



**CONCORDIA SEMINARY, ST. LOUIS**

**OPENING SERVICE**

**183<sup>RD</sup> ACADEMIC YEAR**

**The Installation of Dr. Thomas J. Egger as President**

**The Installations of Dr. Joel Elowsky, Dr. Kevin Golden,  
Dr. Erik Herrmann, Dr. David Lewis, Deaconess Rebekah Lukas,  
Dr. Glenn Nielsen, Dr. Ely Prieto and Dr. Jon Vieker**

**The Assignment of Vicarages and Internships**

The Thirteenth Week after Pentecost  
10 a.m. Friday, August 27, 2021  
The Chapel of St. Timothy and St. Titus





YOUR  
word  
IS A  
Lamp  
TO  
MY feet

PSALM 119:105





*In Nomine Jesu*

## MORNING PRAYER

## PRE-SERVICE MUSIC

## PROCESSIONAL HYMN

*Stand and face the processional cross, turning as it passes you.*

### *Come, Holy Ghost, Creator Blest* (LSB 498)



1 Come, Ho - ly Ghost, Cre - a - tor blest, And make  
2 To You, the Coun - sel - or, we cry, To You,  
3 In You, with grac - es sev - en - fold, We God's  
4 Your light to ev - 'ry thought im - part, And shed  
5 Drive far a - way our wi - ly foe, And Your



our hearts Your place of rest; Come with Your grace and  
the gift of God Most High; The fount of life, the  
al - might - y hand be - hold; While You with tongues of  
Your love in ev - 'ry heart; The weak - ness of our  
a - bid - ing peace be - stow; With You as our pro -

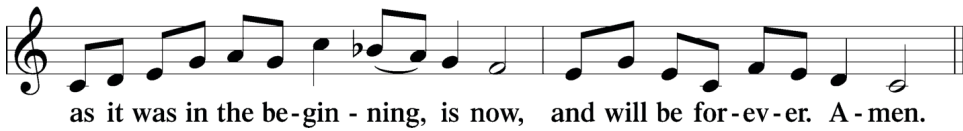
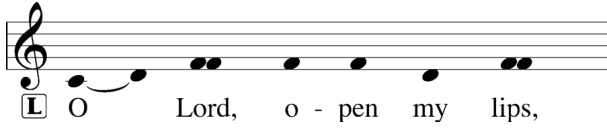


heav'n - ly aid, And fill the hearts which You have made.  
fire of love, The soul's a - noint - ing from a - bove.  
fire pro - claim To all the world His ho - ly name.  
mor - tal state With death - less might in - vig - or - ate.  
tect - ing guide, No e - vil can with us a - bide.

6 Teach us to know the Father, Son,  
And You, from both, as Three in One  
That we Your name may ever bless  
And in our lives the truth confess.

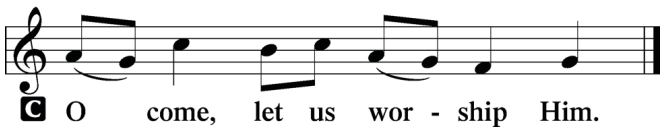
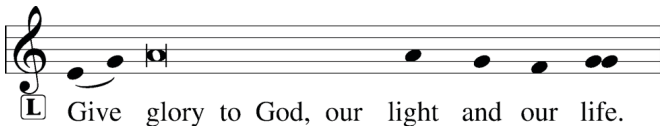
7 Praise we the Father and the Son  
And Holy Spirit, with them One,  
And may the Son on us bestow  
The gifts that from the Spirit flow!

## VERSICLES



## PSALMODY

### *Common Antiphon*



## VENITE

**C** O come, let us sing to the Lord;  
let us make a joy-ful noise to the rock of our sal-va-tion.

**I** Let us come in - to His pres - ence with thanks - giv - ing;  
let us make a joy - ful noise to Him with songs of praise.

**II** For the Lord is a great God and a great king a-bove all gods.

**I** In His hand are the depths of the earth;  
the heights of the moun - tains are His al - so.

**II** The sea is His, for He made it;  
and His hand formed the dry land.

**I** O come, let us wor - ship and bow down;  
let us kneel be - fore the Lord, our mak - er.

**II** For He is our God, and we are the peo - ple  
of His pas - ture and the sheep of His hand.

*Common Antiphon*



**PSALM 1**

*Sung in unison.*



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.  
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.

Glory be to the Father and | to the Son\*  
and to the Holy | Spirit;  
as it was in the be- | ginning,\*  
is now, and will be forever. | Amen.



## OFFICE HYMN

### *God's Word Is Our Great Heritage* (LSB 582)



God's Word is our great her - i - tage And shall be ours for -  
ev - er; To spread its light from age to age Shall be our  
chief en - deav - or. Through life it guides our way, In death it  
is our stay. Lord, grant, while worlds en - dure, We keep its  
teach - ings pure Through - out all gen - er - a - tions.

*Sit*

## FIRST READING

Isaiah 55:10–13

L: O Lord, have mercy on us.  
C: Thanks be to God.

## SECOND READING

Romans 10:5–7

L: O Lord, have mercy on us.  
C: Thanks be to God.

## HYMN

### *When I Behold Jesus Christ* (LSB 542)



1 When I be - hold Je - sus Christ, True God who died for me,  
2 For me You gave all Your love, For me You suf-fered pain;  
3 You had no sin, ho - ly Lord, But You were tor-tured, tried;  
4 What love is this? Great - er love No one has ev - er known.




I won-der much at His love As He hung on the tree.  
I find no words, noth - ing can Your self - less - ness ex - plain.  
On Gol - go - tha there for all My sins You bled and died.  
My life with God— this I owe To You, and You a - lone.


*Refrain*




What kind of love is this? What kind of love is this?



You showed Your love, Je - sus, there To me on Cal - va - ry.



What kind of love is this? What kind of love is this?



You showed Your love, Je - sus, there To me on Cal - va - ry.

## THIRD READING

Mark 4:1–9

L: O Lord, have mercy on us.

C: Thanks be to God.

L: In many and various ways, God spoke to His people of old by the prophets.

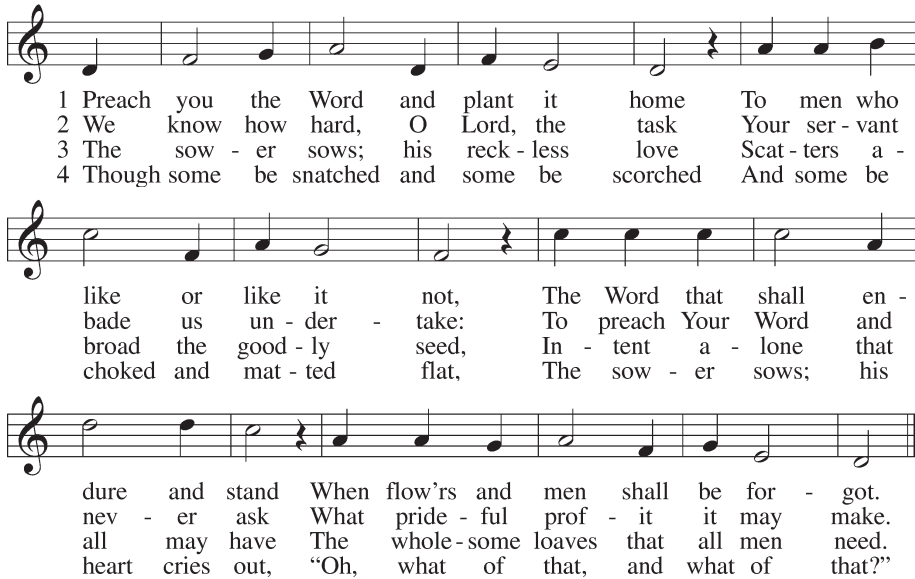
C: But now in these last days, He has spoken to us by His Son.

## SERMON

*Stand*

## HYMN OF RESPONSE

*Preach You the Word* (LSB 586)



1 Preach you the Word and plant it home To men who  
2 We know how hard, O Lord, the task Your ser - vant  
3 The sow - er sows; his reck - less love Scat - ters a -  
4 Though some be snatched and some be scorched And some be  
like or like it not, The Word that shall en -  
bade us un - der - take: To preach Your Word and  
broad the good - ly seed, In - tent a - lone that  
choked and mat - ted flat, The sow - er sows; his  
dure and stand When flow'rs and men shall be for - got.  
nev - er ask What pride - ful prof - it it may make.  
all may have The whole - some loaves that all men need.  
heart cries out, "Oh, what of that, and what of that?"

5 Of all his scattered plenteousness  
One-fourth waves ripe on hill and flat,  
And bears a harvest hundredfold:  
"Ah, what of that, Lord, what of that!"

6 Preach you the Word and plant it home  
And never faint; the Harvest Lord  
Who gave the sower seed to sow  
Will watch and tend His planted Word.

*Sit*

**RITE OF INSTALLATION**

**RECOGNITION OF NEW STAFF MEMBERS**

**ASSIGNMENT OF VICARAGES AND INTERNSHIPS**

**RECOGNITION OF REGENT AND PRESIDENTIAL AWARD RECIPIENTS**

**WELCOME AND BLESSING OF NEW STUDENTS**

*Stand*

## PRAYERS

### **Collect for the Thirteenth Sunday after Pentecost**

- L: Let us pray. Almighty and merciful God, defend Your church from all false teaching and error that Your faithful people may confess You to be the only true God and rejoice in Your good gifts of life and salvation; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
- C: **Amen.**

### **Collect for the church**

- L: Almighty God, grant to Your church Your Holy Spirit and the wisdom that comes down from above, that Your Word may not be bound but have free course and be preached to the joy and edifying of Christ's holy people, that in steadfast faith we may serve You and, in the confession of Your name, abide unto the end; through Jesus Christ, our Lord.
- C: **Amen.**

### **Collect for our seminaries**

- L: O God, You govern and sanctify Your church through those whom You call into the sacred ministry of Your Word and sacraments. Support with the help of Your Holy Spirit, 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, firm in the faith once for all delivered to Your holy people, zealous for the expansion of Your kingdom, devout in their own worship of You, examples to the believers in speech and conduct, in love, in faith and in purity, and 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, Jesus Christ, our Lord.
- C: **Amen.**

### **Collect for grace**

- L: O Lord, our heavenly Father, almighty and everlasting God, You have safely brought us to the beginning of this day. Defend us in the same with Your mighty power and grant that this day we fall into no sin, neither run into any kind of danger, but that all our doings, being ordered by Your governance, may be righteous in Your sight; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
- C: **Amen.**

### **Lord's Prayer**

- L: Taught by our Lord and trusting His promises, we are bold to pray:
- C: **Our Father who art in heaven,  
hallowed be Thy name,  
Thy kingdom come,  
Thy will be done on earth  
as it is in heaven;  
give us this day our daily bread;  
and forgive us our trespasses  
as we forgive those  
who trespass against us;  
and lead us not into temptation,  
but deliver us from evil.  
For Thine is the kingdom  
and the power and the glory  
forever and ever. Amen.**



## OPENING OF THE 183<sup>RD</sup> ACADEMIC YEAR

### BENEDICAMUS AND BENEDICTION

**L:** Let us bless the Lord.

**C:** Thanks be to God.

**L:** The almighty and merciful Lord, the Father, the ✠ Son, and the Holy Spirit, bless and preserve you.

**C:** Amen

## RECESSIONAL HYMN

*May God Bestow on Us His Grace* (LSB 824)



1 May God be - stow on us His grace, With bless - ings rich pro -  
 2 Thine o - ver all shall be the praise And thanks of ev - 'ry  
 3 O let the peo - ple praise Thy worth, In all good works in -

vide us; And may the bright - ness of His face  
 na - tion; And all the world with joy shall raise  
 creas - ing; The land shall plen - teous fruit bring forth,

To life e - ter - nal guide us, That we His sav - ing  
 The voice of ex - ul - ta - tion. For Thou shalt judge the  
 Thy Word is rich in bless - ing. May God the Fa - ther,

health may know, His gra - cious will and plea - sure,  
 earth, O Lord, Nor suf - fer sin to flour - ish;  
 God the Son, And God the Spir - it bless us!

And al - so to the na - tions show Christ's rich - es with - out  
 Thy peo - ple's pas - ture is Thy Word Their souls to feed and  
 Let all the world praise Him a - lone, Let sol - emn awe pos -

mea - sure And un - to God con - vert them.  
 nour - ish, In righ - teous paths to keep them.  
 sess us. Now let our hearts say, "A - men!"

## POST-SERVICE MUSIC

*Soli Deo Gloria*

## THE SERVANTS OF THE WORD

Liturgist:

**Rev. Randy Asburry**

*Interim Dean of Chapel*

*Pastor, Hope Lutheran Church*

*St. Louis, Missouri*

Preacher:

**Dr. Matthew C. Harrison**

*President*

*The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod*

Presenter of Vicarages and Internships:

**Dr. Glenn Nielsen**

*Director of Vicarage and Deaconess*

*Internships*

*Director of Certification*

*Director of Placement*

*Professor of Practical Theology*

*Concordia Seminary*

Installers:

**Dr. R. Lee Hagan**

*President*

*LCMS Missouri District*

**Dr. Thomas J. Egger**

*President*

*Professor of Exegetical Theology*

*Concordia Seminary*

Lectors:

**Dr. Lawrence R. Rast Jr.**

*President*

*Professor of Historical Theology*

*Concordia Theological Seminary*

*Fort Wayne, Indiana*

**Dr. Douglas L. Rutt**

*Provost*

*Professor of Practical Theology*

*Concordia Seminary*

Organist:

**Dr. James Marriott**

*Director of Music Arts*

*Kreft Chair for Music Arts*

*Concordia Seminary*

*Please join us for an all campus luncheon on the Main Quadrangle  
immediately following the service.*

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## INSTALLATION OF DR. THOMAS J. EGGER

Dr. Thomas J. Egger is president of Concordia Seminary, St. Louis. He also is the Gustav and Sophie Butterbach Professor of Exegetical Theology.

Before being named the 11th president of Concordia Seminary in 2021, Egger was installed in the Butterbach chair and was appointed as chairman of the Department of Exegetical Theology. He also has served as associate professor of Exegetical Theology and as academic adviser for first-year students. He has been a faculty member since 2005.

Previously, Egger served as pastor at Zion Lutheran Church in Storm Lake, Iowa, from 2000-05. Also, he served as a guest instructor at Concordia Lutheran Seminary in Edmonton, Alberta, Canada, in 1999.

Egger earned his Doctor of Philosophy (Ph.D.) and Master of Divinity (M.Div.) (2019, 1997) from Concordia Seminary. He received a Bachelor of Arts (B.A.) in English and German from Central College in Pella, Iowa (1993).

His areas of interest and expertise include biblical Hebrew, the books of Genesis and Exodus, Old Testament theology, Old Testament Christ-typology, divine justice, narrative and rhetorical analysis, the nature and authority of Scripture, and “objectionable” texts in the Bible (those often raising criticisms of divine violence and accusations of divine immorality).

He also has made contributions in the area of American Lutheran history, especially the history of The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod (LCMS) and its first president, Dr. C.F.W. Walther. Another area of special interest is the theology of Luther’s catechisms and the intersection of the catechism and the Bible in Lutheran teaching and piety.

He has written articles for a number of publications, including *Concordia Journal*, *Modern Reformation*, *Journal of the Evangelical Theological Society*, *Concordia Pulpit Resources* and *The Lutheran Witness*, and pieces for the LCMS Commission on Theology and Church Relations (CTCR).

Egger currently serves on the Concordia Historical Institute (CHI) Awards Committee. He previously served on the Board of Regents for Concordia University Chicago, River Forest, Ill. He served three terms on the CTCR and was part of the seven-member LCMS Catechism Revision Committee, which prepared the 2017 revision of the Synod’s explanation of Luther’s Small Catechism. For 10 years, he served on the Board of Directors of Providence Classical Christian Academy, a K–12 school in St. Louis.

His favorite pastimes are running, Cardinals baseball, birdwatching, hiking, golf, reading stories and poetry to his children, and singing hymns with his family. He and his wife, Victoria, live on campus and have six children: Andrew, Stacey, Abram, Bonnie, Ellen and Mary.

## INSTALLATION OF DR. JOEL ELOWSKY

Dr. Joel Elowsky is dean of Advanced Studies at Concordia Seminary, St. Louis. He also is professor of Historical Theology, coordinator of International Seminary Exchange Programs and director of the Seminary's Center for the Study of Early Christian Texts. He has been a faculty member at Concordia Seminary since 2014.

His interests and areas of expertise include early church studies, the history of exegesis, mission work and African Christianity.

He received a Master of Divinity (M.Div.) and Master of Sacred Theology (S.T.M.) from Concordia Seminary (1990, 1992). He later earned a Master of Philosophy (M.Phil.) and Doctor of Philosophy (Ph.D.) from Drew University in Madison, N.J. (2008, 2009). He received a Bachelor of Arts (B.A.) from Concordia College in Ann Arbor, Mich. (now Concordia University, Ann Arbor) (1985). Elowsky previously served as associate professor of theology at Concordia University Wisconsin, Mequon (2010–14); as adjunct professor of religion at Drew University (2000–04); and as research director at the Center for Early African Christianity at Eastern University in St. Davids, Pa. (2009–14).

Elowsky's first call was with The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod (LCMS) S.E.L.C. District as a mission developer in Galloway Township, N.J. (1992–2000). He served as operations manager/research director for Thomas Oden's 29-volume *Ancient Christian Commentary on Scripture* (InterVarsity Press) from 2000–10, which has been translated into at least seven languages. He also served several vacancy positions in New Jersey.

He has edited or authored numerous books and articles, including the following: *John 1–10: New Testament Volume IVa* in the Ancient Christian Commentary on Scripture series (InterVarsity Press, 2007); *John 11–21: New Testament Volume IVb* in the Ancient Christian Commentary on Scripture series (InterVarsity Press, 2007); *We Believe in the Holy Spirit: Vol. 4* in the Ancient Christian Doctrine series (InterVarsity Press, 2009); the three-volume *Encyclopedia of Ancient Christianity*, eds. Angelo Di Berardino, Thomas C. Oden, Joel C. Elowsky and James Hoover (InterVarsity Press, 2014); *Cyril of Alexandria: Commentary on John, Vols. I and II* in the Ancient Christian Texts series, trans. David R. Maxwell, ed. Joel C. Elowsky (InterVarsity Press, 2013 and 2015); "Exodus in the Fathers" in *The Book of Exodus: Composition, Reception, and Interpretation, Vol. 164* in the Supplements to *Vetus Testamentum* series, eds. Thomas B. Dozeman, Craig A. Evans and Joel N. Lohr (Brill, 2014); "Alexandrian Theology and Contemporary African Christian Thought" in *A New History of African Christian Thought: From Cape to Cairo*, ed. David Tonghou Ngong (Routledge, 2016); and *Letter to Marcellinus on the Psalms: Spiritual Wisdom for Today*. New Haven, CT: ICCSPress, 2017.

Elowsky and his wife, Joy, live in Ladue, Mo., and have two sons, Christian and Luke. When not traveling or teaching, Elowsky likes to spend time sailing in northern Michigan.



## INSTALLATION OF DR. KEVIN GOLDEN

Dr. Kevin Golden is associate professor of Exegetical Theology at Concordia Seminary, St. Louis. He joined the faculty earlier this year.

Previously, he served as pastor of Village Lutheran Church, Ladue, Mo. (2009-21), and as pastor of Grace Lutheran Church, Holts Summit, Mo. (2002-09). Golden taught at Calvary Lutheran High School, Jefferson City, Mo. (2005-09). He also served as a guest instructor at Concordia Theological Seminary, Fort Wayne, Ind. (2007, 2009), and at Concordia Seminary, (2000-02; 2009-14; 2017-21) teaching Greek and Hebrew. He served as the research assistant to Dr. James W. Voelz, the Dr. Jack Dean Kingsbury Professor of New Testament Theology at Concordia Seminary (2000-02).

Golden earned his Doctor of Philosophy (Ph.D.) and his Master of Divinity (M.Div.) from Concordia Seminary (2010, 1999). In 1995, Golden received a Bachelor of Arts (B.A.) in antiquities and religious studies, graduating *summa cum laude* from the Honors College at Missouri State University, Springfield, Mo.

Golden's areas of interest and expertise include Hosea and biblical usage of the divine name, Genesis 6-9, Jonah, the Book of the Twelve (Minor Prophets) and biblical intertextuality.

He is the author of *Blessed Be His Name: Revealing the Sacred Names of God* (Concordia Publishing House, 2021), *God's Own Son Is Born A Child* (Concordia Publishing House, 2019) and *LifeLight: Minor Prophets* (Concordia Publishing House, 2009). He contributed to the *festschrift*, *The Mercy of God in the Cross of Christ: Essays on Mercy in Honor of Glenn Merritt* (LCMS, 2016). He is a frequent contributor to the *Concordia Theological Quarterly* and *Concordia Pulpit Resources*.

Golden has been affiliated with the Society of Biblical Literature since 2003. He is the second vice-president of The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod (LCMS) Missouri District (2012-15; 2018-present), and has served on the district's finance committee and as an advisory member of the district's board of directors and for the board for family life and youth ministry. He has served in a variety of roles for Humanitri, St. Louis, including serving on the board of directors (2013-20); as chairman of the advancement committee (2016-17); as chairman of the jail chaplaincy committee (2017-19); and as secretary of the board (2018–20). He also has served on a number of other organizational boards and in pastoral roles such as chaplain and adviser.

Golden and his wife, Joy, live in Olivette, Mo. They have four daughters: Claire, Daphne, Juliet and Fiona; and three sons: Paul, James and Titus.

## INSTALLATION OF DR. ERIK HERRMANN

Dr. Erik Herrmann is dean of Theological Research and Publication at Concordia Seminary, St. Louis. He also is professor of Historical Theology and director of the Seminary's Center for Reformation Research.

Herrmann joined the faculty of Concordia Seminary in 2005 after serving as an assistant pastor at Timothy Lutheran Church in St. Louis. He received his Doctor of Philosophy (Ph.D.) and Master of Divinity (M.Div.) from Concordia Seminary (2005, 2000). He earned his Bachelor of Arts (B.A.) from Concordia University Wisconsin, Mequon (1995).

His areas of interest and expertise include the history of biblical interpretation, with a particular focus on Martin Luther and the Reformation period; history of Medieval and Reformation/early modern Europe; 20th century interpretations of Martin Luther and his theology; and the history of American Lutheranism.

He has served as a guest lecturer at *Seminário Concórdia*, São Leopoldo, Brazil; Mekane Yesus Seminary, Addis Ababa, Ethiopia; the Luther Academy in Riga, Latvia; the *Församlingsfakulteten* in Göteborg, Sweden; and the Comenius University of Bratislava, Slovakia. He was a post-doctoral *Stipendiat* at the *Institut für Europäische Geschichte* in Mainz, Germany, in the summer of 2006.

His writing works include "The Babylonian Captivity of the Church" in *The Annotated Luther: Church and Sacraments*, vol. 3 (Fortress Press); "Preface to the Wittenberg Edition of Luther's German Writings, 1539" in *The Annotated Luther: Pastoral Writings*, volume 4 (Fortress Press, 2016); "Living in the Promises and Places of God: A Theology of the World" with Dr. Charles Arand in the spring 2015 issue of *Concordia Journal*; and "Luther's Absorption of Medieval Biblical Interpretation and His Use of the Church Fathers" in *The Oxford Handbook to the Theology of Martin Luther* (Oxford University Press, 2014). He also edited the "Preface to Andreas Bodenstein von Karlstadt, Defense against the False Charge of Rebellion (1525)" and "Preface to Andreas Bodenstein von Karlstadt, Explanation of How Karlstadt Understands His Teaching concerning the Lord's Supper and Other Teachings, and How He Wants Them to Be Understood, (1525)," both of which were published in *Luther's Works*, volume 59 (Concordia Publishing House, 2012).

Herrmann and his wife, Aliesha, live in Eureka, Mo., and have five children: Augustine, Constansa, Mathias, Tobias and Elspeth.

## INSTALLATION OF DR. DAVID LEWIS

Dr. David Lewis is director of the Master of Divinity and Residential Alternate Route Programs at Concordia Seminary, St. Louis. He also is associate professor of Exegetical Theology and adviser to the Student Association.

Lewis has been a faculty member since 2004.

His areas of interest and expertise include biblical Greek, hermeneutics, the Synoptic Gospels (in particular the Gospel of Mark) and narrative criticism.

He received a Doctor of Philosophy (Ph.D.), Master of Sacred Theology (S.T.M.) and Master of Divinity (M.Div.) from Concordia Seminary (2020, 1998, 1994). He received a Bachelor of Arts (B.A.) from California State University in Fullerton, Calif. (1988).

Previously, he was pastor of Grace Lutheran Church in Crescent City, Calif. (1998-2004) and served as a guest instructor at Concordia Seminary (1995-98, 2003).

His writing works include “Cinema and the American Mind” in *The American Mind Meets the Mind of Christ* (Concordia Seminary Press, 2010).

Lewis has a passion for movies and often hosts “Christ and Film” nights on campus for students. His long-standing dream of having a film festival on campus came true when the Seminary held its first Faith and Film Festival in 2019.

He and his wife, Karen, live on campus and have three children: John, Marissa and Courtney. He enjoys cinema and film analysis, wine, grilling and spending time with his family.

## INSTALLATION OF DR. GLENN NIELSEN

Dr. Glenn Nielsen is director of certification at Concordia Seminary, St. Louis. He also is director of Placement, director of Vicarage and Deaconess Internships, and professor of Practical Theology.

Nielsen has been a faculty member since 1990.

His areas of interest and expertise include communication, rhetoric and homiletics. Particularly, Nielsen has studied the use of creative means within a sermon.

Nielsen received his Master of Divinity (M.Div.), and Master of Sacred Theology (S.T.M.) from Concordia Seminary (1981, 1987). He also holds a Bachelor of Arts (B.A.) from Valparaiso University in Valparaiso, Ind. (1977), and a Master of Arts (M.A.) and a Doctor of Philosophy (Ph.D.) from Northwestern University in Chicago, Ill. (1989, 1993).

Nielsen published the *LifeLight™ Foundations Bible Study: Miracles* and study notes for Psalms 90-105 in the *Lutheran Study Bible* for Concordia Publishing House. He published *A Living, Daring Confidence: A Worship Series on Romans*, a worship and preaching CD, through Creative Communications for the Parish. He contributed the chapter “Evaluating and Extending the Research Implications” in *The Pastor’s Brain Manual: A Fascinating Work in Progress* (Lutheran University Press, 2015). He also has submitted numerous sermon studies for *Concordia Pulpit Resources* and has prepared the module on sermon application for The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod’s (LCMS) *Preach the Word* series. He contributed several long-form articles to Concordia Theology on medicine, habitus, preaching and the Comfort Dog ministry. He also contributed a chapter to *Let the Gospel Lead: Essays and Sermons in Honor of Dale A. Meyer*, performing an anatomy of one of Meyer’s sermons (Concordia Publishing House, 2020).

Nielsen and his wife, Sue, are handlers for Noah, a Lutheran Church Charities’ K-9 Comfort Dog who is part of a compassion ministry of Timothy Lutheran Church in St. Louis, Mo. Noah Comfort Dog travels to churches, schools, nursing homes, hospitals and events in the St. Louis area. He also can be deployed in disaster response situations.

The Niensens live in Des Peres, Mo., and have four children: Holly, Matthew (who is in eternal rest with our Lord), Timothy and Beth. Nielsen enjoys spending time with his family, including his four grandchildren, caring for his yard and garden, doing crossword puzzles and taking Noah for daily walks.

## INSTALLATION OF DR. ELY PRIETO

Dr. Ely Prieto is associate professor of Practical Theology, Lutheran Foundation Professor of Urban and Cross-Cultural Ministry, and associate dean for Urban and Cross-Cultural Ministry at Concordia Seminary, St. Louis. He joined the faculty earlier this year.

He received his Doctor of Ministry (D.Min.) from Concordia Seminary (2009) and a Master of Sacred Theology (S.T. M.) from Concordia Theological Seminary, Fort Wayne, Ind. (1993). He holds a Bachelor of Theology (B.Theol.) from Lutheran University of Brazil, Canoas, Rio Grande do Sul, Brazil (2016); and a Bachelor of Theology (B.D.) from *Seminário Concórdia*, Porto Alegre, Rio Grande do Sul, Brazil (1983).

In addition to his earned degrees, Prieto received special training in ministry to people who are deaf at Concordia Seminary (1984).

Before coming to Concordia Seminary, Prieto served as the executive director/urban mission developer at Lutheran Intercity Network Coalition – San Antonio, Texas (LINC-SA) (2011-21); and as a vacancy pastor at Christ Our Savior Lutheran Church, San Antonio (2009-21). Previously, he served as assistant pastor and director of world missions at Concordia Lutheran Church, San Antonio (2001-11); senior pastor at *Congregação São Paulo*, Arroio do Meio, RS, Brazil (1993-96); and assistant pastor at *Congregação São Paulo*, Porto Alegre, RS, Brazil (1984-91) as well as school chaplain and missionary-at-large for the deaf (1984-91).

Prieto served as professor of practical theology while at *Seminário Concórdia*, São Leopoldo, RS, Brazil (1996-2000), teaching in the areas of homiletics, pastoral theology, church planning and administration. In that position he ministered to people with special needs, and served in mission and evangelism, theology and stewardship as well as vicarage preparation. While at *Seminário Concórdia*, he was the director of field education, the director of vicarage and the supervisor for the Seminary Mission Laboratory. Prieto also was professor of Theology at ULBRA (Lutheran University of Brazil) Canoas, RS (July 1996-2000), where he taught rhetoric and speech, evangelism and stewardship, world religions and Christian ethics. From 2012-15, Prieto lectured about Lutheran worship at the Baptist University of Americas and Logsdon Seminary in San Antonio. He has served as a pastor in residence throughout Brazil and Argentina, ministering to people with special needs, including those who are deaf. Prieto is fluent in Portuguese, English and Brazilian sign language (LIBRAS).

Prieto was one of the editors of *O Povo de Deus (A Festschrift in Honor of Rev. Dr. Acir Raymann)*, *Editorial Concórdia*, (2014). He has contributed chapters for a variety of published books, articles, book reviews, homiletical and sermonic studies and sermons.

Prieto and his wife, Miriam, live on campus and have two children, Filipe and Natalia. He enjoys listening to music, playing guitar, reading, watching movies with his family and cooking for family and friends.



## INSTALLATION OF DR. JON VIEKER

Dr. Jon Vieker is associate professor of Practical Theology and dean of chapel at Concordia Seminary, St. Louis. He joined the faculty earlier this month.

His areas of academic interest include the study of hymns, hymn writers, and hymnals of The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod (LCMS), especially as viewed through the history of American Lutheranism and the wider American ecclesial context.

Vieker earned a Doctor of Philosophy (Ph.D.), Master of Sacred Theology (S.T.M.) and Master of Divinity (M.Div.) from Concordia Seminary (2004, 1990, 1987). He received a Bachelor of Arts (B.A.) in music from California Lutheran University, Thousand Oaks, Calif. (1983).

Before joining the Seminary faculty, Vieker served as senior assistant to LCMS President Dr. Matthew C. Harrison from 2010 to 2021. From 1998 to 2010, he served as assistant director for the LCMS Commission on Worship, and was involved with all aspects of research, development, editing and production of *Lutheran Service Book* and its core companion volumes. Before serving on the LCMS Commission on Worship, Vieker was a parish pastor for nine years at St. Mark's Lutheran Church, West Bloomfield, Mich. He also has served as organist and choir director in a variety of settings.

Vieker has served as editor for a number of projects. Most recently, he co-edited the two-volume *Lutheran Service Book: Companion to the Hymns* (Concordia Publishing House, 2019) and was lead editor in a translation of Friedrich Lochner's *The Chief Service of the Evangelical-Lutheran Church* (Concordia Publishing House, 2020). He served as lead editor for *festschrift* volumes in honor of Norman Nagel (1990, 2015) and Ronald Feuerhahn (2002). He has written several scholarly articles on Lutheran hymnody and liturgy in *Concordia Historical Institute Quarterly*, *Logia*, *CrossAccent*, *The Canterbury Dictionary of Hymnology*, *Concordia Theological Quarterly* and *Concordia Journal*. He is also a composer, with choral settings and organ preludes published by Concordia Publishing House and Liturgy Solutions.

Vieker is a member of the Association of Lutheran Church Musicians, Concordia Historical Institute, The Hymn Society in the United States and Canada, The Hymn Society of Great Britain and Ireland, and the *Internationale Arbeitsgemeinschaft für Hymnologie*.

Vieker and his wife, Kim, live on campus and are members of St. Paul's Lutheran Church in Des Peres, Mo., where they serve in the parish choral ensembles. They have two married children, Jonathan (Sarah) and Rebecca (Christopher), and two grandchildren.

## INSTALLATION OF DEACONESS REBEKAH LUKAS

Deaconess Rebekah Lukas is a communications specialist at Concordia Seminary, St. Louis.

Originally from northern Wisconsin, Lukas graduated from Concordia University Wisconsin, Mequon (2014), where she earned a Bachelor of Arts (B.A.) in theology and lay ministry. She served in her first call as a certified lay minister at St. John's Lutheran Church, West Bend, Wis., directing high school, college-age, young adult and women's ministries (2014-17). It was during this time she met her husband, Hayden. She served as a social media manager and communications intern at Camp Luther in Three Lakes, Wis. (2017-19), which continued while she began her studies at Concordia Seminary in 2017.

Lukas is a graduate of Concordia Seminary (2020), where she completed the Master of Arts (M.A.) with Deaconess Certification program, culminating in an internship at St. Luke's Lutheran Church and the Lutheran Haven in Oviedo, Fla. She came to the Seminary's Communications team in 2017 as a student worker, then as a temporary worker in 2020 and finally joined the team full-time in 2021.

Lukas is a member of the Concordia Deaconess Conference (CDC), the Lutheran Lay Ministry Association (LLMA) and is a commissioned and rostered worker of The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod (LCMS).

Lukas and her husband, Hayden (M.Div. '21), live in Clayton, Mo., and have one son, Oswald. They are members at Timothy Lutheran Church in St. Louis.

## RECOGNITION OF NEW STAFF MEMBERS

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**Dr. Thomas J. Egger** is President and Professor of Exegetical Theology

**Dr. Joel Elowsky** is Dean of Advanced Studies

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**Dr. David Lewis** is Associate Professor of Exegetical Theology and  
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**Dr. Glenn Nielsen** is Director of Certification

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**Dr. Bruce Schuchard** is Chairman of the Department of Exegetical Theology

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