

OPENING WEEKEND HYMN FESTIVAL



Welcome to the 2021 Opening Weekend Hymn Festival at Concordia Seminary, St. Louis! We are delighted to offer this festival as part of our Concordia Seminary Concert Series, celebrating the gift of music as a means of proclaiming the Gospel of Jesus Christ!

The theme for our academic year is "Your Word is a lamp to my feet." In this hymn festival, we will sing of the centrality of God's Word in the faith and life of the Christian, guiding our feet throughout our earthly days. Songs and sounds from many cultures and musical genres will accompany our musical proclamation of God's faithfulness to the world. We pray that you are filled and renewed in the love of the Father made known in Christ by the power of the Spirit!

Thank you for joining us as we proclaim that love here in this place and throughout our lives of witness.

Grace and peace be yours in abundance!

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WELCOME

OPENING PRAYER

Listen, God Is Calling (LSB 833)



O Splendor of God's Glory Bright (LSB 874)

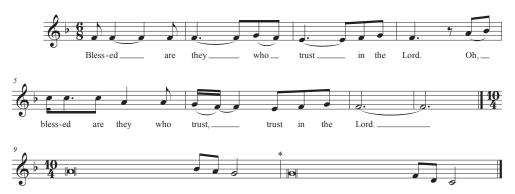
The choir will sing stanza 4 alone.



- 5 On Christ, the true bread, let us feed; Let Him to us be drink indeed; And let us taste with joyfulness The Holy Spirit's plenteousness. Alleluia!
- All laud to God the Father be; All praise, eternal Son, to Thee; All glory to the Spirit raise In equal and unending praise. Alleluia!

Blessed are They Psalm 1(from *This Far by Faith*)

Antiphon



Antiphon: cantor/choir

Antiphon: congregation

Blessèd is the man who walks not in the counsel of the | wicked,* nor stands in the way of sinners, nor sits in the seat of | scoffers;

but his delight is in the law | of the LORD,* and on his law he meditates | day and night.

He is like a tree planted by streams of water that yields its fruit in its season, and its leaf does not | wither.* In all that he does, he | prospers.

Antiphon: congregation

The wicked | are not so,* but are like chaff that the wind | drives away.

Therefore the wicked will not stand in the | judgment,* nor sinners in the congregation of the | righteous;

for the LORD knows the way of the | righteous,* but the way of the wicked will | perish.

Antiphon: congregation

Speak, O Lord (In One and All, Rejoice)



The Lord Is My Light (LSB 723)

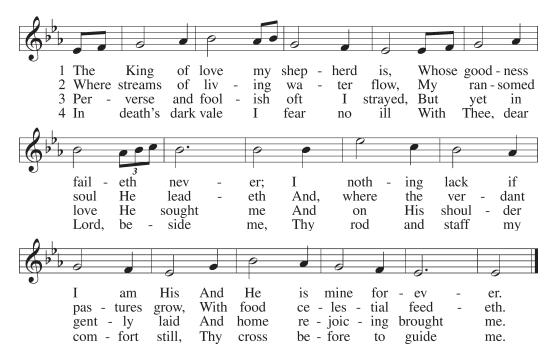
The refrain will be sung in Spanish, the verses in English.





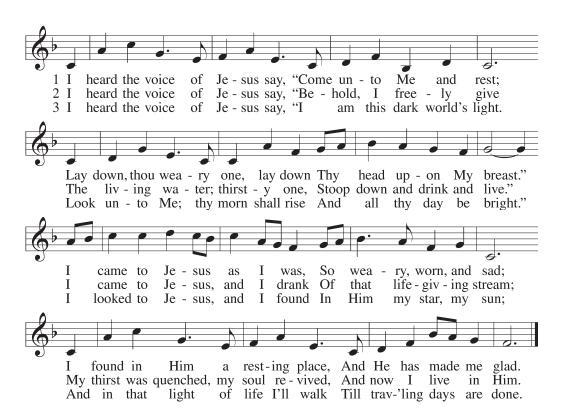
The King of Love My Shepherd Is (LSB 709)

The choir will sing the first four stanzas. The congregation is invited to join on stanzas 5 and 6.



- 5 Thou spreadst a table in my sight; Thine unction grace bestoweth; And, oh, what transport of delight From Thy pure chalice floweth!
- 6 And so through all the length of days Thy goodness faileth never; Good Shepherd, may I sing Thy praise Within Thy house forever!

I Heard the Voice of Jesus Say (LSB 699)



Sing with All the Saints in Glory (LSB 671)

The choir will sing stanza 2 alone.



Thine the Amen, Thine the Praise (LSB 680)

Setting by Carl Schalk

The choir will sing stanza 3 alone.



CHORAL BLESSING

Lord God, You Have Called Your Servants

Setting by Carl Schalk

Lord God, You have called Your servants to ventures of which we cannot see the ending, by paths as yet untrodden, through perils unknown. Give us faith to go out with good courage, not knowing where we go but only that Your hand is leading us and Your love supporting us; through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

Thy Strong Word (LSB 578)

Setting by Carl Schalk

The choir will sing stanzas 2 and 4 alone.



- 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!

We give thanks to many guest musicians joining us as part of the ensemble choir!
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