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# OPENING SERVICE

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Concordia Lutheran Seminary  
Edmonton, Alberta

Wednesday, August 28, 2019  
7:00 pm

CLS Chapel



***“Peace be with you. As the Father has sent  
me, even so I am sending you.”***

**John 20:21**

## Pre-Service Music

### Welcome

**Processional Hymn:** “*Lord of Our Life*”

LSB 659

### Invocation

**P:** In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**C:** **Amen.**

*Holden Evening Prayer, Service of Light, (p. 2ff)*

**L:** The first reading is 2 Corinthians 4:1-7 (ESV).

Therefore, having this ministry by the mercy of God, we do not lose heart. <sup>2</sup>But we have renounced disgraceful, underhanded ways. We refuse to practice cunning or to tamper with God's word, but by the open statement of the truth we would commend ourselves to everyone's conscience in the sight of God. <sup>3</sup>And even if our gospel is veiled, it is veiled to those who are perishing. <sup>4</sup>In their case the god of this world has blinded the minds of the unbelievers, to keep them from seeing the light of the gospel of the glory of Christ, who is the image of God. <sup>5</sup>For what we proclaim is not ourselves, but Jesus Christ as Lord, with ourselves as your servants for Jesus' sake. <sup>6</sup>For God, who said, “Let light shine out of darkness,” has shone in our hearts to give the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ. <sup>7</sup>But we have this treasure in jars of clay, to show that the surpassing power belongs to God and not to us.

**L:** The Word of the Lord.

**C:** **Thanks be to God!**

**L:** Please stand in respect of the Gospel.

The second reading is John 20:19-23 (ESV).

**C:** **Praise to you O Lord!**

<sup>19</sup>On the evening of that day, the first day of the week, the doors being locked where the disciples were for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said to them, “Peace be with you.” <sup>20</sup>When he had said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples were glad when they saw the Lord. <sup>21</sup>Jesus said to them again, “Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, even so I am sending you.” <sup>22</sup>And when

he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, “Receive the Holy Spirit. <sup>23</sup>If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you withhold forgiveness from any, it is withheld.”

P: The Gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to you, O Christ!

Hymn “*Send Now, O Lord, to Every Place*”

LW 316

1. Send now, O Lord, to ev-'ry place Swift mes-sen-gers be-fore your face,  
The her-alds of your won-drous grace, Where you your-self will come.

2. Send men whose eyes have seen the King, Men in whose ears His sweet words  
ring;  
Send such your lost ones home to bring; Send them where you will come

3. To bring good news to souls in sin, The bruised and bro-ken hearts to win;  
In ev-'ry place to bring them in Where you your-self will come.

4. Lord, since you died, your vic-t'ry claim; As-sert, O Christ, your glo-ry's name  
And far to lands of pa-gan shame Send men where you will come.

5. Gird each one with the Spirit's sword, The sword of your own deathless Word,  
And make them conqu'rors, conqu'ring Lord, Where you your-self will come.

6. Raise up, O Lord the Holy Ghost, From this broad land a might-y host;  
Their war cry, “We will seek the lost Where You, O Christ, will come.”

Sermon text: John 20:21: “In Peace, I am sending you!”

## OPENING OF THE THIRTY-SIXTH ACADEMIC YEAR

### Commissioning of Students, the Faculty, Staff, and Regents

*Holden Evening Prayer resumes, the Annunciation (p. 7ff)*

Recessional “*Saviour Again, to Thy Dear Name, we Raise*” LSB 917

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