
Commencement Service

Call Service

May 14, 2016



MARTIN LUTHER COLLEGE, New Ulm, Minnesota

To the glory of God and for the good of his Church!

Dear sisters and brothers in our ascended Lord Jesus!

Welcome to Commencement at Martin Luther College. As at other colleges, you will see graduates and gowns, faculties and flowers, diplomas and dignitaries. But look more closely at these graduates, and you will see the glory of God on display!

As we worship today, each graduate confesses, *I praise you because I am fearfully and wonderfully made*. Each believe, *We have different gifts, according to the grace given us*. Each recognizes that a diploma brings the Lord glory, *for it is God who works in you to will and to act according to his good purpose*.



Each has been touched by the Spirit with a desire to serve. Whether they receive an assignment today, continue their training at Wisconsin Lutheran Seminary, teach overseas, enter a different vocation or college, or prayerfully wait on the Lord, they see their lives as opportunities to share the good news they've been given, as Christ says: *You are my witnesses*. These graduates are gifts of God to his people, and he will certainly use them and the training they have received for the good of his Church.

Thank you for the prayers and encouragement you have offered to our graduates. May our dear Savior Jesus walk with them as they carry the Word to the world. May he walk with all of us as we live in the light of his grace, to his glory, and for the good of his Church!

In our ascended Lord Christ,

Mark G. Zarling
President Mark G. Zarling

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Mission of Martin Luther College

The mission of Martin Luther College is to train a corps of Christian witnesses who are qualified to meet the ministry needs of the Wisconsin Evangelical Lutheran Synod (WELS) and who are competent to proclaim the Word of God faithfully and in accord with the Lutheran Confessions in the Book of Concord.

To meet the current ministry needs of the WELS, Martin Luther College

- Prepares men for pastoral training at Wisconsin Lutheran Seminary;
- Prepares men and women for service as teachers and staff ministers in the synod's churches, schools, and other institutions;
- Prepares men and women for other church ministries, both full and part-time, responding to the needs of the WELS;
- Prepares international students for ministry in partnership with WELS mission fields; and
- Provides programs of continuing education that meet the ministerial needs of the WELS.

To the glory of God and for the good of his Church

Explanation of attire

Welcome to the 2016 Commencement Service at Martin Luther College. You will see graduates with a Bachelor of Science in Education degree, others with a Bachelor of Arts degree, and still others with a Master of Science in Education degree. This year 21 persons have completed the master's program of which 18 are able to be present today. Since its inception in 2005 there are 93 graduates in the masters program.

Academic apparel worn by faculty and graduates in any college setting has its origins in the Middle Ages. Because most universities grew out of church schools, both faculty and students wore clothing that was based upon monastic dress and that reflected the need for warmth in the unheated stone colleges.

Wearing of such apparel is an adiaphoron, something neither commanded nor forbidden by our Lord in his Word. In Christian freedom we can choose to follow such academic traditions or not. In this Commencement, the MLC faculties will visibly demonstrate that freedom: Our graduate faculty has chosen to wear academic apparel, and our undergraduate faculty has chosen not to.

By a miracle of the Holy Spirit, professors in both faculties have humbly submitted their lives and their educational achievements to Christ for the advancement of his kingdom. Although they no doubt could garner more reputation and remuneration in public settings, they have given their time and talents to train students at MLC for gospel service, to the glory of God and for the good of his Church. They have servant hearts.

Though 97 percent of them have advanced degrees, the undergraduate faculty wears normal attire to emphasize that we train students not just for academic achievement but for ministry. The graduate faculty wears apparel that emphasizes lifelong learning, done to God's glory and in submission to the gospel we proclaim.

For our baccalaureate graduates, the color of the tassel indicates the field of study: light blue indicates a Bachelor of Science in Education; red and black indicates a Bachelor of Arts degree. The hood is worn by our master's graduates. The colors indicate the area of study and the colors of MLC. The graduate faculty wears apparel with colors that indicate not only area of study but also the degree-granting institution.

This year our six graduates from foreign countries will wear a stole with the colors and insignia of their respective homeland. What a privilege for MLC to serve these Christians in our fellowship and prepare them for ministry. May the stoles be a vivid reminder that Jesus said "all nations" in the great commission entrusted to his church.

God has given these gifts to us, to his glory and for the good of the church. *SDG*

MLC Faculty

Undergraduate

Baganz, Peter A.
Balge, Daniel N.
Bases, Paul A.
Bauer, David T.
Boeder, John C.
Carlovsky, James D.
Clemons, Benjamin P.
Cox, Rebecca L.
Czer, Lawrence J.
Danell, James C.
Diels, Joyce A.
Diersen, Gregory T.
Dose, Brian L.
Fenske, Daniel J.
Fredrich, Joel D.
Gawrisch, Daniel P.
Grubbs, Paul J.
Grunwald, James R.
Hanneman, Daryl B.
Hartzell, Jonathan L.
Heidtke, Earl R.
Hennig, Brian K.
Hennig, Grace A.
Hunter, Thomas N.
Klindworth, Robert F.
Koelpin, Paul E.
Krause, Jennifer L.
Lange, Douglas F.
Lange, Lyle W.
Loomis, Cheryl A.
Lotito, Lawrence W.
Mehlberg, Jennifer A.
Meyer, John E.
Moldenhauer, Kermit G.
Nass, Thomas P.
Ohm, Ronald C.
Olson, Lawrence O.
Otterstatter, Michael J.
Paustian, Mark A.
Pearson, Matthew S.

Pekrul, William A.
Pope, James F.
Roux, Jonathan A.
Rupnow, Kenneth C.
Schaefer, Jonathan M.
Schmidt, John H.
Schmudlach, Scott D.
Schone, Jeffrey L.
Schwartz, Tingting Z.
Sellnow, David D.
Smith, Adrian R.
Spurgin, Alan M.
Stein, Mark A.
Stelljes, Ross A.
Tacke, Mark W.
Tess, Paul A.
Thiesfeldt, Steven R.
Unke, James M.
Unke, Lori L.
Wagner, Wayne L.
Wessel, Keith C.
Whaley, Cynthia E.
Wiechman, Jeffery P.
Wurster, Miles B.
Zarling, Mark G.

Tutors

Crass, Isaac M.
Scharf, Matthew W.

Admissions Counselors

Roekle, David J.
Starr, Richard D.

Adjunct

Balge, Bethel A.
Boeder, Bethel J.
Gunderson, John C.
Haugen, Jennifer E.
Hopp, Brian P.
Martens, Judith L.

Matzke, Benjamin M.
Ohm, Carlotta L.
Schubkegel, Joyce C.
Shilling, Ronald L.
Thiesfeldt, Jeneane M.
Vogel, Marianne E.
Wiechman, Elizabeth J.
Wurster, Kathryn M.

Graduate

Bakken, Richard E.
Boehlke, Paul R.
Ehlers, Rachel M.
Enser, Tracey L.
Grunwald, James R.
Gulczynski, Dennis F.
Hanneman, Daryl B.
Holtz, Lowell E.
Johnson, Daniel W.
Klindworth, Robert F.
Kolander, John D.
Kremer, Kenneth J.
Lemke, Jeffrey C.
Lienig, Alanna M.
Melendy, Carla E.
Meyer, John E.
Olson, Lawrence O.
Pfeifer, Carrie F.
Pfeifer, Gene R.
Potratz, Gail M.
Ramsey, Stephanie L.
Rogers, Leslie L.
Rouech, Kristina E.
Sallquist, Julie A.
Schmidt, Jason E.
Spurgin, Alan M.
Tess, Paul A.
Wendler, David O.
Whaley, Cynthia E.
Wiechman, Jeffery P.

MLC Governing Board

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Rev. Mark G. Zarling, MLC President

Commencement Service

10:00 a.m.

*Please remain seated for the processional.
Pictures may be taken during the processional, the distribution of diplomas, and the recessional.*

Processional

Dialogue

- M: In the name of God the Father, God the Son, and God the Holy Spirit.
- C: **Amen.** *(spoken)*
- M: This is the day the Lord has made.
- C: **We will rejoice and be glad in it.**
- M: Heavenly Father, we praise you as the Giver of every good and perfect gift. Be gracious to us and bless us.
- C: **May your ways be known on earth, your salvation among all nations.**
- M: Lord Jesus, you are the Way, the Truth, and the Life.
- C: **Show us your ways, O Lord, teach us your paths. Then we will walk in the light of life.**
- M: Holy Spirit, you alone know the thoughts of God. Be our Counselor and guide us into all truth.
- C: **Sanctify us through the gospel, that we might share in the glory of our Lord Jesus Christ.**

Song of Praise—Father, God of Grace, You Knew Us

CWS 753:5,6

Text: Paul E. Eickmann, 1928-2006

Tune: John Goss, 1800-1880

Forward lead us; Christ we follow,
Drawn by Word and promise true:
“To all nations preach the gospel;
I am evermore with you.”
Keep us faithful! Then, Lord Jesus,
Quickly come! Make all things new!

Praise the Father, great Creator.
Praise the Son, who took our place.
Praise the Spirit, Sanctifier,
God of free and faithful grace!
Alleluia! Alleluia!
Alleluia! Amen.

Be seated

Lesson—1 Corinthians 2:6-14

Stand

Confession of Faith—Luther’s Explanation to the Third Article of the Apostles’ Creed

I believe that I cannot by my own thinking or choosing believe in Jesus Christ, my Lord, or come to him.

But the Holy Spirit has called me by the gospel, enlightened me with his gifts, sanctified and kept me in the true faith. In the same way he calls, gathers, enlightens, and sanctifies the whole Christian Church on earth, and keeps it with Jesus Christ in the one true faith.

In this Christian Church he daily and fully forgives all sins to me and all believers.

On the last day he will raise me and all the dead and give eternal life to me and all believers in Christ.

This is most certainly true.

Lesson—Mark 10:41-45

Be seated

Hymn—Oh, that I Had a Thousand Voices

*Text: Johann Mentzer, 1658–1734
Tune: Cornelius Dretzel, 1697-1775
Choir setting: Kermit Moldenhauer*

Congregation:

**Oh, that I had a thousand voices To praise my God with thousand tongues!
My heart, which in the Lord rejoices, Would then proclaim in grateful songs
To all, wherever I might be, What great things God has done for me.**

Choir:

Dear Father, endless praise I render For soul and body, nobly joined;
I praise you, Guardian kind and tender, For all the daily joys I find
So richly spread on ev’ry side And freely for my use supplied.

Congregation:

**I praise you, Savior, whose compassion Has brought you down to ransom me.
Your pitying heart sought my salvation; You bore the cross triumphantly,
Brought me from bondage full release, Made me your own, and gave me peace.**

Choir:

Glory and praise, still onward reaching, Be yours, O Spirit of all grace,
Whose holy pow’r and faithful teaching Give me among your saints a place.
Whatever good by me is done Is worked by grace divine alone.

Congregation:

**Shall I not then be filled with gladness? Shall I not praise you evermore
And triumph over fear and sadness, Although my cup of woe runs o’er?
Though heav’n and earth shall disappear, Your endless love is ever near.**

Sermon Text—1 Peter 4:10-11

Each of you should use whatever gift you have received to serve others, as faithful stewards of God’s grace in its various forms. If anyone speaks, they should do so as one who speaks the very words of God. If anyone serves, they should do so with the strength God provides, so that in all things God may be praised through Jesus Christ. To him be the glory and the power for ever and ever. Amen.

Sermon Theme—Gifted to Serve for Service that Gives

Choir—Jesus, Send Us on Your Mission

*Text: Dean Nadasdy
Music: Mark Shepperd*

Jesus, send us on your mission. Make us servants true and bold.
Give us all courageous vision that your story may be told.
May we each, the nine fruit bearing, and the Spirit's gifts displayed,
leave this place, your good news sharing, you, the Truth, the Life, the Way.

“Go and serve where I will send you. Let my will and yours be one.
Go in peace. I will befriend you. You will never be alone.
Waste no time; now is the hour. Let your banners be unfurled.
Go united in my power. Bring my love to all the world.

Savior, rich in grace, all-knowing, we will follow where you lead.
In our coming and our going, you'll supply our ev'ry need.
So with alleluias raising, and your name to still our fear,
on our way we now go, praising, sent to witness far and near.

Presentation of Diplomas

*Please reserve applause for the Presentation of the Class of 2016,
which occurs after the Blessing.*

Stand

Prayer

Minister: Heavenly Father, we praise you for the gospel of our salvation, and for giving your Church men and women who are qualified to serve in the public ministry of the gospel. We pray especially for our graduates who have successfully completed their course of study at this college of ministry.

Graduates: Lord, be with us as we serve in the future. From your hand we are willing to accept the joys and the sorrows of life. Keep us from sin, comfort us with your Word, and bless our service to you.

All others: **You have promised to be with them. Watch over their lives, both now and forevermore. Keep them faithful to your Word, that they may continue to grow in wisdom, righteousness, and holiness.**

Minister: Bless those who will enter your ministry as teachers and staff ministers with the boldness to speak the mysteries of your gospel. Give those who will continue their preparation for the pastoral ministry at Wisconsin Lutheran Seminary patience and diligence. Provide those who will be serving as lay members in your congregations or in international fields with opportunities to use their special gifts and training to serve your kingdom.

All: **Empower all of us to bring honor and glory to your name.**

Minister: Gracious Lord, continue to bless Martin Luther College with instructors who recognize Jesus Christ as wisdom's highest treasure, and with students who are committed to preparing themselves for the public ministry of your Church.

Faculty and Students:

Lord, all we have comes from you. Help us use our talents and energies in joyful service to you.

Minister: Lord God, watch over the lives of all your people. Cause the faith you have planted in our hearts to fill our lips with your praise that we may share Jesus' love with all people. Dispel our fears, strengthen us in our weakness, and finally bring us all to everlasting glory through the merits of Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord.

All: **In his name we pray. Amen.**

Blessing

M: May the God who gives endurance and encouragement give you a spirit of unity among yourselves as you follow Christ Jesus, so that with one heart and mouth you may glorify the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ.

C: **Amen. (spoken)**

Hymn—On What Has Now Been Sown

CW 322:1,3

Text: John Newton, 1725-1807

Tune: John Darwall, 1731-89

On what has now been sown
Your blessing, Lord, bestow;
The pow'r is yours alone
To make it spring and grow.
O Lord in grace the harvest raise,
And you alone shall have the praise!

Oh, grant that each of us
Now met before you here,
May meet together thus
When you and yours appear
And follow you to heav'n, our home.
E'en so, Amen! Lord Jesus, come!

Be seated

Announcements

Presentation of the Class of 2016

Recessional

*Please remain seated until the graduates and the faculty have recessed.
Following the service you may greet the graduates on the mall.*

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Presiding Minister

Rev. Paul Koelpin
MLC Faculty Secretary

Preacher

Rev. Mark Zarling
MLC President

Assisting with the distribution of diplomas

Dr. Jeff Wiechman
MLC Vice President for Academic Affairs

Organist

Dr. Wayne Wagner
MLC Music Division

Martin Luther College Choir Conductor

Dr. Kermit Moldenhauer
MLC Music Division

Graduation Marshal

Michelle Gartner
MLC Event Coordinator

International Service

The following graduates have elected international service in various parts of the world:

Evodia Cassius - St. Lucia
Elijah Ehlert - Southeast Asia
Julie Kent - Antigua
Katherine Kobs - Russia
Andrew Krieger - Russia
Megan Lepke - Antigua
Ron Pile - Southeast Asia
Caleb Solofra - Peru
Tim Walsh - Peru

The listing of those who were assigned calls will be handed out after the call service.

Bachelor of Arts



Joshua P. Arndt
Fort Atkinson, WI



Ethan S. Boese
New Berlin, WI



Paul W. Bourman
Rochester, MN



Jacob C. Brohn
Hudson, WI



Ethan T. Brooks
Janesville, WI



Charles T. Crass
Rock Island, IL



Elijah A. Ehlert
Black Creek, WI



Benjamin W. Haferman
Brookfield, WI



Matthew D. Hatzung
Maplewood, MN



James D. Hemmelman
Winona, MN



Nicolas J. Jenswold
Hortonville, WI



Alexander J. Kirchenwitz
Weston, WI



Brian A. Knepprath
North Mankato, MN



Micah J. Koelpin
Dallas, TX



Andrew J. Krieger
Tecumseh, MI



Josiah C. Kroll
Kumba, Cameroon



Matthew T. Lehne
Burnsville, MN



Jacob W. Limpert
Rochester, MN



Jacob M. Mueller
Flagstaff, AZ



Thomas J. Neider
Lakeview, OR



Jonathan P. Neumann
Pueblo West, CO



Thomas A. Nicholson
Portage, WI



Ron A. Pile
St. John's, Antigua



Nicholas A. Quinnett
Colwich, KS



Joshua J. Rathje
Mount Pleasant, MI



Chester C. Reinemann
Maplewood, MN



Kenneth D. Reschke
De Pere, WI



Thomas J. Rockhoff
Wichita, KS



Christopher J. Royce
Green Bay, WI



Daniel L. Schmidt
Bittern Lake, Alberta Canada



Jacob A. Seelman
Sturgeon Bay, WI



Caleb J. Solofra
Laveen, AZ



Tyler D. Swiderski
Minneapolis, MN



Orie J. Thomford
Chesaning, MI



Jason E. Threlkeld
Milwaukee, WI



Jordan D. Uhlhorn
Scottsdale, AZ



Zachary A. VonDeylen
Friendswood, TX



Timothy J. Walsh
Onalaska, WI

Seminary Certification



Caleb M. Klatt
New Hope, MN



Karim Yaghleji
Joplin, MO

Bachelor of Science in Education

Major: Early Childhood Education



Hannah M. Apt
Crete, IL



Erin M. Bohl
Oakdale, MN



Alison M. Boulden
Watertown, WI



Evodia S. Cassius
Castries, St. Lucia



Rebecca K. Christensen
Bowler, WI



Mateja O. Epple
Niles, IL



Charis L. Goelzer
Oakfield, WI



Erin J. Keese
Milwaukee, WI



Kristin E. Lemke
Jefferson, WI



Megan E. Lepke
Chaseburg, WI



Kathryn T. Marquardt
Racine, WI



McKinzie L. Paulsen
Wheaton, IL



Monica E. Quinnett
Greenfield, WI



Emily M. Renner
Watertown, SD



Haley L. Rieck
Caledonia, MN



Ashley N. Sonntag
Janesville, WI



Megan N. Ungemach
Manitowoc, WI



Erin M. Westendorf
Watertown, WI

Bachelor of Science in Education

Major: Elementary Education



Catherine C. Backer
Farmington, MN



Paul H. Braun
Neenah, WI



Nathan P. Deering
Elkton, MI



Austin P. Eisenmann
Appleton, WI



Hannah M. Ellingboe
Wrightstown, WI



Jessica M. Eternick
Waterloo, WI



Hannah J. Holzhueter
Waterloo, WI



Christina M. Hussman
Greenville, WI



Elizabeth J. Kogler
Phoenix, AZ



Joel M. Koschnitzke
Jackson, WI



John M. Kujath
East Troy, WI



Seth A. Lange
New Ulm, MN



Rachel C. Naumann
Morton Grove, IL



Amara E. Olson
Inver Grove Heights, MN



Michael E. Paulsen
Oconomowoc, WI



Emilee V. Plocher
New Ulm, MN



Janelle L. Radue
Waukesha, WI



Stephen O. Roekle
Racine, WI



Jacob M. Rothe
New Berlin, WI



Nathan A. Schoenherr
New Ulm, MN



James A. Schuette
Manitowoc, WI



Cassandra L. Schwark
Elkhorn, WI



Leah G. Snyder
Jefferson, WI



Megan A. Stein
New Ulm, MN



Melissa S. Stibb
Beaver Dam, WI



Wesley S. Towne
Bay City, MI



Ashley L. Van Calster
Green Bay, WI



Rebecca A. Wasser
Kaukauna, WI



Lacey J. Waters
Watertown, WI



Jessica C. Welke
Winnebago, IL



Emily L. Westra
Fairfield, OH



Melissa J. Wolff
Fond du Lac, WI

Bachelor of Science in Education

Major: Secondary Education



Santiago D. Botero
Bogotá, Colombia
Life Science



Grey J. Davis
Lake Mills, WI
Social Studies



Benjamin S. Ewings
De Forest, WI
Communication Arts & Literature



ChiSeon Kim
Seoul, South Korea
Social Studies



Matthew J. Olson
North Saint Paul, MN
Mathematics



Samuel J. Otto
Baraboo, WI
Physics



Sara C. Willems
Mount Pleasant, WI
Chemistry

Bachelor of Science in Education

**Major:
K-12 Music**



Marcus I. Henning
New Ulm, MN
Instrumental & Vocal Music



Zachary D. Unke
Howards Grove, WI
Choral/Vocal Music

Bachelor of Science in Education

Majors:
Elementary Education
Early Childhood Education



Sarah C. Frost
Appleton, WI



Julie C. Kent
Milwaukee, WI



Kristi L. Koelpin
New Ulm, MN



Katherine R. Schultz
Elkhorn, WI



Elizabeth N. Sherwood
Glendale, WI



Sarah L. Tryba
Weyauwega, WI



Anna M. Ungemach
Manitowoc, WI

Bachelor of Science in Education

Majors:

Early Childhood Education

Staff Ministry



Keely M. Keese
Lake Geneva, WI

Bachelor of Science in Education

Majors:
Elementary Education
Secondary Education



Rachel A. Brokmeier
Brookings, SD
Instrumental & Vocal Music



Katherine E. Kobs
East Tawas, MI
Instrumental & Vocal Music



Kyara M. Koepsell
Sleepy Eye, MN
Choral/Vocal Music



Joshua J. Mose
Iron Ridge, WI
Choral/Vocal Music



Colin J. Paustian
Racine, WI
Chemistry



Haley G. Roske
Willmar, MN
Communication Arts & Literature



Kayla N. Schoeneck
New Berlin, WI
Communication Arts & Literature



Sarah J. Selle
Neenah, WI
Life Science



Christopher A. Stollfus
Pickett, WI
Physical Education



Zachariah D. Thooft
Marshall, MN
Social Studies

Bachelor of Science in Education

Majors:
Elementary Education
Parish Music



Alyssa R. Stuebs
Appleton, WI

Majors:
Elementary Education
Staff Ministry



Matthew J. Ivan
Freeland, MI

Bachelor of Science

**Major:
Staff Ministry**



Casey C. Sauer
Green Bay, WI



Andrew S. Tramp
Green Bay, WI

Bachelor of Science

Major: Educational Studies



Desirée R. Alge
Jenera, OH
in Absentia



Bethany J. Arndt
Rosemount, MN



Benjamin J. Balge
Milwaukee, WI



Christopher D. Hosbach
West Allis, WI



Michael J. Koester
South Bend, IN



David F. Korthals
Sparta, WI



Alyssa A. Lawrence
Yorktown, VA



Kristin E. Rodrigue
Clifton Park, NY



Hannah E. Schlomer
Moorhead, MN



John E. Schuette
Manitowoc, WI



Leah E. Wendland
New Ulm, MN

Completing Certificate Program

Evangelism

Jeffrey W. Krakow
Columbus, WI

Mentoring and Coaching

Greta L. Scharp
Menomonee Falls, WI

Master of Science in Education

The Master of Science in Education program has the goal of contributing to the professional growth of teachers and encouraging them to be reflective, competent, and dedicated educators of children in a Christian setting.

The Master of Science in Education degree from Martin Luther College is designed for persons who have an undergraduate degree in education from an accredited college or university. The master's program offers students a choice of four emphases: instruction, leadership, special education, and educational technology.



Christopher J. Becker
Kennewick, WA
Instruction Emphasis
in Absentia



Jonathan G. Beilke
Saint Michael, MN
Leadership Emphasis



Anna C. Flunker
Salem, OR
Special Education Emphasis



Julianne Foelske
Concord, WI
Special Education Emphasis

Current service:
Hawthorne Elementary School
Kennewick, WA
Teacher, 2013-

Previous service:
Grace Lutheran School
Yakima, WA
Principal/Teacher, 2010-2013

Saint David School
Santiago, Dominican Republic
Teacher, 2009-2010

Saint Croix Lutheran High School
West St. Paul, MN
Emergency Teacher,
2007-2008

Other degree:
BSEd, Martin Luther College
2009

Current service:
Salem Lutheran School
Greenfield, MN
Principal/Teacher, 2011-

Previous service:
Saint Paul Lutheran School
Mount Calvary, WI
Principal/Teacher, 2008-2011

Zion Lutheran School
Torrance, CA
Principal/Teacher, 2005-2008

Other degree:
BSEd, Martin Luther College
2005

Current service:
Immanuel Lutheran School
Salem, OR
Teacher, 2011-

Previous service:
Great Plains Lutheran
High School
Watertown, SD
Dormitory Assistant, 2009-2011

Saint John Lutheran School
Montello, WI
Teacher, 2008-2009

Other degree:
BSEd, Martin Luther College
2008

Previous service:
Siloah Lutheran School
Milwaukee, WI
Teacher, 2010-2011

Redeemer Lutheran School
Rice Lake, WI
Teacher, 2009-2010

Siloah Lutheran School
Milwaukee, WI
Teacher, 2007-2009

Other degree:
BSEd, Martin Luther College
2007



Edwin J. Fredrich
Peoria, AZ
Instruction Emphasis
in Absentia

Current service:

Grace Lutheran School
Glendale, AZ
Principal/Teacher, 2013-

Previous service:

Gethsemane Lutheran School
Oklahoma City, OK
Principal/Teacher, 2010-2013

Saint John Lutheran School
St. John's, Antigua
Principal/Teacher, 2006-2010

Salem Lutheran School
Stillwater, MN
Teacher, 2005-2006

Friends of China
St. Paul, MN
Teacher, 2001-2005

Saint John Lutheran School
Goodhue, MN
Principal/Teacher, 1996-2001

Other degree:

BSEd, Martin Luther College
1996



David P. Fulton
Oshkosh, WI
Leadership Emphasis

Current service:

Grace Lutheran School
Oshkosh, WI
Principal/Teacher, 2004-

Previous service:

Saint Paul Lutheran School
Wonewoc, WI
Principal/Teacher, 1997-2004

Other degree:

BSEd, Martin Luther College
1997



Kathryn O. Furr
Knoxville, TN
Special Education Emphasis
in Absentia

Other degree:

BSEd, Martin Luther College
2010



Jason T. Gibson
Neenah, WI
Leadership Emphasis

Current service:

Trinity Lutheran School
Neenah, WI
Principal/Teacher, 2008-

Previous service:

Saint Paul Lutheran School
Mount Calvary, WI
Principal/Teacher, 2002-2008

Other degree:

BSEd, Martin Luther College
2002



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Eau Claire, WI
Instruction Emphasis



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Beaver Dam, WI
Leadership Emphasis



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Current service:

Saint Mark Lutheran School
Eau Claire, WI
Assistant Principal/Teacher,
2009-

Other degree:

BSEd, Martin Luther College
2009

Current service:

Saint John Lutheran School
Montello, WI
Principal, 2011-

Previous service:

Trinity Lutheran School
Hoskins, NE
Principal, 2001-2011

Other degree:

BSEd, Martin Luther College
2001

Current service:

Salem Lutheran School
Greenfield, MN
Teacher, 2015-

Previous service:

Canaan Lutheran Academy
Seoul, South Korea
Teacher, 2014-2015

Other degree:

BA, Bethany Lutheran College
2013

Current service:

Saint John Lutheran School
Watertown, WI
Principal/Teacher/
Athletic Director, 2014-

Previous service:

Christ Lutheran School
Eagle River, WI
Principal/Teacher, 2007-2014

Other degree:

BSEd, Martin Luther College
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Leadership Emphasis



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Educational Technology Emphasis



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Current service:

WELS Commission on
Lutheran Schools
Waukesha, WI
Associate Director for CLS/
Executive Director for WELS
School Accreditation, 2015-

Previous service:

Saint Paul Lutheran School
Plymouth, NE
Principal/Teacher, 1997-2015

Other degree:

BSEd, Martin Luther College
1997

Current service:

Saint Paul Lutheran School
New Ulm, MN
Teacher/Technology Director,
2003-

Previous service:

Gethsemane Lutheran School
Oklahoma City, OK
Principal/Teacher, 1997-2003

Eastside Lutheran School
Madison, WI
Teacher/Family Minister,
1993-1997

Other degree:

BSEd, Dr. Martin Luther College
1993

Current service:

Good Shepherd Lutheran School
Burnsville, MN
Principal/Teacher, 2010-

Previous service:

Our Redeemer Lutheran School
Madison, WI
Principal/Teacher, 1995-2010

Grace Lutheran School
Eau Claire, MI
Principal/Teacher, 1986-1995

Other degree:

BSEd, Dr. Martin Luther College
1986

Current service:

California Lutheran High School
Wildomar, CA
Principal/Teacher, 2006-

Previous service:

Mt. Olive Lutheran School
Las Vegas, NV
Principal/Teacher, 2003-2006

King of Kings Lutheran School
Garden Grove, CA
Principal/Teacher, 1993-2003

Saint Paul Lutheran School
Fort Atkinson, WI
Teacher/Music, 1990-1993

Saint John Lutheran School
Fremont, WI
Teacher, 1986-1990

Other degree:

BSEd, Dr. Martin Luther College
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New Ulm, MN
Special Education Emphasis



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Current service:

Saint Paul Lutheran School
Moline, IL
Teacher/Music, 2009-

Other degree:

BSEd, Martin Luther College
2009

Current service:

Saint John's Lutheran School
Sleepy Eye, MN
Teacher, 2013-

Previous service:

South Hamilton Public School
Jewell, IA
Special Ed. Teacher, 2008-2013

Abiding Word Lutheran School
Houston, TX
Teacher/Center Director,
2001-2007

Saint Stephen Lutheran School
Beaver Dam, WI
Teacher/Coach, 1997-2001

Trinity Lutheran School
Brillion, WI
Teacher, 1996-1997

Other degree:

BSEd, Martin Luther College
1996

Current service:

Arizona Lutheran Academy
Phoenix, AZ
Teacher/Coach/Technology,
1999-

Other degree:

BSEd, Martin Luther College
1999

Current service:

Jerusalem Lutheran School
Morton Grove, IL
Principal, 2005-

Other degrees:

BAEd, University of North
Florida
2001
Synod Certification,
Martin Luther College
2007



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Leadership Emphasis

Current service:

Our Savior Lutheran School
Wausau, WI
Teacher, 2012-

Previous service:

Saint Peter Lutheran School
Schofield, WI
Teacher, 2008-2012

Other degree:

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Call Service

2:30 p.m.

Hymn—Come, Holy Ghost, Creator Blest

Text: attr. Rhabanus Maurus, 776-856; tr. Edward Caswall, 1814-78

Tune: Geistliche lieder auff's new gebessert, Wittenberg, 1533

1 Come, Ho - ly Ghost, Cre - a - tor blest, And make our
2 To you, the Coun - se - lor, we cry, To you, the
3 Your light to ev - 'ry thought im - part, And shed your
4 Drive far a - way our wi - ly foe, And your a -
5 Teach us to know the Fa - ther, Son, And you, from
hearts your place of rest; Come with your grace and
gift of God most high; The fount of life, the
love in ev - 'ry heart; The weak - ness of our
bid - ing peace be - stow; If you are our pro -
both, as Three in One That we your name may
heav'n - ly aid, And fill the hearts which you have made.
fire of love, The soul's a - noint - ing from a - bove.
mor - tal state With death-less might in - vig - o - rate.
tect - ing guide, No e - vil can with us a - bide.
ev - er bless And in our lives the truth con - fess.

6 Praise we the Father and the Son
And Holy Spirit, with them One,
And may the Son on us bestow
The gifts that from the Spirit flow!

Stand

M: In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth. Now the earth was formless and empty, and the Spirit of God was hovering over the waters.

C: **The Spirit of God has made me; the breath of the Almighty gives me life.**

M: Where can I go from your Spirit? Where can I flee from your presence?

C: **If I go up to the heavens, you are there; if I make my bed in the depths, you are there.**

M: The Lord said, "My Spirit will not contend with man forever."

C: **O Lord, do not rebuke me in your anger or discipline me in your wrath.**

M: Be merciful to me, Lord, for I am faint; O Lord, heal me, for my bones are in agony.

C: **Turn, O Lord, and deliver me; save me because of your unfailing love.**

M: Jesus said to his disciples, "Receive the Holy Spirit. If you forgive anyone his sins, they are forgiven; if you do not forgive them, they are not forgiven."

C: **No one can enter the kingdom of God unless he is born of water and the Spirit. Flesh gives birth to flesh, but the Spirit gives birth to spirit.**

M: The Spirit of the Sovereign Lord is on me, because the Lord has anointed me to preach good news to the poor.

C: **There is now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus, because through Christ Jesus the law of the Spirit of life set me free from the law of sin and death.**

M: Now it is God who has made us and has given us the Spirit as a deposit, guaranteeing what is to come.

C: **Since we live by the Spirit, let us keep in step with the Spirit.**

M: Come, Holy Spirit! Fill the hearts of your faithful people, and kindle in us the fire of your love.

All sing:

**O Holy Spirit, enter in And in our hearts your work begin,
Your dwelling place Now make us.
Sun of the soul, O Light divine, Around and in us brightly shine,
To joy and gladness wake us
That we May be Truly living, To you giving Prayer unceasing
And in love be still increasing.**

M: Lord God, source of all abiding knowledge, through Word and Sacrament you both enlighten the minds and sanctify the lives of those you draw to your service. Pour out your Spirit on the men and women who present themselves for assignment this day. Give them joy as they receive a call from you and your people, and grant them confidence to proclaim your grace with faithfulness and zeal. By their teaching and life let your kingdom come and your will be done; through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God now and forever.

C: **Amen.** (*spoken*)

Be seated

Lesson—1 Corinthians 12:3-7

Hymn—Send, O Lord, Your Holy Spirit

CW 545

*Text: German hymn, 19th century
tr. Frederick W. Herzberger, 1859–1930, alt.*

**Send, O Lord, your Holy Spirit On your servants now, we pray;
Let them all be faithful shepherds That no lamb is led astray.
Your pure teaching to proclaim, To adore your holy name,
And to feed your lambs, dear Savior, Make their aim and sole endeavor.**

**You, O Lord, yourself have called them For your precious lambs to care;
But to prosper in their calling, They the Spirit's gifts must share.
Grant them wisdom from above; Fill their hearts with holy love.
In their weakness, Lord, be near them; In their prayers, Good Shepherd, hear them.**

**Help, Lord Jesus, help them nourish Our dear children with your Word,
That in constant love they serve you Till in heav'n their song is heard.
Boundless blessings, Lord, bestow On your servants' work below
Till by grace to them is given Their reward, the crown of heaven.**

Sermon Text—John 15:26-27

When the Advocate comes, whom I will send to you from the Father—the Spirit of truth who goes out from the Father—he will testify about me. And you also must testify, for you have been with me from the beginning.

Sermon Theme—Trust the Spirit of Truth

Choir—Lord God, You Have Called Your Servants

Music by Aaron McDermid

Lord God, you have called your servants
to ventures of which we cannot see the ending;
by paths as yet untrod, through perils unknown.

Give us faith to go out with courage, not knowing where we go,
but only that your hand is leading us and your love supporting us;
through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

Reading of Assignments

Stand

Hymn—Holy God, We Praise Your Name

CW 278:1,4

*Katholisches Gesangbuch, Vienna, 1774
tr. Clarence A. Walworth, 1820–1900*

**Holy God, we praise your name;
Lord of all, we bow before you.
All on earth your scepter claim;
All in heav'n above adore you.
Infinite your vast domain,
Everlasting is your reign.**

**Holy Father, holy Son,
Holy Spirit, three we name you;
Though in essence only one,
Undivided God we claim you,
Then, adoring, bend the knee
And confess the mystery.**

Prayer

M: Almighty God, look with favor on those whom you have called to minister to your people. Fill them with faithfulness to your teaching and clothe them with holiness of life, that they may joyfully serve to the glory of your name and for the benefit of your Church; through Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: **Amen.** (spoken)

Blessing

M: The Lord bless you and keep you.
The Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you.
The Lord look on you with favor and give you peace.

C: **Amen. Amen. Amen.** (sung)

Hymn—God's Word Is Our Great Heritage

CW 293

Text: Nikolai F. S. Grundtvig, 1783-1872

tr. Ole G. Belsheim, 1861-1925

Tune: Friedrich O. Reuter, 1863-1924

**God's Word is our great heritage And shall be ours forever;
To spread its light from age to age Shall be our chief endeavor.
Through life it guides our way; In death it is our stay.
Lord, grant while worlds endure, We keep its teachings pure
Throughout all generations. Amen.**

Be seated

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MLC Music Division

Martin Luther College Choir Conductor

Dr. Kermit Moldenhauer
MLC Music Division

Almighty God, who by your Son Jesus Christ, gave command to the apostles that they should go into all the world and preach the gospel to every creature: grant to us whom you have called into your church a ready will to obey your Word, and fill us with a hearty desire to make your way known upon earth, your saving health among all nations. Look with compassion upon the multitudes that are scattered as sheep having no shepherd. O heavenly Father, Lord of the harvest, have respect, we beseech you, to our prayers, and send forth laborers into your harvest. Fit and prepare them by your grace for the work of the ministry; give them the Spirit of power and of love and of a sound mind; strengthen them to endure hardness and grant that your Holy Spirit may prosper their work, and they by their life and doctrine may show forth your glory, and set forward the salvation of all people; through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

