



CONCORDIA SEMINARY, ST. LOUIS

OPENING SERVICE

184TH ACADEMIC YEAR

THE ELEVENTH WEEK AFTER PENTECOST
10:30 A.M. FRIDAY, AUGUST 26, 2022

THE CHAPEL OF ST. TIMOTHY AND ST. TITUS



Order of Procession

Crucifer and Torch Bearers
Faculty Marshal
New Students
Vicarage and Internship Candidates
Banner Bearer
Faculty
Lector
Director of Vicarage and Deaconess Internships
Officiant
Seminary President



MATINS

Iesu, iuva.

Pre-Service Music

Sheep May Safely Graze Partita on *Veni Creator*

J. S. Bach
Mark Bender

As the hymn is introduced, please stand and face the processional cross at the rear of the nave.

Processional Hymn

Come, Holy Ghost, Creator Blest

LSB 498

Arranged by Carl Schalk
The choir sings stanzas 2, 4 and 6



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

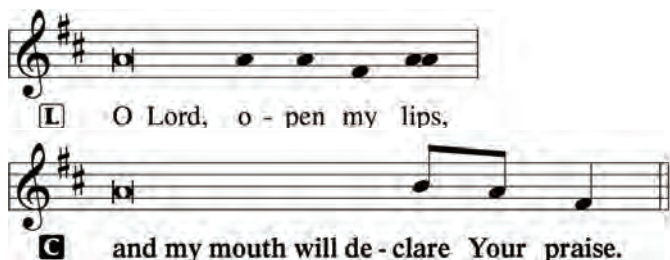
our hearts Your place of rest; Come with Your grace and
the gift of God Most High; The fount of life, the
al - might - y hand be - hold While You with tongues of
Your love in ev - 'ry heart; The weak - ness of our
a - bid - ing peace be - stow; With You as our pro -

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 - bid.

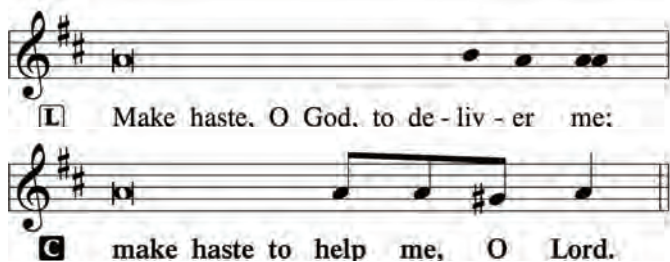
- 6 Teach us to know the Father, Son,
And You, from both, as Three in One
That we Your name may ever bless
And in our lives the truth confess.
- 7 Praise we the Father and the Son
And Holy Spirit, with them One,
And may the Son on us bestow
The gifts that from the Spirit flow!

Text: tr. Edward Caswall, 1814–78, alt.; attr. Rabanus Maurus, 776–856
Tune: *Geistliche Lieder auff's new gebessert*, 1533, Wittenberg, ed. Joseph Klug

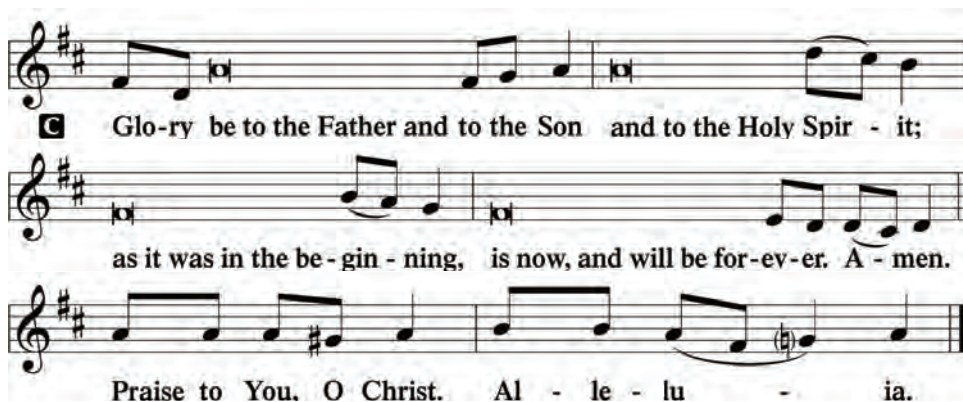
Opening Versicles



L O Lord, o - pen my lips,
C and my mouth will de - clare Your praise.



L Make haste, O God, to de - liv - er me:
C make haste to help me, O Lord.



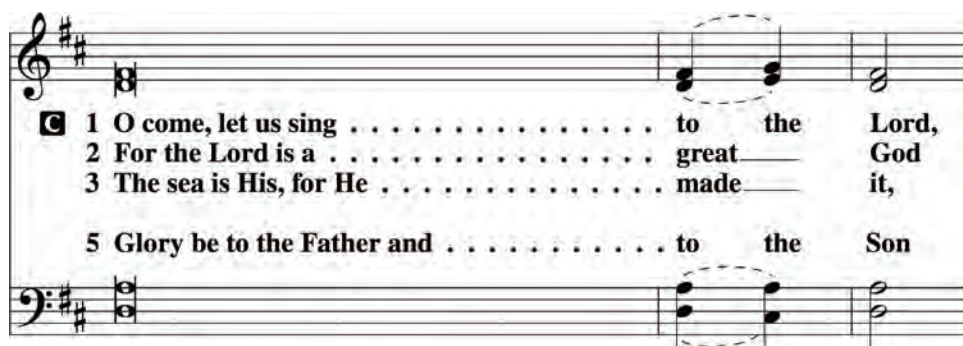
C Glo-ry be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spir - it;
as it was in the be - gin - ning, is now, and will be for-ev-er. A - men.
Praise to You, O Christ. Al - le - lu - ia.

PSALMODY

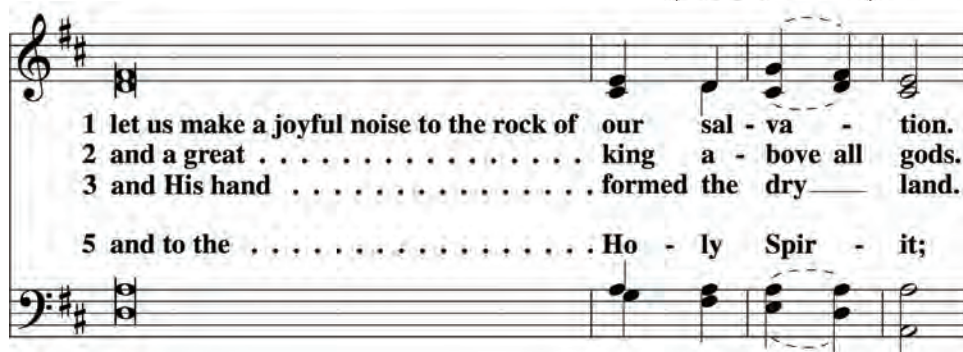
Venite



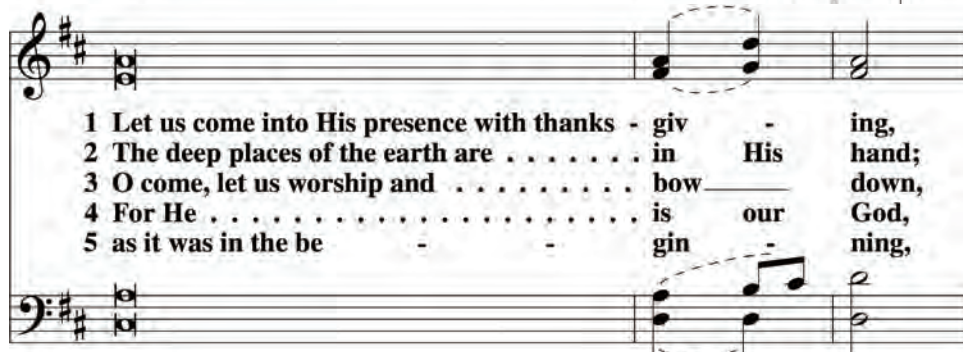
L Blessed be God, the Fa-ther, the Son, and the Ho - ly Spir - it.
C O come, let us wor - ship Him.



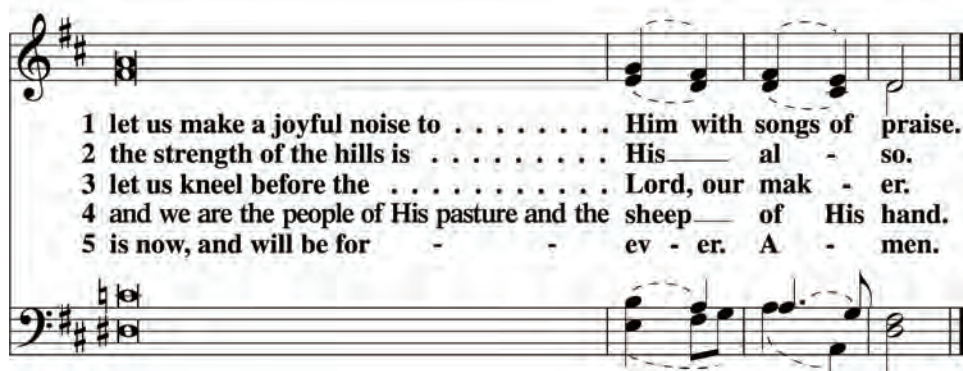
C 1 O come, let us sing to the Lord,
 2 For the Lord is a great God
 3 The sea is His, for He made it,
 5 Glory be to the Father and to the Son



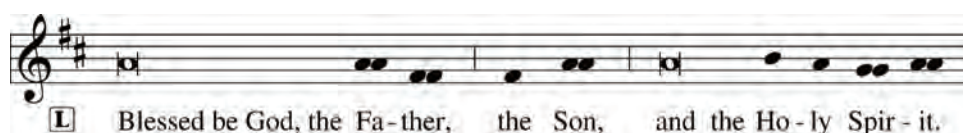
1 let us make a joyful noise to the rock of our sal - va - tion.
 2 and a great king a - bove all gods.
 3 and His hand formed the dry land.
 5 and to the Ho - ly Spir - it;



1 Let us come into His presence with thanks - giv - ing,
 2 The deep places of the earth are in His hand;
 3 O come, let us worship and bow down,
 4 For He is our God,
 5 as it was in the be - gin - ning,



1 let us make a joyful noise to Him with songs of praise.
 2 the strength of the hills is His al - so.
 3 let us kneel before the Lord, our mak - er.
 4 and we are the people of His pasture and the sheep of His hand.
 5 is now, and will be for - ev - er. A - men.



L Blessed be God, the Fa-ther, the Son, and the Ho-ly Spir-it.



C O come, let us wor-ship Him.

Psalm 100

Psalm 100:1–5; Antiphon Psalm 67:1
Music by Henry V. Gerike

- L** May God be gracious to us and bless us and make His face to shine upon us, to shine upon us.

Antiphon

C May God be gra - cious to us and bless
us and make his face to shine up - on us, to
shine up - on us.

- L** Make a joyful noise to the Lord all the earth. Serve the Lord with gladness. Come into His presence with singing. Know that the Lord, He is God. It is He who made us and we are His. We are His people, the sheep of His pasture.

C *Antiphon*

- L** Enter His gates with thanksgiving, and His courts with praise. Give thanks to Him and bless His name. For the Lord is God. His steadfast love endures forever and His faithfulness to all generations.

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.

C *Antiphon*

READINGS

First Reading

1 Thessalonians 2:1–12

L A reading from 1 Thessalonians, the second chapter.

For you yourselves know, brothers, that our coming to you was not in vain. But though we had already suffered and been shamefully treated at Philippi, as you know, we had boldness in our God to declare to you the gospel of God in the midst of much conflict. For our appeal does not spring from error or impurity or any attempt to deceive, but just as we have been approved by God to be entrusted with the gospel, so we speak, not to please man, but to please God who tests our hearts. For we never came with words of flattery, as you know, nor with a pretext for greed—God is witness. Nor did we seek glory from people, whether from you or from others, though we could have made demands as apostles of Christ. But we were gentle among you, like a nursing mother taking care of her own children. So, being affectionately desirous of you, we were ready to share with you not only the gospel of God but also our own selves, because you had become very dear to us.

For you remember, brothers, our labor and toil: we worked night and day, that we might not be a burden to any of you, while we proclaimed to you the gospel of God. You are witnesses, and God also, how holy and righteous and blameless was our conduct toward you believers. For you know how, like a father with his children, we exhorted each one of you and encouraged you and charged you to walk in a manner worthy of God, who calls you into his own kingdom and glory.

L O Lord, have mercy on us.

C Thanks be to God.





1 Lord Je - sus Christ, the Church's head, You are her one foun -
 2 O Lord, let this Your lit - tle flock, Your name a - lone con -
 3 Help us to serve You ev - er - more With hearts both pure and
 4 And for Your Gos - pel let us dare To sac - ri - fice all

da - tion; In You she trusts, be - fore You bows, And
 fess - ing, Con - tin - ue in Your lov - ing care, True
 low - ly; And may Your Word, that light di - vine, Shine
 trea - sure: Teach us to bear Your bless - ed cross. To

waits for Your sal - va - tion. Built on this rock se - cure,
 u - ni - ty pos - sess - ing. Your sac - ra - ments, O Lord,
 on in splen - dor ho - ly That we re - pen - tance show,
 find in You all plea - sure. O grant us stead - fast - ness

Your Church shall en - dure Though all the world de -
 And Your sav - ing Word To us, Lord, pure re -
 In faith ev - er grow; The pow'r of sin de -
 In joy and dis - tress, Lest we, Lord, You for -

cay And all things pass a - way.
 tain. Grant that they may re - main
 stroy And e - vils that an - noy.
 sake. Let us by grace par - take

O hear, O hear us, Je - sus!
 Our on - ly strength and com - fort.
 O make us faith - ful Chris - tians.
 Of end - less joy and glad - ness.

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Tune: Friedrich O. Reuter, 1863–1924

Second Reading

John 15:12–17

L A reading from the Gospel according to St. John, the 15th chapter.

“This is my commandment, that you love one another as I have loved you. Greater love has no one than this, that someone lay down his life for his friends. You are my friends if you do what I command you. No longer do I call you servants, for the servant does not know what his master is doing; but I have called you friends, for all that I have heard from my Father I have made known to you. You did not choose me, but I chose you and appointed you that you should go and bear fruit and that your fruit should abide, so that whatever you ask the Father in my name, he may give it to you. These things I command you, so that you will love one another.”

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.

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Sermon

CANTICLE

Stand

Te Deum

We Praise You and Acknowledge You, O God

LSB 941
Arranged by Mark Bender

1 We praise You and ac-knowl-edge You, O God, to be the Lord,
2 The band of the a-pos-tles in glo-ry sing Your praise;
3 You, Christ, are King of glo-ry, the ev-er-last-ing Son,
4 You sit in splen-did glo-ry, en-throned at God's right hand,

The Fa-ther ev-er-last-ing, by all the earth a-dored.
The fel-low-ship of proph-ets their death-less voic-es raise.
Yet You, with bound-less love, sought to res-cue ev-'ry-one:
Up-hold-ing earth and heav-en by forc-es You com-mand.

To You all an-gel pow-ers cry a-loud, the heav-ens sing,
The mar-tyrs of Your king-dom, a great and no-ble throng,
You laid a-side Your glo-ry, were born of vir-gin's womb,
We know that You will come as our Judge that fi-nal day,

The cher-u-bim and ser-a-phim their prais-es to You bring:
Sing with the ho-ly Church through-out all the world this song:
Were cru-ci-fied for us and were placed in-to a tomb;
So help Your ser-vants You have re-deemed by blood, we pray;

"O ho-ly, ho-ly, ho-ly Lord God of Sab-a-oth;
"O all-ma-jes-tic Fa-ther, Your true and on-ly Son,
Then by Your res-ur-rec-tion You won for us re-prieve—
May we with saints be num-bered where prais-es nev-er end,

Your maj-es-ty and glo-ry fill the heav-ens and the earth!"
And Ho-ly Spir-it, Com-fort-er— for-ev-er Three in One!"
You o-pened heav-en's king-dom to all who would be-lieve.
In glo-ry ev-er-last-ing. A-men, O Lord, a-men!

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Rite of Installation

Recognition of Visiting Professor

Recognition of New Staff Members

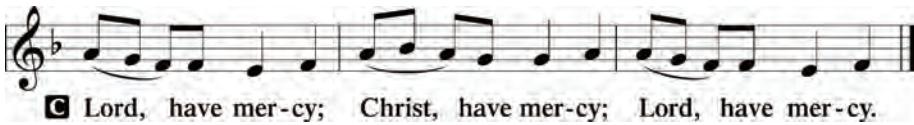
Assignment of Vicarages and Internships

Welcome and Blessing of New Students

PRAYER

Stand

Kyrie



Lord's Prayer

- 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.

Collect of the Day

- L** Let us pray.
O Lord, You have called us to enter Your kingdom through the narrow door. Guide us
by Your Word and Spirit, and lead us now and always into the feast of Your Son, Jesus
Christ, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
- C** Amen.

For Divine Guidance

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.

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.

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.

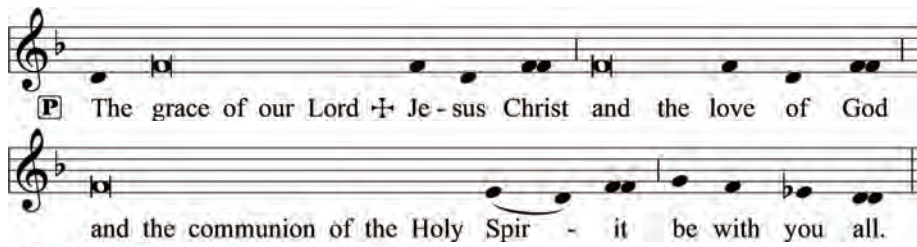
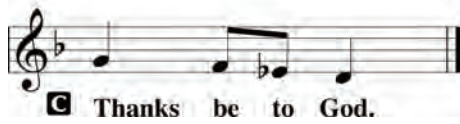
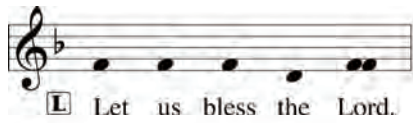
Collect for Grace

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.

Opening of the 184th Academic Year

Benedicamus and Benediction



Recessional Hymn

O Day Full of Grace

LSB 503

Arranged by Carl Schalk



1 O day full of grace that now we see Ap - pear - ing on
 2 O day full of grace, O bless - ed time, Our Lord on the
 3 For Christ bore our sins, and not His own, When He on the
 4 God came to us then at Pen - te - cost, His Spir - it new
 5 When we on that fi - nal jour - ney go That Christ is for

earth's ho - ri - zon, Bring light from our God that we may be
 earth ar - riv - ing; Then came to the world that light sub - lime,
 cross was hang - ing; And then He a - rose and moved the stone
 life re - veal - ing, That we might no more from Him be lost,
 us pre - par - ing, We'll gath - er in song, our hearts a - glow,

Re - plete in His joy this sea - son. God, shine for us
 Great joy for us all re - triev - ing; For Je - sus all
 That we, un - to Him be - long - ing, Might join with an -
 All dark - ness for us dis - pel - ling. His flame will the
 All joy of the heav - ens shar - ing, And walk in the

now in this dark place; Your name on our hearts em - bla - zon.
 mor - tals did em - brace, All dark - ness and shame re - mov - ing.
 gel - ic hosts to raise Our voic - es in end - less sing - ing,
 mark of sin ef - face And bring to us all His heal - ing,
 light of God's own place, With an - gels His name a - dor - ing.

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Tune: Christoph E. F. Weyse, 1774–1842

Postlude

My Spirit Be Joyful

J. S. Bach

Soli Deo Gloria.



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In the Lord's Service

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Tom Vincent, trombone
Matt Kuebler, tuba

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Timpani

Seminarian Jacob Rhodes

Organist

Doctor Mark Bender

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INSTALLATION OF DR. DAVID ADAMS

Dr. David L. Adams is the W.G. Ray and Louis J. Reichtzgel Professor of Biblical Studies at Concordia Seminary, St. Louis.

A faculty member since 2000, he is a professor of Exegetical Theology. He became the first occupant of the Ray-Reichtzgel endowed chair in 2022. His areas of interest and expertise include biblical theology, ancient Near Eastern culture and religion, biblical archaeology and government activity as it relates to religion.

As former director of the Concordia Center for Archaeology, Adams was engaged for several years as a member of the excavation staff at *Khirbet Qeiyafa* in Israel. This area is associated with the place of the battle between David and Goliath.

Before coming to Concordia Seminary, Adams served as executive director of the Office of Government Information for The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod (LCMS) in Washington, D.C. There he helped monitor legislative, judicial and executive branch activity that could have affected the ministry of the church.

A recipient of the Tyndale Fellowship, Adams holds a Doctor of Philosophy (Ph.D.) from Cambridge University in Cambridge, England (1997). He earned a Master of Divinity (M.Div.) and Master of Sacred Theology (S.T.M.) from Concordia Seminary (1981, 1983). Adams received his Bachelor of Arts (B.A.) from Concordia Senior College in Fort Wayne, Ind. (1977), and graduated with an Associate of Arts (A.A.) from St. Paul's College in Concordia, Mo. (1975).

Adams is the co-editor of *The Anonymous God* (Concordia Publishing, 2004), a volume of essays on the subject of civil religion and American society. He has prepared study notes and materials on the psalms and wisdom literature for the *ESV Archaeology Study Bible* (Crossway, 2018). Among his current projects is a book examining the concept of the presence of God in the Bible in comparison to Israel's ancient Near Eastern neighbors and its significance for biblical theology.

Previously, Adams was assistant professor of religion and philosophy at Concordia College in Ann Arbor, Mich., where he taught Hebrew, philosophy, biblical studies and was director of the Pre-Seminary Education Program. Before that, he served as manager of Microcomputer Services for the LCMS Office of Information Systems. He also has served in parish ministry as pastor of St. Peter Lutheran Church in Caseyville, Ill., and as vacancy pastor of a number of congregations through the years.

His hobbies include reading, playing guitar and scuba diving.

Adams and his wife, Lisa, live in St. Louis.

INSTALLATION OF DR. JOEL ELOWSKY

Dr. Joel Elowsky is the Frank and Valerie Fuerst Professor of Historical Theology at Concordia Seminary, St. Louis.

He also is professor of Historical Theology, dean of Advanced Studies and coordinator of International Seminary Exchange Programs. Additionally, he serves as the director of the Seminary's Center for the Study of Early Christian Texts and is a researcher for the Center for Early African Christianity at the Oden House in New Haven, Conn. 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.

After studying at Westfield House in Cambridge, England, and Concordia Lutheran Theological Seminary in St. Catharines, Ontario, Canada, Elowsky transferred to Concordia Seminary, where he received a Master of Divinity (M.Div.) and Master of Sacred Theology (S.T.M.) (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).

He 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) SELC 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* (ACCS) (InterVarsity Press) from 2000–10, which has been translated into at least seven languages. He also served vacancies at Trinity Lutheran Church in Morris Plains, N.J.; the Lutheran Church of the Holy Spirit in Montville, N.J.; and Our Savior Lutheran Church in Fair Lawn, N.J.

Since 2004, he has been part of the ecumenical group Evangelicals and Catholics Together. He has served as a participant in dialogues between evangelicals and the Vatican, including delivering a paper on Scripture and Tradition at the Pontifical Council for Promoting Christian Unity at the Vatican in 2010. He also is a board member of the China Academic Consortium and a member of the International Association of Patristic Studies and the Society of Biblical Literature. He serves as president of the Institute for Classical Christian Studies. He has lectured extensively in Africa on behalf of Concordia Seminary as a researcher and lecturer for the Center for Early African Christianity.

He helped initiate two series — the five-volume *Ancient Christian Doctrine* and the 16-volume *Ancient Christian Texts* (InterVarsity Press) — as well as *Ancient Christian Devotional: A Year of Weekly Readings* (InterVarsity Press, 2007).

He has edited or authored numerous books and articles, including: *John 1–10: New Testament Volume IVa* in the ACCS series (InterVarsity Press, 2007); *John 11–21: New Testament Volume IVb* in the ACCS 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). He also has been invited to be co-editor with Brian Brewer for a new series with T&T Clark on historical theology.

Elowsky’s translation of Athanasius’ *Letter to Marcellinus* was used in the *Africa Study Bible* (Tyndale House, 2017). He published the article “Libya” in *Brill Encyclopedia of Early Christianity Online* (Brill, 2020) and has completed an article on Moses for the same publication. He was a consultant for the “60 Minutes” segment on the churches of Lalibela, which aired in November 2019. He edited Dr. David Maxwell’s translation of fragments of *Cyril’s Commentary on Romans and 1 & 2 Corinthians* for the *Ancient Christian Text* series, published by InterVarsity Press in the spring of 2022. He lectured in the summer of 2022 at the Patristics Center at the University of Cluj in Romania and helped to secure a grant from the Vatican for the ACCS series to be translated into Romanian and Hungarian. He edited an English translation of Angelo DiBerardino’s lectures on the *Institutions of the Early Church* (ICCSPress, 2021) and is working on other volumes with DiBerardino for future publication.

Elowsky’s wife, Joy, has played organ for chapel services at Concordia Seminary. She also is the full-time director of music at Holy Cross Lutheran Church and School in Collinsville, Ill. The Elowskys have two sons: Christian, a software developer in Wisconsin, and Luke, a graduate of Concordia Seminary who is married to Julianna (Pfeiffer). When not traveling or teaching, Elowsky likes to spend time sailing in northern Michigan.

INSTALLATION OF DR. RONALD MUDGE

Dr. Ronald Mudge is provost and chief academic officer and professor of Exegetical Theology at Concordia Seminary, St. Louis.

Before joining the faculty of Concordia Seminary in 2022, Mudge served at Concordia University Wisconsin, Mequon (CUW), for 15 years, most recently as the Rouse Professor of Pre-Seminary Studies (2019–22) and director of the pre-seminary program (2010–22). He also served as the Rouse Associate Professor of Pre-Seminary Studies (2013–19) and as an assistant professor of theology (2007–13).

In 2012, Mudge earned a Doctor of Philosophy (Ph.D.) from Concordia Seminary. His dissertation was “Honorable Shame: The Rhetorical Use of Didactic Shame Discourse in Ezekiel 36:16–32.” He also received a Master of Divinity (M.Div.) from Concordia Seminary (1996) and a Bachelor of Arts in English and music from the University of Michigan-Flint (1992).

Before joining the faculty at CUW, Mudge was a missionary in French-speaking Africa (1996–2006), serving as the coordinator of theological education and as an adjunct professor of exegetical and systematic theology at the *Centre Luthérien d'Etudes Théologiques* (The Lutheran Center for Theological Studies).

Mudge has been a member of the Society of Biblical Literature since 2013. He has published works in various blogs and journals, has been interviewed by several newspapers and magazines, and is a sought-after presenter for conferences and lectures.

His areas of interest and expertise include Old Testament prophetic books, biblical responses to popular culture, shame as addressed in the Bible, biblical Greek and Hebrew, and using anthropology and sociology in biblical studies and missions. He currently is conducting research for a scholarly Lutheran commentary on Zephaniah.

In his free time, Mudge enjoys running, playing and watching sports, viewing old movies, reading fiction and nonfiction, and preparing and eating pasta dishes. He and his wife, Lisa, find joy in encouraging their children in their vocations and their activities and in taking quiet family vacations in Door County, Wis. They have six children: Jonah, Isaiah, Ella, Aaron, Nathan and Elijah.

INSTALLATION OF DR. TIMOTHY SALESKA

Dr. Timothy E. Saleska is the Gustav and Sophie Butterbach Professor of Exegetical Theology at Concordia Seminary, St. Louis.

He also serves as professor of Exegetical Theology and dean of Ministerial Formation. Saleska has been a faculty member since 1997. He was named dean of Ministerial Formation in 2011. He previously served as acting placement counselor (2004–07), editor of *Concordia Theology Online* (2006–08) and director of the Master of Divinity (M.Div.) and residential certificate programs (2008–11).

His areas of interest and expertise include Hebrew and the history of exegesis. He is particularly interested in the Book of Psalms, namely how Christians read and meditate on the psalms and the history of the psalms' interpretation in the church. He also has an interest in examining how Christians interpret the Bible in general and how pastors can form faithful readers of God's Word and remain faithful themselves.

Before joining the Seminary, Saleska served as pastor of Peace Lutheran Church in Cincinnati, Ohio (1982–95), and St. Paul Lutheran Church in Napoleon, Ohio (1995–97).

He received his Master of Divinity (M.Div.) from Concordia Seminary (1982). He also holds an Associate of Arts (A.A.) from St. John's College, Winfield, Kan. (1976); a Bachelor of Arts (B.A.) from Concordia College, Ann Arbor, Mich. (now Concordia University, Ann Arbor) (1978); and a Master of Philosophy (M.Phil.) and a Doctor of Philosophy (Ph.D.) from Hebrew Union College, Cincinnati, Ohio (1992, 1999).

Saleska is the author of the first volume of commentary on the Psalms, *Psalms 1–50*, in the *Concordia Commentary Series* (Concordia Publishing House, 2020). He also is the author of the Bible study *God's Abiding Word: Psalms* (Concordia Publishing House, 2002). Saleska contributed to *The Lectionary Commentary* (Wm. B. Eerdmans Publishing Co., 2005) and wrote "Reading Psalm 1 in the Context of the Psalter: Voices in Conversation" in *Listening to the Word of God: Exegetical Approaches* (Edition Ruprecht, 2016). He also offered commentary for *The Lectionary Commentary: Theological Exegesis for Sunday's Texts* (Wm. B. Eerdmans Publishing Co., 2001) and the article "The Uses of Scripture in the Christian Community" in *Inviting Community* (Concordia Seminary Press, 2013). In addition, Saleska has contributed numerous articles and reviews to *Concordia Journal* and wrote *The Gospel-Centered Christian* (Concordia Seminary Press, 2018).

Saleska and his wife, Diane, have three grown children and seven grandchildren. He enjoys participating in sports of all kinds, especially basketball, softball, tennis, biking, walking, hiking and swimming. Saleska loves to read, watch movies and listen to podcasts. After being the head basketball coach for the Concordia Preachers for 11 years, he is now the assistant coach.

INSTALLATION OF DCE CAITLIN DINGER

Director of Christian Education Caitlin Dinger is the administrative assistant for distance programs at Concordia Seminary, St. Louis.

Originally from San Francisco, Calif., Dinger graduated from Concordia University, Portland, Ore. (1996), where she earned a Bachelor of Arts (B.A.) in education and certification as a Director of Christian Education (DCE). She served her internship and first call as a DCE at Beautiful Savior Lutheran Church in Spokane, Wash. (1996–98). She then moved to Camp Lutherwood in Bellingham, Wash., in 1998 and served as program director until 2000.

Dinger pursued an advanced degree at Pacific Lutheran Theological Seminary where she completed a Master of Divinity (M.Div.) in 2003. Following graduation, she served as DCE at Faith Lutheran Church in Pleasant Hill, Calif. (2003–07), where she directed Christian education programs, youth ministry and the congregation's Summer Day Camp Adventures program that provided community outreach and youth leadership development.

Dinger also has served as DCE at Christ Memorial Lutheran Church in East Brunswick, N.J. (2008–13), as well as the communications coordinator and Christian education specialist for The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod (LCMS) New Jersey District (2008–18). She is an LCMS commissioned and rostered worker.

Dinger and her husband, Andrew (M.Div. '07), live in St. Louis and have three sons: John, Jacob and Daniel. Andrew is lead pastor at Timothy Lutheran Church in St. Louis.

INSTALLATION OF REV. JESSE KUEKER

Rev. Jesse Kueker is an admissions officer at Concordia Seminary, St. Louis.

Kueker earned a Master of Divinity (M.Div.) from Concordia Seminary (2015) and a Bachelor of Arts (B.A.) in biblical studies from Southwest Baptist University, Bolivar, Mo. (2010).

Upon graduating from the Seminary, Kueker was called to be the sole pastor of Trinity Lutheran Church in Clinton, Mo. During his pastorate, the church developed and launched several community outreach programs including three maternity homes, a BBQ food truck and a classical Lutheran afterschool program.

In January 2022, Kueker accepted the call to be an admissions officer, a role in which he builds relationships with prospective seminarians from the eastern half of the United States, prays for the church's ongoing needs of faithful workers and helps students discern vocation and ministry interests.

He and his wife, Alyssa, have four children: Addison, Levi, Mackenzie and Creed. They are all St. Louis Cardinals fans, and they enjoy raising chickens, gardening and playing games together.

INSTALLATION OF REV. THOMAS SCHLUND

Rev. Thomas Schlund serves as an admissions officer at Concordia Seminary, St. Louis.

He graduated with a Master of Divinity (M.Div.) from Concordia Seminary (2015), a Master of Education (M.Ed.) in higher education administration from Texas Tech University in Lubbock, Texas (2009), and a Bachelor of Science (B.S.) in business administration from the University of Nebraska at Kearney in Kearney, Neb. (2006).

Schlund served as senior pastor at Trinity Lutheran Church in Algona, Iowa (2015–21). Before enrolling at the Seminary, he worked at the University of Missouri in Columbia, Mo., as a residence hall coordinator (2009–11) and in student leadership development at Texas Tech (2007–09).

In 2021, he accepted the call to be an admissions officer and is responsible for serving prospective students from the western half of the United States. This territory includes four Concordia Universities in Saint Paul, Minn.; Seward, Neb.; Austin, Texas; and Irvine, Calif. He enjoys speaking with prospective students about ways that God would have them serve and encouraging them to consider full-time church work.

He has presented numerous times at the Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod (LCMS) Rural and Small Town Mission (RSTM) conferences on ways that congregations can partner to carry out the ministry God has placed before them to do. He is involved with a group from the LCMS Kansas District, LCMS Nebraska District and LCMS Iowa West District, developing resources to help congregations work better together. Also, Schlund serves on the board of directors of MinistryFocus.

Schlund and his wife, Beth, a nurse, have two daughters.

RECOGNITION OF VISITING PROFESSOR

Dr. Vilson Scholz is a visiting professor of Exegetical Theology at Concordia Seminary, St. Louis from São Leopoldo, RS, Brazil.

Scholz earned a Bachelor in Theology from *Seminario Concordia* and *Universidade Luterana do Brasil* (ULBRA) (1978, 2016). He earned a Master of Sacred Theology (S.T.M.) and a Doctor of Theology (Th.D.) from Concordia Seminary, St. Louis (1981, 1993), which included his thesis titled, “The Ministry of Jesus Christ as the Fulfillment of the Servant Prophecies of Isaiah,” advised by Erich H. Kiehl, and his dissertation titled, “Reading 2 Corinthians 3:4–18 – An Exercise in Exegesis,” advised by Dr. James W. Voelz.

Before his current term as visiting professor at Concordia Seminary, Scholz served as a translation consultant for United Bible Societies (2000–20), a professor of biblical theology at *Seminario Concordia* (1985–2021) and ULBRA (Lutheran University of Brazil) (1994–2020), and was a visiting professor of exegetical theology at Concordia Seminary (1996–99).

His writings include: “The Newer Greek Text of the New Testament (NA28 and UBS5) and Its Implications for Translation,” in *The Bible Translator*, Vol. 72, Issue 3 (2021); *Novo Testamento Interlinear Grego-Portugues* (*Greek-Portuguese Interlinear New Testament*), Second edition (2019); *Princípios de Interpretação Bíblica* (*Principles of Biblical Interpretation*), Second edition (2018); *40 anos de Bíblia na Linguagem de Hoje* (*40 Years of the New Testament in Today's Portuguese*) (2013); and *Dicionário Grego-Portugues do Novo Testamento Grego* (*A Short Greek-Portuguese Lexicon of New Testament Greek*) (2009).

In addition, Scholz has contributed to several projects, including revising a major portion (six out of eight documents) of the Portuguese translation of the *Book of Concord* (original publication, 1580; first Portuguese translation, 1980) on the basis of the original German and/or Latin (2021); serving as a translation consultant and main biblical expert in the revision of the whole Portuguese Bible on the basis of the original text in Hebrew and Greek (2013–17); serving as a voluntary consultant for a translation project (New Testament) in Hunsrik (a Low German language spoken in South America) (2020–21); and a unique translation into Portuguese of *Louw-Nida's Greek-English Lexicon of the New Testament Based on Semantic Domains* (2013). Other significant translations into Portuguese include: *The Text of the New Testament*, Aland-Aland (2013); *Der Text des Alten Testaments* (*The Text of the Old Testament*; translated from German), Alexander Achilles Fischer (2013); and *Textual Guide to the Greek New Testament*, Roger Omanson (2010). He is working on a commentary of 2 Corinthians for the *Concordia Commentary Series*.

Scholz and his wife, Iris, have three children: Fernando, Natália and Rodrigo.

RECOGNITION OF NEW STAFF MEMBERS

Heidi Baer is Coordinator, Health and Wellness
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Dr. Vilson Scholz is Visiting Professor, Exegetical Theology

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