

ALUMNI REUNION

20th Week after Pentecost

Pre-Service Music

—*The Jubilarian Class, the 50th Anniversary Graduation Class of Concordia Seminary (1969), will process in following the crucifix. Please stand and follow the processional cross, turning as it passes you—*

Gathering Hymn

LSB 583



1 God has spo - ken by His proph - ets, Spo - ken His un - chang - ing Word;
2 God has spo - ken by Christ Je - sus, Christ, the ev - er - last - ing Son,
3 God is speak - ing by His Spir - it, Speak - ing to our hearts a - gain,



Each from age to age pro - claim - ing God, the one, the righ - teous Lord.
Bright - ness of the Fa - ther's glo - ry, With the Fa - ther ev - er one;
In the age - less Word de - clar - ing His own mes - sage, now as then.



In the world's de - spir and tur - moil, One firm an - chor holds us fast;
Spo - ken by the Word In - car - nate, God of God, be - fore time was;
Through the rise and fall of na - tions One sure faith yet stand - ing fast;



God is king, His throne e - ter - nal; God the first, and God the last.
Light of Light, to earth de - scend - ing, He re - veals our God to us.
God a - bides, His Word un - chang - ing; God the first, and God the last.

sit

Reading

Matthew 28:16-20

Homily "*Ministry – A Journey in Discipleship*"

Matthew 28:18-20

Hymn

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stand if able

Prayers of the Church (based on the Litany on p. 365)

L: We now remember those who graduated from this seminary and rest in the peace of Christ the Lord.

sit

- 1 Pass in review, ambassador of Christ;
Pass in review, each sacrifice and prize;
Pass in review, the sowings of the Word,
Pass in review, the harvest gleaned and stored.
- 2 Vessel of clay for mysteries divine,
Chosen to join the apostolic line,
Given your heritage, your gifts, your call,
Your place as sentinel on Zion's wall.
- 3 Servant of sinners, though yourself the same,
Partner in sorrow, yet with hope aflame,
Cheering the lonely, Gospeling the poor,
Leading your precious flock through Christ the Door.
- 4 Pass in review, slaves ransomed and set free,
Pass in review, one noble company;
Pass in review, your victor's banner raise;
Pass in review, your life a song of praise.

stand if able

Litany of Remembrance

- L: Heavenly Father, we wait upon You now in trust and love and in filial devotion to Your will. By all Your works; by the remembrance of all Your mercies; by the revelation of yourself to the prophets of old:
- C: Guide us and draw us ever nearer to You.**
- L: By the memory of Jesus Christ, our Lord; by His life and salvation; and by the work of His Spirit in the world.
- C: Inspire us and draw us ever nearer to You.**
- L: By the noble example of the saints and martyrs of the church; by all that we owe to Christian faith and devotion down the years:
- C: Embolden us and draw us ever nearer to You.**

L: By the remembrance of dear friends and brethren who have served faithfully in your church militant, whose faces we see no more, but who are forever present with You in the church triumphant:

C: Encourage us and draw us ever nearer to You.

L: By joys of life; by human love; by affection and fidelity of friends; by capacity for pleasure and sense of humor; by persistency in hope of things to come:

C: Edify us and draw us ever nearer to You.

L: By sorrows of life; by our falls and failures; by our disappointments and disasters; by stern discipline of loneliness; by realized dreams and by heartache of unsatisfied desires:

C: Form us and draw us ever nearer to You.

L: By our want of You; by hunger within us for eternal life; by our search for truth; and by our hands out-stretched in prayer:

C: Teach us and draw us ever nearer to You. Amen.

Concluding Prayer

assembly prays together

O God, from whom come all holy desires, all good counsels, and all just works, give to us, Your servants, that peace which the world cannot give, that our hearts may be set to obey Your commandments and also that we, being defended from the fear of our enemies, may live in peace and quietness; through Jesus Christ, our Lord. (Collect for

Peace)

Benedicamus and Benediction
Post-Service Music

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SERVANTS OF THE WORD

Rev. Darwin Karsten, Member of 50 th Anniversary Class	Preacher
Dean of the Chapel Kent Burreson	Liturgist
Director of Musical Arts James Marriott	Organist

Rev. Darwin Karsten was born and raised in Falls City, NE. He attended St. Paul's High School and Jr. College in Concordia, MO; the Senior College in Ft. Wayne, IN; and Concordia Seminary, St. Louis, MO. He has been married to Jan for 51 years and they have 3 children and 8 grandchildren. He has served St. Martin Lutheran Church in Clintonville, WI, 1969-1972; St. Mark's Lutheran Church in Eureka, MO, 1972-2006; and planted Praise and Worship Lutheran Church in Branson, MO, 2006-2015. He served on Synod's Board of Evangelism and Congregational Services for over 20 years. His passion is evangelism and discipleship.

Welcome to our alumni!

We are pleased to welcome back to campus our graduates who are on campus today for the 2019 Alumni Reunion, and we extend a very special greeting to the members of the jubilarian class of 1969! Thank you to all of our alumni for your service to our Lord and enjoy your time back at your Alma Mater!



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Chapel of St. Timothy & St. Titus
9:35 am – 25 October 2019