

OFFICE OF VESPERS  
WITH ASSIGNMENT OF VICARAGES  
AND INTERNSHIPS



The Fourth Week of Easter  
April 29, 2015  
3 p.m.

**CONCORDIA SEMINARY**  
ST. LOUIS, MISSOURI

## THE PRE-SERVICE MUSIC

*Litanies*

Jehan Alain

*As the hymn is introduced, please stand and face the processional cross, turning as it passes you.*

## THE PROCESSIONAL HYMN

*Lord, Enthroned in Heavenly Splendor (LSB 534)*



1 Lord, en - throned in heav'n - ly splen - dor, First - be - got - ten  
2 Though the low - liest form now veil You As of old in  
3 Pas - chal Lamb, Your of - f'ring, fin - ished Once for all when  
4 Life - im - part - ing heav'n - ly man - na, Strick - en rock with

from the dead, You a - lone, our strong de - fend - er,  
Beth - le - hem, Here as there Your an - gels hail You,  
You were slain, In its full - ness un - di - min - ished  
stream - ing side, Heav'n and earth with loud ho - san - na

Lift - ing up Your peo - ple's head. Al - le - lu - ia,  
Branch and flow'r of Jes - se's stem. Al - le - lu - ia,  
Shall for - ev - er - more re - main, Al - le - lu - ia,  
Wor - ship You, the Lamb who died, Al - le - lu - ia,

al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia! Je - sus, true and  
al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia! We in wor - ship  
al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia! Cleans - ing souls from  
al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia! Ris'n, as - cend - ed,

liv - ing bread! Je - sus, true and liv - ing bread!  
join with them; We in wor - ship join with them.  
ev - 'ry stain; Cleans - ing souls from ev - 'ry stain.  
glo - ri - fied! Ris'n, as - cend - ed, glo - ri - fied!

## THE VERSICLES (spoken)

L: Alleluia! Christ is risen!

C: **He is risen indeed! Alleluia!**

L: O Lord, open my lips,

C: **And my mouth will declare Your praise.**

L: Make haste, O God, to deliver me;

C: **Make haste to help me, O Lord.**

**Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit;**

**As it was in the beginning, is now and will be forever. Amen.**

**Praise to you, O Christ. Alleluia!**

## THE PSALMODY

*Oh Sing to the Lord*

Psalm 98:1-4  
David von Kampen  
(Seminary Chorus)

Oh sing to the Lord, sing a new song,  
For He has done marvelous things,  
His right hand and His holy arm have worked salvation for Him.  
The Lord has made known His salvation.  
He has revealed His righteousness in the sight of the nations.  
All the ends of the earth have seen the salvation of our God.  
Make a joyful noise to the Lord, all the earth,  
Break forth into joyous song.  
Make a joyful noise to the Lord!

## THE READING

1 John 3:16-24

L: This is the Word of the Lord.  
C: **Thanks be to God.**

## THE OFFICE HYMN

*"Gracious God, You Send Great Blessings" (LSB 782)*

1 Gra - cious God, You send great bless - ings  
2 By Your Word You formed cre - a - tion  
3 In His earth - ly life, our Sav - ior  
△ 4 Heav'n - ly Fa - ther, may our car - ing

New each morn - ing all our days. For Your mer - cies  
Filled with crea - tures large and small; As we tend that  
Knew the care of faith - ful friends; May our deeds of  
Bear the im - print of Your grace; With the Son and

nev - er end - ing, For Your love we of - fer praise.  
end - less trea - sure May our care en - cir - cle all.  
ded - i - ca - tion Of - fer love that nev - er ends.  
Ho - ly Spir - it, Praise be Yours in ev - 'ry place!

*Refrain*  
Lord, we pray that we, Your peo - ple Who Your gifts un - num - bered claim,  
Through the shar - ing of Your bless - ings May bring glo - ry to Your name.

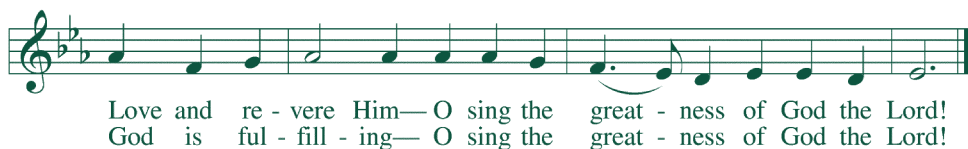
## THE SERMON

*"Jesus Christ gave himself for us to redeem us from all lawlessness and to purify for himself a people for his own possession who are zealous for good works." (Titus 2:14, ESV)*

## THE GOSPEL CANTICLE

*My Soul Rejoices (LSB 933)*

*Magnificat*



## THE ASSIGNMENT OF VICARAGES AND DEACONESS INTERNSHIPS

*Stand*

## THE PRAYERS

**L:** Lord, have mercy.

**C:** Christ, have mercy. Lord, have mercy.

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.**

L: The Lord be with you.

**C: And also with you.**

L: Let us pray... O Lord God, merciful and gracious Father, we give thanks for these students who have been assigned vicarages and deaconess internships. By Your Holy Spirit grant them grace in their assignments and readiness, steadfastness, patience, understanding, a cheerful spirit, and great zeal in their service. Support and strengthen them that by Your Word Your Church may be built and increased; through Your Son, our great High Priest, Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C: Amen.**

*Vicars and Interns: Merciful God, we humbly implore You to cast the bright beams of Your light upon Your Church that we, being instructed by the doctrine of the blessed apostles, may walk in the light of Your truth and at length attain to the light of everlasting life; through Jesus Christ, our Lord.*

**C: Amen.**

L: Direct us, O Lord, in all our doings with Your most gracious favor, and further us with Your continual help that in all our works begun, continued, and ended in You we may glorify Your holy name and finally by Your mercy obtain eternal salvation, through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

**C: Amen.**

## THE BENEDICAMUS AND BLESSING

L: Let us bless the Lord.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

L: The almighty Father, who raised our Lord Jesus from death,  
Jesus Christ, the risen Word of life,  
and the Holy Spirit who refreshes the Church through the gift of baptism,  
bless you and renew you in His life.

**C: Amen.**

L: Alleluia! Christ is risen!

**C: He is risen indeed! Alleluia!**

## THE RECESSIONAL HYMN

*"Christ the Eternal Lord" (LSB 829)*



- 1 Christ the e - ter - nal Lord, Whose prom - ise here we claim,  
2 Christ the un - chang - ing Word To ev - 'ry pass - ing age,  
3 Christ the re - deem - ing Son, Who shares our hu - man birth,  
4 Christ the un - fad - ing Light Of ev - er - last - ing day,



Whose gifts of grace are free-ly poured On all who name Your name;  
Whose time-less teach-ings still are heard Set forth on Scrip-ture's page;  
And by His death sal - va - tion won For ev - 'ry child of earth;  
Our Morn-ing Star in splen-dor bright, The Life, the Truth, the Way;



With thank - ful - ness and praise We stand be - fore Your throne,  
Trans - form our thought and mind, En - light - en all who read,  
In - spire our hearts, we pray, To tell Your love a - broad,  
That light of truth You give To ser - vants as to friends,



In - tent to serve You all our days And make Your glo - ry known.  
With - in Your Word by faith to find The bread of life in - deed.  
That all may hon - or Christ to - day And fol - low Him as Lord.  
Your way to walk, Your life to live, Till earth's brief jour-ney ends.

5. Christ the ascended King  
Exalted high above,  
Whose praise unending ages sing,  
Whom yet unseen we love;  
When mortal life is past  
Your voice from heaven's throne  
Shall call Your children home at last  
To know as we are known.

## THE POSTLUDE

*Recessional*

William Matthias

*Soli Deo Gloria*

## THE SERVANTS OF THE WORD

### Preacher

Ray G. Mirly  
*President, Missouri District*  
*The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod*

### Organist

David Johnson  
*Associate Professor of Practical Theology*  
*Director of Music Arts*

### Liturgists

Dale A. Meyer  
*President*  
*Professor of Practical Theology*

Glenn A. Nielsen  
*Professor of Practical Theology*  
*Director of Vicarage and*  
*Deaconess Internships*

Todd Jones  
*Associate Professor of Practical Theology*  
*Director of Resident Field Education*

### Choirs

Concordia Seminary Chorus  
David Johnson, *Director*  
Joy Elowsky, *Accompanist*  
Laudamus

### Instrumentalists

Adam Peitsch  
James Miller  
Melissa Miller  
Simeon Raddatz  
Christa Reiter

The Board of Regents, faculty, relatives, and friends are invited to a reception  
at 8:30 p.m. on the Chapel Plaza (Koburg Dining Hall in case of rain).

## ACKNOWLEDGMENTS

Acknowledgments: Portions of Vespers and Collects from *Lutheran Service Book* © 2006 Concordia Publishing House. Reprinted with permission. Holy Bible, English Standard Version, © 2001 by Crossway Bibles, a division of Good News Publishers. Used by permission. All rights reserved. “Lord, Enthroned in Heavenly Splendor” Text and Tune: Public Domain. Created by Lutheran Service Builder © 2006 Concordia Publishing House. “Oh Sing to the Lord” (Psalm 98:1-4) Text (Unpublished Manuscript): © 2014 David von Kampen. Used by permission. “My Soul Rejoices” Text: © 1991 Stephen P. Starke; admin. Concordia Publishing House. Used by permission: LSB Hymn License .NET, no. 100010935 and Created by Lutheran Service Builder © 2006 Concordia Publishing House. “Christ the Eternal Lord” Text: © 1999 Hope Publishing Co. Used by permission: LSB Hymn License .NET, no. 100010935 and Created by Lutheran Service Builder © 2006 Concordia Publishing House. Blessing adapted from *Sundays and Seasons*. © 2014 Augsburg Fortress. All rights reserved. Used by permission.

