



MULTIETHNIC SYMPOSIUM
Shame and Honor:
Gospel Proclamation in the Majority World

THE FIRST WEEK OF EASTER

FRIDAY, APRIL 26TH, 2019

Chapel of St. Timothy and St. Titus - Concordia Seminary

Pre-Service Music

North American Nuer Choir - Sudanese Choir

Please stand if able

Opening Versicles

Alleluia! Christ is risen.

He is risen indeed. Alleluia!

Praise the Lord!

Yes, praise the Lord!

For it is good to sing praises to our God;

for he is beautiful and a song of praise is fitting.

The Lord builds up Jerusalem;

he gathers the outcasts of Israel.

He heals the brokenhearted

and binds up their wounds. (Psalm 147:1-3)

Fear not, for you will not be ashamed;

be not confounded, for you will not be disgraced;

for you will forget the shame of your youth,

and the reproach of your widowhood you will remember no more. (Isaiah 54:4)

Alleluia! Christ is risen.

He is risen indeed. Alleluia!

Please sit

Anthem

North American Nuer Choir - Sudanese Choir

Reading

Read in several languages

1 Corinthians 13

The assembly is invited to follow the reading in English on pp. 959-60 of the pew Bible.

Homily

“Universal Language of Agape Love”

1 Corinthians 13

Please stand if able

Prayers of the Seminary Community

An Easter Litany

L: Risen and reigning Lord,

truly you are a high priest who has passed through the heavens.

Truly you were tested as we are, and yet were without sin.

With boldness we approach your throne,

deeply assured of your mercy and grace in our time of need.

And so we pray,

C: O Lord of glory.

L: Your rising and your reigning give hope to your people.
May all who live without hope today, taste and see that you are good.
So we pray,

C: O Lord of glory.

L: Your rising and your reigning call us, your people, to testify to your goodness.
Equip each of us today to be bold witnesses of Easter news.
So we pray,

C: O Lord of glory.

L: Your rising and your reigning call all the nations of the world
to stop their scheming and seek your peace.
May your Spirit convict all people to submit to your rule and to pursue true peace.
So we pray,

C: O Lord of glory.

Your rising and your reigning call each of us to turn from the path of death
to the path of obedience and life.
Send your Spirit to strengthen our resolve,
and help us to live as people of life and light.
So we pray,

C: O Lord of glory.

Your rising and your reigning bring life and light and healing.
May all who suffer in the valley of the shadow of death and disease
know your healing presence.
So we pray,

C: O Lord of glory.

Your rising and your reigning are first fruits of all that is to come:
justice, joy, and peace in the Holy Spirit.
May your kingdom come quickly.
So we pray,

C: O Lord of glory.

May we, your Easter people, never fail to bless and thank you
for your immeasurable love and sure promises.
All praise to you, risen Christ, who with the Father and the Spirit lives
in perfect communion forever and ever.

C: 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

L: Alleluia! Christ is risen.

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

Sending Hymn

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Post-Service Music

North American Nuer Choir - Sudanese Choir

The Servants of the Word

Liturgist: Rev. Dr. William Schumacher

Preacher: Rev. Chuo Vang

Organist: Dr. James Marriott, Director of Musical Arts

Choir: North American Nuer Choir – Sudanese Choir

Rev. Dr. William Schumacher is mission professor of Historical Theology and director of the Institute for Mission Studies at Concordia Seminary, St. Louis. He became a faculty member in 1996. Before joining the Seminary, Schumacher served as a missionary in Botswana, Africa (1985-95) and theological coordinator for Africa for The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod (2010-12). He has taught and lectured internationally in Europe, Africa, Asia and Latin America. He received his Master of Divinity, Master of Sacred Theology and Ph.D. from Concordia Seminary (1985, 1996, 2003). He earned his bachelor's degree *summa cum laude* in German language and literature from Wartburg College in Waverly, Iowa (1981). He and his wife, Tamara, have three grown children.

Rev. Chou Vang is an LCMS missionary and pastor. He was called to the Hmong Lutheran Mission, Eau Claire, Wis., as pastor/missionary in 2016, and as part-time pastor at St. Matthew Lutheran Church, Eau Claire, Wis., in 2017. The Hmong Lutheran Mission of Eau Claire continues to reach out to the area with Hmong language worship services on Sundays, Bible studies, Hmong Vacation Bible School each summer, visitation to the Hmong community and a radio ministry. Vang received his M.Div. from Concordia Seminary, St. Louis in 2016.

The North American Nuer Choir – Sudanese Choir gathers its members, numbering in the hundreds, from throughout the United States. We are pleased to have many of the members of the choir, some driving from significant distances, join us during this multi-ethnic symposium.

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