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# CONCORDIA LUTHERAN SEMINARY

**The Thirtieth Academic Year**  
**The Sacred Convocation**

*“Servants for Jesus’ Sake” 2 Cor. 4:5*

Friday Evening  
May 30, 2014  
7:00 p.m.

Robert Tegler Student Centre, Concordia University College of Alberta  
Edmonton, 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; one of which will be awarded *in absentia* this year. Alongside this academic track, the seminary also awards its Theological Diploma which certifies that a man is ready and qualified for service as a pastor in Lutheran Church-Canada. One such diploma will be awarded this year, to a graduate who has completed an individualized colloquy program preparing him for entry into our church's ministerium.

Through vicarage assignments announced this evening, the church and the seminary also continue to work together in forming future pastors.

In addition, we rejoice to bestow honorary awards upon two pastors who have demonstrated, each in their own way, exceptional commitment and service as servant-leaders in Christ's church.

In this Sacred Convocation, the seminary returns these "gifts of God" to the "people of God" in order that our Lord's will may be done among us. 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, including variations in sleeves and decorations that represent different degrees. Although most gowns are black, some schools' designs are unique and colourful.

The ACADEMIC CAP symbolizes the dignity and freedom of scholarship. The mortarboard (a square cap) represents a book. Tassel colours may vary according to the wearer's major area of study, e.g. scarlet for theology. Gold tassels indicate a doctor's degree. As with the gowns, some schools have caps which are unique.

The ACADEMIC HOOD varies both in 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 the discipline of philosophy, dark blue.

## ORDER OF THE PROCESSIONAL

Crucifer  
Banner Bearer  
Vicars  
Candidate for the Seminary's Theological Diploma  
Faculty  
Honourary Award Recipients  
Board of Regents  
Representative of the Laity of the Church  
Representatives of the Council of Presidents  
Preacher  
President

*Photographs and applauding are permitted after the Hymn of the Day. 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

Fantasia in G Major ..... A. Kerckhoven

### Processional Hymn (*The congregation shall stand.*)

“See the Lord Ascends in Triumph” ..... Text and Tune: Public Domain

- 1 -

See, the Lord ascends in triumph:  
Conqu’ring King in royal state,  
Riding on the clouds, His chariot,  
To His heav’nly palace gate.  
Hark! The choirs of angel voices  
Joyful alleluias sing,  
And the portals high are lifted  
To receive their heav’nly King.

- 3 -

While He lifts His hands in blessing,  
He is parted from His friends;  
While their eager eyes behold Him,  
He upon the clouds ascends.  
He who walked with God and pleased Him,  
Preaching truth and doom to come,  
He, our Enoch, is translated  
To His everlasting home.

- 2 -

Who is this that comes in glory  
With the trump of jubilee?  
Lord of battles, God of armies,  
He has gained the victory.  
He who on the cross did suffer,  
He who from the grave arose,  
He has vanquished sin and Satan;  
He by death has crushed his foes.

-4-

He has raised our human nature  
On the clouds to God’s right hand;  
There we sit in heav’nly places,  
There with Him in glory stand  
Jesus reigns, adored by angels;  
Man with God is on the throne  
By our mighty Lord’s ascension  
We by faith behold or own.

### National Anthem: O Canada

O Canada! Our home and native land!  
True patriot love in all thy sons command.  
With glowing hearts we see thee rise,  
The True North strong and free!  
From far and wide,  
O Canada, we stand on guard for thee.  
God keep our land glorious and free!  
O Canada, we stand on guard for thee.  
O Canada, we stand on guard for thee.

### God Save the Queen

God save our gracious Queen  
Long live our noble Queen,  
God save the Queen:  
Send her victorious,  
Happy and glorious,  
Long to reign over us:  
God save the Queen.

### Invocation

### Prayer of the Day

*(Please be seated)*

**Psalm 47: "Clap Your Hands, O Faithful People!"** ..... Text: *Michael Morgan*

- 1 -

Clap your hands, O faithful people!  
Shout to God a song of praise!  
The Most High our land has ransomed,  
and will reign as Lord always!  
Great the majesty around us,  
sure the paths our feet have trod;  
we are claimed as sons and daughters,  
children of a gracious God.

- 2 -

With a shout and blast of trumpet,  
God ascends to reign above,  
clothed in robes of righteous judgment,  
crowned with all redeeming love!  
Fill the world with glad rejoicing;  
heaven shall sing, and earth reply!  
Let the nations rise in wonder  
all God's works to glorify!

**Scripture Reading** ..... Luke 24: 44-53

**Address: "Not About You"** ..... Ephesians 2: 14-22

**Offering** (*Designated to support seminary student financial aid.*)

**Hymn of the Day**

"We Are Called to Stand Together" ..... Text: *Martin E. Leckebusch*

- 1 -

We are called to stand together  
With the saints of ages past,  
With the patriarchs and prophets  
In the faith they once held fast;  
Promises and hopes they treasured  
Now we find fulfilled at last!

- 2 -

Those whom Jesus called apostles  
Journeyed with Him side by side,  
Heard His teaching, felt His power,  
Saw the way he lived and died;  
Then the news of resurrection  
They delivered far and wide.

- 3 -

Through the intervening ages  
Round the world the Gospel spread:  
Faithful heralds took the message,  
Guided where the Spirit led;  
So the body grew in stature,  
Serving Christ, the living head.

- 4 -

Now in many tongues and cultures  
Songs of celebration ring;  
Millions who confess our Saviour  
Honour Him as Lord and King  
And, for courage, grace and guidance  
Ev'ry day their prayers they bring.

- 5 -

To each coming generation  
Tell the truth, persuade, explain,  
Till the time when time is ended,  
Till the Saviour comes again-  
Till the saints are all united  
Under Christ's eternal reign.

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

## FOUNDATIONS

Representing the Laity of the Church ..... Mrs. Bonnie Steinke  
*Member, Good Shepherd Lutheran Church, Valleyview, Alberta*

## THE ORDER OF VICARAGE ASSIGNMENT

Assignment of Vicars..... The Rev. Dr. Edward G. Kettner, Th.D.  
*Director of Vicarage, Concordia Lutheran Seminary*  
The Rev. Dr. Robert Bugbee, D.D.  
*President, Lutheran Church-Canada*  
President's Charge to the Vicars..... The Rev. Dr. James Gimbel, Ph.D.  
*President, Concordia Lutheran Seminary*

## RITE OF CERTIFICATION

Certification and Presentation of the Seminary's Theological Diploma..... The Rev. Dr. Gimbel  
The Rev. Dr. Stephen Chambers, Ph.D.  
*Academic Dean*  
The Church's Charge to the Candidate ..... The Rev. Donald Schiemann  
*President, Alberta-British Columbia District, Lutheran Church-Canada*

## RECOGNITION OF SERVANT LEADERS

Presentation of the Candidate for the Degree of Doctor of Divinity (*honoris causa*) ..... The Rev. Dr. Chambers  
Conferring of the Degree ..... The Rev. Dr. Gimbel  
Prayer for the Honouree ..... The Rev. Dr. Bugbee  
Presentation of the Candidate for the Doulos dia Iesoun Award ..... The Rev. Dr. Chambers  
Conferring of the Award ..... The Rev. Dr. Gimbel  
Prayer for the Honouree ..... The Rev. Schiemann  
Farewell and Godspeed to The Rev. Dr. Kettner ..... The Rev. Dr. Gimbel  
Introductions and Announcements ..... The Rev. Dr. Gimbel  
Closing of the Academic Year ..... The Rev. Dr. Gimbel  
Prayers and Benediction (*The congregation shall stand.*)

### Recessional Hymn

"Rejoice, O Pilgrim Throng" ..... Text: *Edward H. Plumptre, alt.*

- 1 -

Rejoice, O pilgrim throng!  
Rejoice, give thanks and sing;  
Your festal banner wave on high,  
The cross of Christ your king.  
Rejoice! Rejoice! Rejoice, give thanks, and sing!

- 2 -

With all the angel choirs,  
With all the saints on earth  
Pour out the strains of joy and bliss,  
True rapture, noblest mirth.  
Rejoice! Rejoice! Rejoice, give thanks, and sing!

- 3 -

Still lift your standard high,  
Still march in firm array,  
As pilgrims through the darkness wend  
Till dawns the golden day.  
Rejoice! Rejoice! Rejoice, give thanks, and sing!

- 4 -

At last the march shall end;  
The wearied ones shall rest;  
The pilgrims find their home at last,  
Jerusalem the blest.  
Rejoice! Rejoice! Rejoice, give thanks, and sing!

- 5 -

Praise Him who reigns on high,  
The Lord whom we adore;  
The Father, Son, and Holy Ghost,  
One God forevermore.  
Rejoice! Rejoice! Rejoice, give thanks, and sing!

**Postlude**

Improvisations on "*Marion*" .....D. Mitchell



**VICARAGE CLASS OF 2014**

Cody Cooper  
*Olds, Alberta*

Keith Arnold Hoveland  
*Grande Prairie, Alberta*

Eric Moffett  
*Kitchener, Ontario*

**GRADUATING CLASS OF 2013**

Alvin Laverne Vince Oberhammer  
*Red Deer County, Alberta*

James Harold Jens Prophet  
*Barrie, Ontario*

**Candidate for the Degree of Master of Divinity**

James Harold Jens Prophet  
*Barrie, Ontario*

**Candidate for the Seminary's Theological Diploma**

Alvin Laverne Vince Oberhammer  
*Red Deer County, Alberta*

**Candidate for the Degree of Doctor of Divinity (*honoris causa*)**

Rev. Bishop Hans-Jörg Voigt  
*Hannover, Germany*

**Candidate for the Doulos Dia Iesoun Award**

Rev. Larry MacKay  
*Edmonton, Alberta*

## PARTICIPANTS

Speaker .....	The Rev. Larry MacKay <i>Pastor, Grace Lutheran Church, Edmonton, Alberta</i>
Liturgist.....	The Rev. Dr. James Gimbel <i>President, Concordia Lutheran Seminary</i>
Lector.....	The Rev. Dr. Edward Kettner <i>Director of Vicarage, Concordia Lutheran Seminary</i>
Organist .....	Mr. David Mitchell, M.Mus. <i>Coordinator of Music, Concordia Lutheran Seminary</i>
Crucifer .....	Seminarian Jason Legacy
Banner Bearer .....	Seminarian Erik Osness
Ushers.....	Members of Concordia Lutheran Church, Edmonton, AB

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The Rev. Prof. Jonathan W. Kraemer, S.T.M.  
The Rev. Prof. Vernon A. Raaflaub, M.A. D.D. (Emeritus)

### Adjunct Faculty

The Rev. Mark Lobitz  
The Rev. Dr. Glenn Schaeffer



## ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

*Concordia Lutheran Seminary invites you to greet the vicars, graduate, honourees and their guests at a reception in the mezzanine area of the Robert Tegner Student Centre, immediately following Sacred Convocation.*

*The Seminary thanks Concordia University College of Alberta for its generous hospitality and the members of the Concordia Lutheran Seminary Guild for serving at the reception. We also, give thanks to the ushers from Concordia Lutheran Church, Edmonton for their assistance in today's service.*

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

## HONORARY AWARD RECIPIENTS

### Doctor of Divinity - Bishop Hans-Jörg Voigt

Bishop Voigt was born June 7, 1962 in Dresden (then East Germany) and baptized at Trinity Lutheran Church, a parish of the Evangelical Lutheran Free Church. Although it took courage and sacrifice to follow God's leading in communist East Germany, Bishop Voigt prepared for the holy ministry by studying theology in Leipzig, Berlin, and Oberursel. He served his vicarage from 1989-1991 and was ordained December 15, 1991 at Holy Cross Lutheran Church in Cottbus.

Bishop Voigt then served the congregation of St. Otto von Bamberg in the old university town of Greifswald. When the independent Lutheran churches of West and East Germany sought to unify after the reunification of Germany, Bishop Voigt emerged as the "point man" for organizing the pastors and congregations from former East Germany.

On February 11, 2006 the General Synod of the Independent Evangelical Lutheran Church (SELK) in Germany elected him Bishop. He was installed in that office June 24, 2006 at the Lutheran Church of St. Mary in Hannover.

Bishop Voigt's leadership has been recognized and appreciated, not only within SELK, but throughout Germany, and also internationally. Bishop Voigt was named "2013 Bishop of the Year" by an interdenominational Christian news service and received a "Declaration of Respect" by the Association of Christian Publicists. These recognitions came in part from his public witness to the Christian teaching on marriage in his pastoral letter "Discovering Marriage and Family as Gifts of God." and for his speaking out in opposition to abortion on demand. Internationally, he has shown leadership among confessional Lutherans since 2010 when he became chairman of the International Lutheran Council (ILC).

Bishop Voigt is married to Christiane (nee Junker) and they have four children.

### Doulos Dia Iesoun Award - Rev. Larry MacKay

Pastor Larry J. MacKay, was born and raised in Ottawa, Ontario, the son of John and Barbara (nee Pollex) MacKay. He was baptized and confirmed at St. Luke Lutheran Church and for a time attended St. Luke Lutheran School. At the encouragement of Principal Philip Enders he enrolled in Concordia College, Edmonton, graduating in 1967. He continued his education at Concordia Senior College, Fort Wayne, Indiana and Concordia Seminary, St. Louis, Missouri, which included a year of vicarage at Trinity Lutheran Church, Cedar Rapids, Iowa. At a difficult time in the Synod's history, Larry spent his final quarter of seminary training at Concordia Seminary in Exile, from which he graduated in May of 1974. Following his graduation he was employed through November by the State of Missouri, as a Caseworker in the Department of Family Services.

On December 1, 1974 Larry was installed at Grace Lutheran Church, Edson as a pastor of Lutheran Central Parish, which at the time included Edson, Hinton, Jasper, and Grande Cache. Some years later, Grace, Edson became a self-standing congregation. Shortly after that he was appointed as Circuit Counselor for the Stony Plain Circuit of the Alberta-British Columbia District. For a brief time he then served as vacancy pastor for Trinity Lutheran Church, Rochfort Bridge and St. James Lutheran Church, Whitecourt, Alberta.

On November 11, 1984 he was installed as Associate Pastor at Grace Lutheran Church, Edmonton, where he continues to serve. While serving Grace, Edmonton Larry has also been active on various boards and committees of the church at large, including Concordia College Alumni Association, nine years as a member of the Board of Regents of Concordia Lutheran Seminary, briefly as a board member with the Good Samaritan Society, and currently on the Board of Directors of the Lutheran Historical Institute.

Larry is married to Carole Corbett of Calgary. They have one son, James, and soon to be daughter-in-law, Brandy Halas. Though busy with parish responsibilities, he continues to enjoy running along the valley trails near their church and home. He finds inspiration in Hebrews 12:1-3.