lettermann, 1981

1. The Lord's my shepherd, leading me  
To pastures newly green;  
Deep flow the waters of his care,  
His mercies unforeseen.  
He loves me so, he leads me to  
His pastures gently green.
2. My hungry soul he fills again  
With manna from above;  
He sets my footsteps right again  
In pathways of his love.  
For his name's sake he nurtures me  
With manna from above.
3. Even within the vale of death  
I feel no threat'ning chill,  
His rod and staff protecting me,  
His love beside me still.  
His guardian love protecting me,  
I fear no threat of ill.
4. How he confounds my enemies  
By richly blessing me;  
His cup of promise overflows  
With generosity.  
Anointing me his chosen one,  
He richly blesses me.
5. I take my stand forevermore  
Within my shepherd's fold,  
Secure in his forgiving love.  
How gently strong his hold!  
He loves me so, he leads me to  
His blessings rich and bold.

## THE LESSONS

Isaiah 52:7-10  
II Corinthians 4:1-13  
Saint John 10:11-14, 27-30

## 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?
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?
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.
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.
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.
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”<sup>4</sup>  
Martin H. Franzmann , 1960

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.

## THE RITE OF INSTALLATION

### THE HYMN

"Thou Whose Glory None Can See"<sup>15</sup>  
Martin H. Franzmann, 1957

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.
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"<sup>16</sup>  
Thomas Olivers, 1770

1. The God of Abr'am praise,  
Who reigns enthroned above;  
Ancient of everlasting days  
And God of love.  
Jehovah, great I Am!  
By earth and heav'n confessed;  
I bow and bless the sacred name  
Forever blest.
2. The God of Abr'am 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'am 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 has sworn;  
I on his oath depend.  
I shall, on eagle 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. There dwells the Lord our king,  
The Lord our righteousness,  
Triumphant o'er the world and sin,  
The Prince of Peace.  
On Zion's sacred height  
His kingdom he maintains  
And glorious with his saints in light  
Forever reigns.

6. The God who reigns on high  
The great archangels sing,  
And "Holy, holy, holy!" cry,  
"Almighty King!  
Who was and is the same  
And evermore shall be:  
Jehovah, Father, great I Am!  
We worship thee!"

7. The whole triumphant host  
Give thanks to God on high.  
"Hail, Father, Son, and Holy Ghost!"  
They ever cry.  
Hail, Abr'am's God and mine!  
I join the heav'nly lays:  
All might and majesty are thine  
And endless praise!

## THE POSTLUDE

### *Soli Deo Gloria*

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

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## NEW FACULTY MEMBERS

DONALD SCOTT HEWES, M.A., M.Div., *Assistant Professor of Practical Theology*, was graduated from California Lutheran College, Thousand Oaks, California, in 1964, and Concordia Seminary, St. Louis, Missouri, in 1980. In 1970 he received the M.A. degree from California State University, Northridge, California. He served as pastor of Our Savior's Lutheran Church, Palm Springs, California, from 1980 until 1983 and as Director of Public Relations, Christ College Irvine from 1983 until 1984. He is co-author of the textbook, *Communication: Living Challenge*. He and his wife, Jean, have three daughters: Debbie, 18; Lynda, 16; and Susan, 14.

HARLEY LYLE KOPITSKE, M.Div., *Assistant Professor of Practical Theology*, received his B.A. from Concordia Teachers College, River Forest, Illinois, in 1966 and his M.Div. from Concordia Theological Seminary, Springfield, Illinois, in 1974. He served as evangelistic missionary in New Guinea from 1960 until 1967. In 1967 he began work in New Guinea as a translator of Scripture until 1974. From 1974 until 1980 he served as assistant and associate pastor of St. Paul Lutheran Church, West Allis, Wisconsin. He has been pastor at St. Bartholomew Lutheran Church, Brillion, Wisconsin, from 1980 until the present. In May, 1978 he received the *Servus Ecclesiae Christi* award from Concordia Theological Seminary, Fort Wayne. He is married to the former Donna Jean Smith of Menasha, Wisconsin. The Kopitskes have six children: Karl, 11; Andrew, 17; Sandra, 20; Kris, 23; Philip, 24; and Vicki, 25.