



CONCORDIA LUTHERAN SEMINARY

The Thirty-Fifth Academic Year

The Sacred Convocation

“Servants for Jesus’ Sake” 2 Cor. 4:5

Friday Evening
May 24, 2019
7:00 p.m.

Bethel Lutheran Church
Sherwood Park, Alberta

A WORD OF WELCOME

Concordia Lutheran Seminary welcomes all who have come to celebrate the blessings God has showered upon us throughout this academic year.

The core of the seminary's academic program is the Master of Divinity degree, which will be awarded to four graduates. Alongside this academic credential, they will also receive the seminary's Theological Diploma, which certifies that they are qualified for service as pastors in Lutheran Church-Canada (LCC).

Through a year-long vicarage assignment that will be presented to one student, LCC and the seminary continue to work together in forming future pastors.

In addition, tonight's program includes the certification of a recent graduate of LCC's Pastors with Alternative Training (P.A.T.) program.

Finally, we rejoice to bestow the "Faith in Life" award on two dedicated, longtime "servants for Jesus's sake."

May this Sacred Convocation edify everyone in attendance and give praise and glory to our Saviour Jesus Christ.

ACADEMIC REGALIA

The ACADEMIC GOWN dates from the twelfth century. It originally gave protection against the cold of unheated buildings but has come to symbolize academic scholarship. Variations in its sleeves and decorations, some of which are quite colourful, represent different degrees and schools.

The ACADEMIC CAP symbolizes the dignity and freedom of scholarship. The mortarboard (a square cap) represents a book. The colour of the tassel varies according to the scholar's major area of study, e.g. scarlet for theology. However, gold tassels normally represent a doctor's degree, regardless of its field. As with the gowns, some schools have caps which are unique.

The ACADEMIC HOOD varies in both size and colour. The larger the hood, the more advanced the degree. The colours of the silk lining of the hood are those of the institution granting the degree; the hood of Concordia Lutheran Seminary is lined with gold and blue. The velvet edging indicates the academic discipline in which the degree has been earned. The colour for theology is scarlet; for philosophy including a Ph.D. in any discipline, dark blue.

ORDER OF THE PROCESSIONAL

Crucifer
Banner Bearer
Faculty Marshal
Diaconal Graduate
Vicar
P.A.T. Graduate
Seminary Graduates
Faculty
Honorary Award Recipients
Board of Regents
Vice-President, Lutheran Church-Canada
President, Concordia Lutheran Seminary

Photographs and applauding are permitted after the Offertory. Placement lists are available from the ushers after the convocation is over.

(Please turn off cell phones.)

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THE SACRED CONVOCATION

Prelude

Processional Hymn *(Please stand)* “Earth and All Stars”

LSB 817, vv. 1, 3, 6, 7

National Anthem: O Canada *(Please remove your hats.)*

(Please be seated and replace your hats.)

Welcome The Rev. Dr. James Gimbel
President, Concordia Lutheran Seminary

FOUNDATIONS

Representing the Laity of the Church Mr. Brian & Mrs. Linda Brownlee
Members, Grace Lutheran Church, Edmonton, Alberta

Invocation *(Please stand and remove your hats.)* The Rev. Dr. Gimbel

Prayer of the Day The Rev. Dr. Gimbel

(Please be seated.)

Psalm: “Let All Creation’s Wonders” (Psalm 148) *Psalms for All Seasons, 148A*

Scripture Reading: Revelation 21:1-7 The Rev. Dr. John Hellwege
Dean of Student Life, Concordia Lutheran Seminary

Hymn of the Day: “Thine the Amen, Thine the Praise” *LSB 680, vv.1, 2, 5*

Sermon: “He Knows You Better Than You Think” (Revelation 21:7) The Rev. Roland Kubke
Pastor, St. John’s Lutheran Church, Beach Corner, Alberta

Offering *(To support the Seminary’s energy efficiency upgrades)*

Offertory: “All You Works of God, Bless the Lord” *LSB 930, vv. 1, 2, 4, 5*

(Please replace your hats.)

(During the remainder of the program photographs may be taken and you may applaud.)

ASSIGNMENT OF VICAR

Presentation of the Candidate for Vicarage Placement	The Rev. Dr. Hellwege
Assignment of the Vicar	The Rev. Thomas Kruesel <i>Vice-President, Lutheran Church-Canada</i>
President's Charge to the Vicar	The Rev. Dr. Gimbel

CERTIFICATION OF THE P.A.T. GRADUATE

Presentation of the Candidate for the P.A.T. Diploma	The Rev. Dr. Gimbel
Conferring of the Diploma	The Rev. Kruesel
Church's Charge to the Graduate.....	The Rev. Kruesel
Prayer for the Candidate.....	The Rev. Kruesel

RITE OF COMMENCEMENT

Presentation of the Candidates for the Master of Divinity Degree	The Rev. Dr. Stephen Chambers <i>Academic Dean, Concordia Lutheran Seminary</i>
Conferring of the Degrees	The Rev. Dr. Gimbel
President's Charge to the Graduates	The Rev. Dr. Gimbel

CERTIFICATION OF PASTORAL CANDIDATES

Presentation of the Candidates for the Theological Diploma.....	The Rev. Dr. Chambers
Conferring of the Diplomas.....	The Rev. Dr. Gimbel

ASSIGNMENT AND COMMENDATION OF PASTORAL CANDIDATES

Presentation of the Candidates for Assignment and Commendation.....	The Rev. Dr. Hellwege
Assignment and Commendation of the Candidates	The Rev. Kruesel
The Church's Charge to the Candidates.....	The Rev. Kruesel

RECOGNITION OF SERVANT LEADERS

Presentation of the Candidates for the Faith in Life Award.....	The Rev. Dr. Chambers
Conferring of the Award	The Rev. Dr. Gimbel
Prayer for the Honourees	The Rev. Dr. Gimbel

INTRODUCTION AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Closing of the Academic Year	The Rev. Dr. Gimbel
Prayers (<i>Please stand and remove your hats.</i>).....	The Rev. Dr. Gimbel
Benediction	
God Save the Queen	

(Please replace your hats.)

Recessional Hymn

"Forth in the Name of Jesus" *God's People Sing, 36*

Postlude

"Fantasia on Lancashire" *D. Mitchell*

All ministry wives are invited to meet near the stage for a photograph after the recessional.



Candidate for Vicarage Placement

Wendel Albert Lawrence Ritz
Three Hills, Alberta

Graduate of the Pastors With Alternative Training (P.A.T.) Program

Oboya Ochalla
Winnipeg, Manitoba

Candidates for the Degree of Master of Divinity

Shiekh Lief Mijares Mauricio
Surrey, British Columbia

Michael Val Mayer
Wembley, Alberta

Christopher Michael McLean
Meadow Lake, Saskatchewan

Alexander Chadwick Timm
Blaine Lake, Saskatchewan

Candidates for the Theological Diploma

Shiekh Lief Mijares Mauricio
Surrey, British Columbia

Michael Val Mayer
Wembley, Alberta

Christopher Michael McLean
Meadow Lake, Saskatchewan

Alexander Chadwick Timm
Blaine Lake, Saskatchewan

Candidates for the Faith in Life Award

Stuart Jansen and Marilyn Jansen
Sherwood Park, Alberta

PARTICIPANTS

- Preacher.....The Rev. Roland Kubke
Pastor, St. John's Lutheran Church, Beach Corner, Alberta
- Liturgist.....The Rev. Dr. James Gimbel
President, Concordia Lutheran Seminary
- Lector.....The Rev. Dr. John Hellwege
Assistant Professor, Concordia Lutheran Seminary
- Lutheran Church-Canada Representative.....The Rev. Thomas Kruesel
Vice-President, Lutheran Church-Canada
- Organist.....Mr. David Mitchell, M.Mus.
Coordinator of Music, Concordia Lutheran Seminary
- Trumpet.....Michael Kaiser
- Crucifer.....Seminarian Joshua Timm
- Banner Bearer.....Seminarian Kyle Eddy

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The Rev. Thomas Kruesel

Faculty

The Rev. Prof. Stephen Chambers, M. Div., Ph.D.
The Rev. Prof. James Gimbel, M.Div., Ph.D.
The Rev. Prof. John Hellwege, M. Div., Ph.D.
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The Rev. James Heinbuch, M.Div., S.T.M.
Scott Keith, Ph.D.
Deacon Jennifer Frim, Ph.D.
Colleen Hammermaster, Ph.D., R.Psych.
The Rev. Jonathan Kraemer, M.Div., S.T.M.
Alexander Marque, M.Div., S.T.M.

ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

Concordia Lutheran Seminary invites you to greet the graduates, vicar, honourees, and their guests at a reception in the Bethel Activity Centre, immediately following Sacred Convocation.

The Seminary thanks Bethel Lutheran Church, Sherwood Park for its generous hospitality, and the members of the Bethel LWMLC and Concordia Lutheran Seminary Guild for serving at the reception. We also give thanks to the ushers for their assistance in today's service.

We gratefully acknowledge our Concordia Lutheran Seminary Guild for its financial sponsorship of all the events associated with our Sacred Convocation.