
Commencement Service

December 15, 2016



MARTIN LUTHER COLLEGE, New Ulm, Minnesota

*Pictures may be taken during the processional, the distribution of diplomas, and the recessional.
Please remain seated for the processional. Stand to sing the final verse of the hymn.*

Processional Hymn—Lo, He Comes With Clouds Descending



1 Lo, he comes with clouds de -
2 Ev - 'ry eye shall now be -
3 Those dear to - kens of his
4 Yea, A - men, let all a -



scend - ing, Once for ev - 'ry sin - ner
hold him, Robed in glo - rious maj - es -
pas - sion Still his daz - zling bod - y
dore you High on your e - ter - nal



slain. Thou - sand, thou - sand
ty; Those who ri - di -
bears, Cause of end - less
throne. Ev - 'ry knee shall



saints at - tend - ing Swell the tri - umph
culed and sold him, Pierced and nailed him
ex - ul - ta - tion To his ran - somed
bow be - fore you; Come and take your



of his train. Al - le - lu - ia!
to the tree, Deep - ly wail - ing,
wor - ship - ers. With what won - der,
peo - ple home! Al - le - lu - ia!



Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!
Deep - ly wail - ing, Deep - ly wail - ing,
With what won - der, With what won - der,
Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!



Christ re - veals his end - less reign.
Shall the true Mes - si - ah see.
Gaze we on those glo - rious scars.
You shall reign and you a - lone!

M: O Lord, open my lips.



C: And my mouth shall de-clare your praise.

M: Hasten to save me, O God.

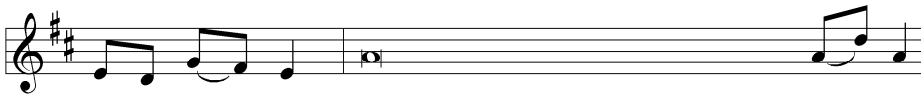


C: O Lord, come quick-ly to help me.

M: Behold the King comes: let us worship him.



C: Oh, come, let us sing to the Lord, let us make a joyful noise to the rock of



our sal - va - tion. Let us come into his presence with thanks-giv - ing,



let us make a joyful noise to him with songs of praise. For the Lord is a



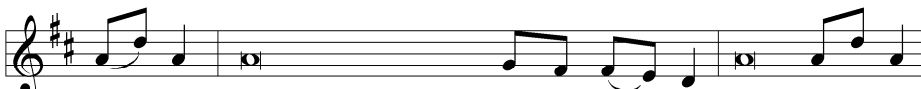
great God and a great king a-bove all gods. The deep places of the earth are



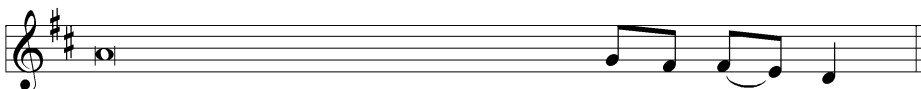
in his hand; the heights of the hills are al - so his. The sea is his, for he



made it, and his hand formed the dry land. Oh, come, let us worship and



bow down, let us kneel before the Lord our mak - er. For he is our God,



and we are the people of his pasture and the sheep of his hand.

Be seated

Lesson — Isaiah 30:19-21

People of Zion, who live in Jerusalem, you will weep no more. How gracious he will be when you cry for help! As soon as he hears, he will answer you. Although the Lord gives you the bread of adversity and the water of affliction, your teachers will be hidden no more; with your own eyes you will see them. Whether you turn to the right or to the left, your ears will hear a voice behind you, saying, "This is the way; walk in it."

Choral Response

Magnificat

Music by Philip W. J. Stopford, b. 1977

(from Truro Evening Canticles)

My soul doth magnify the Lord and my spirit rejoiceth in God my Savior.
For he hath regarded the lowliness of his handmaiden.
For behold, from henceforth all generations shall call me blessed.
For he that is mighty hath magnified me and holy is his Name.
And his mercy is on them that fear him throughout all generations.
He hath shewed strength with his arm; he hath scattered the proud in the imagination of their hearts.
He hath put down the mighty from their seat and hath exalted the humble and meek.
He hath filled the hungry with good things and the rich he hath sent empty away.
He remembering his mercy hath holpen his servant Israel as he promised to our forefathers, Abraham and his seed forever.

Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost;
As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

Stand

The Gospel — Matthew 6:31-34

So do not worry, saying, 'What shall we eat?' or 'What shall we drink?' or 'What shall we wear?' For the pagans run after all these things, and your heavenly Father knows that you need them. But seek first his kingdom and his righteousness, and all these things will be given to you as well. Therefore do not worry about tomorrow, for tomorrow will worry about itself. Each day has enough trouble of its own.

Be seated

Hymn—How Firm a Foundation

(CWS 768)



1 How firm a foun - da - tion, O saints
2 "Fear not! I am with you. Oh, be
3 "The soul that on Je - sus has leaned
4 "When through fi - ery tri - als your path -
5 "Through - out all their life - time my peo -



of the Lord, Is laid for your
not dis - mayed; For I am your
for re - pose I will not, I
way shall lie, My grace all - suf -
ple shall prove My sov' - reign, e -



faith in his ex - cel - lent Word! What
God and will still give you aid; I'll
will not, de - sert to his foes. That
fi - cient shall be your sup - ply. The
ter - nal, un - change - a - ble love, And



more can he say than to you
strength - en you, help you, and cause
soul, though all hell should en - deav -
flames will not hurt you; I on -
then, when gray hair shall their tem -



he has said Who un - to the
you to stand, Up - held by my
or to shake, I'll nev - er, no
ly de - sign, Your dross to con -
ples a - dorn, Like lambs they shall



Sav - ior for ref - uge have fled?
right - eous, om - ni - po - tent hand.
nev - er, no nev - er for - sake!
sume and your gold to re - fine.
still on my shoul - ders be borne."

The beloved words of this hymn are wed to its traditional American melody.

Text: *A Selection of Hymns*, London, 1787, alt.

Tune: FOUNDATION (11 11 11 11) Traditional American melody; Caldwell's *Union Harmony*, 1837.

Sermon — Romans 8:28

Your future in Christ—Only good, all the time!

For we know that in all things God works for the good of those who love him, who have been called according to his purpose.

Choral Response

Hope and Quietly Wait

Text from Lamentations 3:26; Romans 8:38-39
Music by Paul Rudoj and Thad Fiscella

It is good that one should hope and quietly wait for the salvation of the Lord.

I am convinced that neither death nor life,
neither angels nor demons,
neither the present nor the future nor any powers,
neither height nor depth nor anything else in all creation
will be able to separate us from the love of God.

It is good that one should hope and quietly wait.

Conferring of Degrees *Please reserve applause for the Presentation of the Class.*

Stand

Prayer

Minister: Heavenly Father, we praise and thank you for giving your Church men and women who are qualified to serve in the public ministry.

All: Bless every servant of your Word who proclaims Christ crucified for sinners as the wisdom and power of God.

Minister: We pray especially for our graduates, who have successfully completed their course of study at this college of ministry.

Graduates: Lord, 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 forever. Keep them faithful to your Word, that they may continue to grow in wisdom, righteousness, and holiness.

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

Faculty &

Students: Help us use our talents and energies in joyful service to you.

Minister: Lord God, watch over the lives of all your 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.**

Be seated

Choral Response

Nunc Dimittis

Music by Philip Stopford

Lord, now lettest thou thy servant depart in peace, according to thy word.
For mine eyes have seen thy salvation,
Which thou hast prepared before the face of all people;
To be a light to lighten the Gentiles, and to be the glory of thy people Israel.

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost;
As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

Stand

Blessing

Minister: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ and the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

All: **Amen. (sung)**

Hymn—God's Word is Our Great Heritage

(CW 293)

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.

Be seated

Presentation of the Graduates, December 2016

Recessional

Following the recessional, please usher yourselves out of the sanctuary.

Service Participants

Preacher

Rev. Mark Zarling
President, MLC

Presenting degrees

Dr. Jeff Wiechman
Vice-president for Academics, MLC

Organist

Ronald L. Shilling
Professor Emeritus, MLC

Martin Luther College Choir Conductor

Dr. Kermit Moldenhauer
Professor of Music, MLC

Graduation Marshal

Michelle Gartner
Event Coordinator, MLC

Bachelor of Science in Education

Major:

Early Childhood Education



Abigail R. Petermann
Mendota Heights, MN

Bachelor of Science in Education

Major:

Elementary Education



Daniel T. Roemhildt
North Mankato, MN

Bachelor of Science in Education

**Major:
Secondary Education**



Joshua W. Lindner
Oak Creek, WI
Communication Arts and Literature



James A. Schlieper
Fort Atkinson, WI
Social Studies

Bachelor of Science in Education

**Majors:
K-12 Music
K-12 Physical Education**



Travis J. Kretsch
New Ulm, MN
Physical Education



Rachel M. Trimmer
Parkville, MD
Instrumental and Vocal Music

Bachelor of Science
Major:
Educational Studies



Lillian E. Busch
Woodbridge, VA



James H. Phelps
Stoughton, WI



Richard J. Schmidt
Fond du Lac, WI

Completing Additional Degrees

Early Childhood Education

Desirée R. Alge
Jenera, OH

Hannah E. Schlomer
Moorhead, MN

Elementary Education

Amanda M. Glodowski
Goodhue, MN

Staff Ministry Certification



John E. Kramer
Washington, MI
in Absentia

Completing Certificate Programs

Evangelism

Thomas R. Canter
Tallahassee, FL

Theodore K. Graser, Sr.
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