

# *Founders Day*

Concordia Seminary  
Saint Louis, Missouri

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 9  
1960



*Seminary Chapel*  
8:25 A.M.

## *In Nomine Jesu*

### PRELUDE AND PROCESSIONAL

### THE HYMN

#### "Through the Night of Doubt and Sorrow" (No. 481)

1. Through the night of doubt and sorrow  
Onward goes the pilgrim band,  
Singing songs of expectation,  
Marching to the Promised Land.  
Clear before us, through the darkness,  
Gleams and burns the guiding light.  
Brother clasps the hand of brother,  
Stepping fearless through the night.

2. One the light of God's own presence,  
O'er His ransomed people shed,  
Chasing far the gloom and terror,  
Bright'ning all the path we tread;  
One the object of our journey,  
One the faith which never tires,  
One the earnest looking forward,  
One the hope our God inspires.

3. One the strain the lips of thousands  
Lift as from the heart of one;  
One the conflict, one the peril,  
One the march in God begun;  
One the gladness of rejoicing  
On the far eternal shore,  
Where the one almighty Father  
Reigns in love forevermore.

4. Onward, therefore, pilgrim brothers!  
Onward, with the cross our aid!  
Bear its shame and fight its battle  
Till we rest beneath its shade.  
Soon shall come the great awaking,  
Soon the rending of the tomb,  
Then the scatt'ring of all shadows,  
And the end of toil and gloom.

THE LESSON - - - - - Heb. 13:7-17

THE CHORAL SELECTION

THE SERMON

THE COLLECTS

Ry: Amen (spoken)

THE BENEDICTION

Ry: Amen (spoken)

THE ADDRESS

"Buenger and Fuerbringer"

THE POSTLUDE AND RECESSIONAL

*Soli Deo Gloria*

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*The Officiant:* The Rev. Prof. Alfred O. Fuerbringer, D.D., President

*The Preacher:* The Rev. Henry F. Wind, D.D., Executive Secretary, Board for Social Welfare, The Lutheran Church — Missouri Synod

*The Speaker:* The Rev. Prof. Arthur C. Repp, Ph. D., Academic Dean, and President, Concordia Historical Institute

*The Organist:* The Rev. Prof. Walter E. Buszin, Mus. D.

*The Hymn:* Bernhardt S. Ingemann, 1825; tune: Bernhard Schumacher, 1910

*The Choral Selection:* By the Seminary Chorus, William Heyne, Mus. D., Director; David Schmidt, Assistant — "Awake, Thou Spirit Who Didst Fire," Bogatzky, 1750; tune: 1541

*The Organ Prelude:* Prelude in E Minor, by John Stanley

*The Organ Postlude:* "Wake, Awake, for Night Is Flying," by Paul Kickstat

*The Marshal:* The Rev. Prof. Walter R. Roehrs, Ph. D.

## 1810

is the birth year of two of the founders of Concordia Seminary, together with Theodore J. Brohm commemorated in "Founders Hall," the builders of the first log cabin in Perry County.

January 2 was born Johann Friedrich Buenger. As student in Leipzig he belonged to the circle of men planning the emigration to America. After a tutorship in Dresden and the arrival in Missouri he became in 1841 teacher at Trinity School in St. Louis, in 1844 its assistant pastor, in 1847 pastor of Immanuel Church. He was President of the Western District 1863—74. His most lasting imprint on the Missouri Synod was made in the domain of inner mission and welfare. In St. Louis he founded the Lutheran Hospital, the Orphans' Home, and the Altenheim. He was one of the founders of Synod's work among the colored.

Born June 30, Ottomar Fuerbringer was a member of the same Leipzig student circle and for eight years tutored in a boys' school conducted in Germany by G. H. Loeber. In the Perry County Concordia he was teacher of classic languages and history. His pastorates were at Venedy, Illinois; Freistadt and Kirchhayn, Wisconsin; and St. Lorenz' in Frankenmuth, Michigan, beginning 1858. For 26 years he was President of the Northern District of Synod. His career revealed scholarly capacity combined with pastoral and administrative sense. His son and grandson became presidents of Concordia Seminary.

The lasting heritage of these founders is the priceless triad of consecration to Christ, training of the mind, and concern for God's people.