

A Service of Thanksgiving

*For the Privilege of Serving
in the Gospel Ministry*



Martin Luther College

**April 29, 2018
3:00 pm
Chapel of the Christ**

Stand at the direction of the presiding minister. Face the cross at the back of the chapel and follow its path to the chancel where it becomes the focus of Christian worship.

Processional Hymn

Father, God of Grace You Knew Us



1 Fa - ther, God of grace, you knew us,
2 We, your crea - tures, sinned a - gainst you,
3 Coun - sel - or, you bring as prom - ised
4 Lord, your change - less Word has fed us,
5 For - ward lead us; Christ, we fol - low,
6 Praise the Fa - ther, great Cre - a - tor.



Chose us, named us as your own,
And our guilt was crim - son red.
From the Fa - ther and the Son
Span - ning time, tran - scend - ing space.
Drawn by Word and prom - ise true:
Praise the Son, who took our place.



Through e - ter - nal a - ges plan - ning
Son of God, you came in - car - nate,
Right - eous - ness ful - filled, ac - com - plished,
Wa - ter, bread, and wine sus - tained us
"To all na - tions preach the gos - pel;
Praise the Spir - it, Sanc - ti - fi - er,



To re - deem us in your Son.
Crushed the craft - y ser - pent's head,
Free for - give - ness, heav - en won.
When the dark - ness hid your face.
I am ev - er - more with you."
God of free and faith - ful grace!



Praise the Fa - ther, God who loved us
Died our death, now live tri - um - phant:
Praise the Spir - it! He as - sures us
Keep us with you, faith - ful Shep - herd,
Keep us faith - ful! Then, Lord Je - sus,
Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!



Ere cre - a - tion was be - gun!
Praise the first - born from the dead!
Our sal - va - tion's work is done!
By your sav - ing means of grace!
Quick - ly come! Make all things new!
Al - le - lu - ia! A - men.

Invocation

M: In the name of God the Father, God the Son, and God the Holy Spirit.

C: **Amen.**

M: Shout for joy to the Lord, all the earth.

C: **Praise God in his sanctuary; praise him in his mighty heavens.**

M: Worship the Lord with gladness; come before him with joyful songs.

C: **Praise him for his acts of power; praise him for his surpassing greatness.**

M: Know that the Lord is God. It is he who made us and we are his; we are his people, the sheep of his pasture.

C: **Praise him with the sounding of the trumpet; praise him with the harp and lyre.**

M: Enter his gates with thanksgiving and his courts with praise.

C: **Praise him with tambourine and dancing; praise him with strings and flute.**

M: Give thanks to him and praise his name.

C: **Praise him with the clash of symbols; praise him with resounding cymbals.**

M: For the Lord is good and his love endures forever. His faithfulness continues through all generations.

C: **Let everything that has breath praise the Lord.**

M: In his mercy and grace, our God has allowed Professor Lawrence Lotito to complete 25 years of service, and Professor Ronald Ohm and Cindy Whaley to complete 40 years of service, all in the gospel ministry.

C: **To him be the glory forever. Amen.**

M: All this is from God, who reconciled us to himself through Christ and gave us the ministry of reconciliation: that God was reconciling the world to himself in Christ, not counting men's sins against them.

C: **We are therefore Christ's ambassadors, as though God were making his appeal through us.**

M: **Let us pray.**

Almighty God, you have committed to your Church the task of making disciples of all nations. Enlighten with your wisdom those who teach and those who learn, that, rejoicing in the knowledge of your truth, they may worship and serve you from generation to generation; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

C: **Amen. (spoken)**

Be seated

Choir **"I Am the Light of the World"**

David L. Mennicke

"I am the light of the world; who follows me will not walk in darkness.
I am the light of the world; but they will have the light of life."

Rise, shine; for your light has come; God's glory is risen upon you.
True light that enlightens all has come into the world.

God is light; in him there is no darkness at all.
Walk in the light, as he is in the light.

"You are the light of the world, the light that cannot be hidden.
Therefore let your light so shine to glorify your Father."

In thee is gladness amid all sadness, Jesus, sunshine of my heart!

Lesson

2 Corinthians 4:1-15

Hymn

Hark! The Church proclaims her honor,
And her strength is only this:
God has laid his choice upon her,
And the work she does is his.

Hark! The Church Proclaims Her Honor
CW 530

He his Church has firmly founded;
He will guard what he began.
We, by sin and foes surrounded,
Build her walls as best we can.

Frail and fleeting are our powers,
Short our days, our foresight dim.
We confess a choice not ours:
We were chosen first by him.

Though we here must strive in weakness,
Though in tears we often bend,
What his might began in meekness
Shall achieve a glorious end.

Onward, then, without despairing!
Calm we follow at his Word,
Thus through joy and sorrow bearing
Faithful witness to our Lord.

Sermon

My Ministry, My Cup

Psalm 16

Response

Choir and Congregation

“Continue in the Things That You Have Learned”

Barry L. Bobb

(The congregation joins the choir on each refrain.)

REFRAIN

Guard well that trea - sure giv - en to you-

The Word of God's pure truth!

Continue in the things that you have learned,
Convinced by those who taught the sacred text;
The Holy Scriptures you have known since youth
Have brought you saving faith in Jesus Christ:

REFRAIN

Fan into flame the Spirit's gift from God
Bestowed on you through teaching pure and true.
Be bold, not timid—God will make you strong,
Self-disciplined, empowered with holy love.

REFRAIN

Be not ashamed, proclaim the living Lord,
And join with those who suffer for his sake;
For God's great mercy saved you by his grace:
His love in Christ before the world began.

REFRAIN

Christ Jesus has destroyed the reign of death,
Brought life and immortality to light;
Now trust that he in whom you have believed
Will keep your faith secure until that day.

REFRAIN

Stand

Prayer

- M:** Father, your gifts to your church are so many we cannot count them, so great we cannot fully appreciate them, and so constant we spend no moment without them. We praise you for the gift of your Son and our Savior who redeemed us from slavery to sin and to self. We praise you also that you have given us your Spirit that we may ourselves as your beloved sons and daughters. In this hour of joyful remembrance we praise you especially for the gift of these three teachers who you have given to your church for years of faithful service. For the gifts you have given to them and the blessings you have worked through them
- C:** **We praise you, O Lord.**
- M:** For the patient endurance you have given them, for the joy in ministry with which you have filled them
- C:** **We thank you, O Lord.**
- M:** For the faithful support and sense of fulfillment you have given them through their families and friends, through their students and fellow teachers
- C:** **We praise you, O Lord.**
- M:** For each of these teachers, dear Father, we ask your continued blessing that their faithfulness to their labors may serve their students as a mirror of your faithfulness to your church. On Prof. Ohm, Prof. Whaley, and Prof. Lotito
- C:** **Lay your hand of blessing, O Lord. Be with all these servants in the future as you have been with them in the past.**
- M:** All further prayers for your servants and for your church we combine in the prayer your Son taught us to pray:
- C:** **Our Father in heaven,**
hallowed be your name,
your kingdom come,
your will be done on earth as in heaven.
Give us today our daily bread.
Forgive us our sins, as we forgive those who sin against us.
Lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours now and forever. Amen.

Be seated

Hymn

**God the Father, Son, and Spirit,
Ever blessed Trinity,
Humbly now our thanks we offer,
All unworthy though we be.
Freely you have showered blessings
Countless as the ocean's sands,
Blessings rich and overflowing
On the labors of our hands.**

God the Father, Son, and Spirit
CW 623

**Grant that we your Word may cherish
And its purity retain.
Lord unless you are the builder,
All our labor is in vain.
Keep us from all pride and boasting,
Vanity and foolish trust,
Knowing that our work without you
Soon will crumble into dust.**

**God of grace and love and blessing,
Yours alone shall be the praise.
Give us hearts to trust you truly,
Hands to serve you all our days.
Lord, bestow your future blessing
Till we join the heavenly host,
There to praise and serve you ever,
Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.**

Benediction

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)

Choir

“Nunc Dimittis”

Robert Scholz

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.
A light to lighten the Gentiles, and to be the glory of thy people Israel.

Relatives and friends are invited to greet the jubilarians in the Chapel Gathering Space.

The Jubilarians

Professor Ronald Ohm, 40 Years of Service to the Church

Studies

Dr. Martin Luther College, New Ulm, Minnesota	1978	B.S. Education
Saint Mary's University of Minnesota, Minneapolis, Minnesota	2006	M.A. Education

Service to the Church

Emanuel (now Crown of Life) Lutheran School, West St. Paul, MN	1978-89	Minister of Music and Teacher
St. John Lutheran School, Sleepy Eye, Minnesota	1989-97	Principal and Teacher
Minnesota Valley Lutheran High School, New Ulm, Minnesota	1997-02	Vice-Principal and Teacher
Martin Luther College, New Ulm, Minnesota	2002-Present	Professor of Education

Professor Cindy Whaley, 40 Years of Service to the Church

Studies

Dr. Martin Luther College, New Ulm, MN	1976	B.S. Education
Silver Lake College, Manitowoc, WI	1992	M.A. Education
University of Minnesota, Minneapolis, MN	2001	PhD Education

Service to the Church

St. John Lutheran School, Manitowoc, WI	1976-79	Teacher
Trinity Lutheran School, Manitowoc, WI	1981-93	Teacher
Dr. Martin Luther College, New Ulm, MN	1993-95	Professor of Education
Martin Luther College, New Ulm, MN	1995-present	Professor of Education

Professor Lawrence Lotito, 25 Years of Service to the Church

Studies

University of Michigan, Flint, MI	1979	B.S. Education
Dr. Martin Luther College, New Ulm, MN	1985	Synod Certification
Marion College, Fond du Lac, WI	1998	M.A. Educational Leadership
International Seminary, Plymouth, FL	2016	Ph.D. Religious Education

Service to the Church

St. John Lutheran School, Wrightstown, WI	1993-2002	Principal and Teacher
Martin Luther College, New Ulm, MN	2002-present	Professor of Education

Presiding Minister

Preacher

Organist

College Choir Conductor

President Mark Zarling

Rev. Mark Paustian

Dr. Wayne Wagner, professor emeritus

Prof. Adrian Smith