

*Opening Service*

**Martin Luther College**



August 20, 2018  
10:15 a.m.

## PROCESSIONAL HYMN

## Come, Holy Ghost, God and Lord (CW 176)

*Stand as the hymn is introduced. Face the cross at the back of the Chapel and follow its path to the chancel where it becomes the focus of Christian worship.*

**Come, Holy Ghost, God and Lord!  
May all your graces be outpoured  
On each believer's mind and heart;  
Your fervent love to them impart.  
Lord, by the brightness of your light  
In holy faith your church unite  
From ev'ry land and ev'ry tongue;  
This to your praise, O Lord our God, be sung:  
Alleluia! Alleluia!**

**Come, holy Light, Guide divine,  
And cause the Word of life to shine.  
Teach us to know our God aright  
And call him Father with delight.  
From ev'ry error keep us free;  
Let none but Christ our Master be  
That we in living faith abide,  
In him, our Lord, with all our might confide.  
Alleluia! Alleluia!**

**Come, holy Fire, Comfort true;  
Grant us the will your work to do  
And in your service to abide;  
Let trials turn us not aside.  
Lord, by your pow'r prepare each heart,  
And to our weakness strength impart  
That bravely here we may contend,  
Through life and death to you, our Lord, ascend.  
Alleluia! Alleluia!**

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

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

## DIALOGUE

M: O give thanks to the Lord, call on his name, make known his deeds among the peoples! Sing to him, sing praises to him, tell of all his wonderful works!

C: **The works of the Lord are great and glorious. His name is worthy of praise!**

M: O Father most holy, gather us together in the name of Jesus whom the saints and angels adore as the Lamb on his throne and whose name is above every name,

that all we do might be done at your bidding,  
filled with your grace,  
directed by your wisdom,  
informed by your truth,  
accomplished to your glory.

C: **The works of the Lord are great and glorious. His love endures forever!**

M: O Father most gracious, bring us together in the name of Jesus, that in him we might be a spiritual temple, that founded on him we might be built together as living stones; that in him we might offer to you the spiritual service

of praise and thanksgiving,  
of lives lived in your love,  
of proclaiming your words and work,  
and of sharing your gifts to us.

C: **The works of the Lord are great and glorious. Tell of all his wonderful deeds!**

M: O Father eternal, you have sent out an invitation, you have prepared a great feast that all might enter the courts of your presence and the mansions of your paradise. Grant to us your blessing and peace,  
that we may be witnesses of your truth,  
the reflection of your glory,  
and the ambassadors of your kingdom.

**C: The works of the Lord are great and glorious. May our mouths be filled with his praise!**

M: To you, O Father, together with the Son and the Holy Spirit, one God from all eternity and to all eternity, be glory, wisdom, power, and dominion forever.

*All sing:*

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

Hark! The glad celestial song  
Angel choirs above are raising;  
Prophets, martyrs, join the throng,  
In unceasing chorus praising  
With the Church in one accord:  
Holy, holy, holy, Lord!

## PRAYER OF THE DAY

M: Holy Spirit, you proceed from the Father and the Son and with the Father and the Son you are worshiped and glorified. Pour out on your servants a spirit of wisdom and courage that with all our strength and with all your blessings we may teach and learn what is good and pleasing to you, through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns in perfect unity with you and the Father, one God, now and forever.

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

*Be seated*

## FIRST LESSON

**Jeremiah 1:4-9**

*Sing:*

Alleluia! Let praises ring! To God the Father let us bring  
Our songs of adoration.  
To him through everlasting days Be worship, honor, power, and praise  
Whose hand sustains creation.  
Singing, Ringing: Holy, holy, God is holy.  
Spread the story Of our God, the Lord of glory.

## SECOND LESSON

**1 Peter 4:10-11**

*Sing:*

Alleluia! Let praises ring! Unto the Lamb of God we sing,  
In whom we are elected.  
He bought the Church with his own blood; he cleansed her in that blessed flood  
And as his bride selected.  
Holy, Holy Is our union And communion.  
His befriending Gives us joy and peace unending.

*Stand for the Gospel*

**GOSPEL**

**Matthew 9:35-38**

*Sing:*

Alleluia! Let praises ring! Unto the Holy Ghost we sing  
For our regeneration.  
The saving faith in us he wrought And us unto the Bridegroom brought,  
Made us his chosen nation.  
Singing, Ringing: Holy, holy, God is holy.  
Spread the story Of our God, the Lord of glory.

*Be seated*

**SERMON**

**2 Corinthians 12:7-10**

**God's Grace Is Sufficient for You**

**HYMN**

**How Firm a Foundation (CWS 768)**

How firm a foundation, O saints of the Lord,  
Is laid for your faith in his excellent Word!  
What more can he say than to you he has said  
Who unto the Savior for refuge have fled?

"Fear not! I am with you. Oh, be not dismayed;  
For I am your God and will still give you aid;  
I'll strengthen you, help you, and cause you to stand,  
Upheld by my righteous, omnipotent hand.

**RITE OF ORDINATION AND INSTALLATION**

**WELCOME AND INTRODUCTION OF ADJUNCT INSTRUCTORS**

**HYMN**

**We Bid You Welcome in the Name (CW 547)**

We bid you welcome in the name  
Of Jesus, our exalted head.  
Come as a servant – so he came -  
We shall receive you in his stead.

Come as a teacher sent from God  
With his whole counsel to declare.  
Our souls encourage with the Word,  
While we uphold your hands with prayer.

*Stand*

**PRAYER OF THE CHURCH**

- M: O God our Father, eternal Lord and King, whose scepter rules over all the earth, whose love embraces all your creatures, we come before you to offer our prayers.
- C: Hear us, Lord, and grant our requests according to your wisdom and love.**
- M: Father, we thank you for the Church, and for the fellowship and wisdom that we have found in her. Give her faithfulness as she waits for the coming of her Lord. Particularly we pray for our dear synod. Keep its teachings pure, its ways true, and its witness clear.

**C: Hear us, Lord, and give us grace to love your Word and your people.**

M: Father, we thank you for those who proclaim the gospel of peace and for all that we have learned from the preaching and teaching of your Word. We ask your blessing on the ministers of our church, on the faculty of our college, and especially on these new ministers of the Gospel at Martin Luther College: Paul Koester, Emily Rider, Catherine St. John, Darrell Berg, Kelli Green, Nicolas Schmoller, Ross Stelljes, and Alan Uher. Give them joy in their work and make their labors fruitful.

**C: Hear us, Lord, and guard those who serve you here and throughout the world.**

M: Father, we are humbled by the grace you extend to us as you call our college to assist in preparing ministers of the gospel who will proclaim your Word throughout the world. As we begin a new school year bless those who teach and those who learn with wisdom, understanding and wholehearted dedication to you.

**C: Hear us, Lord, and let your Word triumph in us and through us.**

M: Father, we thank you that you have given your Son to be our Savior and Lord. Lead us every day to confess our sins and to find in him the peace of forgiveness. As we hear your Word, remember our baptisms, and receive his body and blood in Holy Communion, give us strength to serve you and our neighbors.

**C: Hear us, Lord, and grant us your pardon and power.**

M: Father, we thank you for the kindnesses and mercies of ordinary life, for your care of us and all of humankind. Make us willing to serve each other in love and to live in harmony. Along with our prayers for each other hear us as we remember neighbors, friends, or members of our families who are in special need.

*Silent prayer*

M: All these prayers and requests we present to you, O Father, in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord.

**C: Amen. (spoken)**

## **THE LORD'S PRAYER**

**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.**

## **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. (spoken)**

*Remain standing*

## HYMN

## In You Is Gladness (CW 346)

In you is gladness amid all sadness,  
Jesus, Sunshine of my heart.  
By you are given the gifts of heaven;  
You the true Redeemer are.  
Our souls are waking; our bonds are breaking  
Who trusts you surely has built securely  
And stands forever. Alleluia!  
Our hearts are pining to see your shining,  
Dying or living to you are clinging  
Now and forever. Alleluia!

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### Participants

#### Presiding Minister

Rev. Mark G. Zarling  
*MLC President*

#### Preacher

Rev. John Koester  
*Pastor, Gethsemane Lutheran Church, Omaha, Nebraska*

#### Organist

Prof. Craig R. Hirschmann  
*MLC Professor of Music*

#### Officiants

Rev. Robert Koester  
Rev. Tom Gorzalski  
Prof. Dave Scharf  
Rev. Mark Schwertfeger  
Rev. Emile Burgess  
Rev. Nate Scharf

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## New Ministers of the Gospel at MLC

### Paul Koester

Paul Koester was born to Pastor Robert and Cathy Koester in Missoula, Montana on November 12, 1990. In 1994 his father accepted a call to serve at Northwestern Publishing House as an editor. Paul spent his childhood growing up in West Allis, WI with his three older brothers Dan, Matt, and John, and his older sister Laura. He was a member at Grace Lutheran church in downtown Milwaukee and then, shortly after, Good Shepherd's Lutheran Church. It was at Good Shepherd's Lutheran School where Paul would meet his wife Erica (nee Spiegelberg). Paul graduated high school from Luther Preparatory School in 2009 and then college from Martin Luther College in 2013. In 2014, during a year off from Seminary, he reconnected with Erica and they were married in July of 2016. Paul and Erica spent his vicar year in Las Vegas, NV at Water of Life Lutheran Church. In May of 2018, Paul graduated from Wisconsin Lutheran Seminary. Paul and his family, including William (6 mo.), are excited to spend their first years of ministry at MLC.

**Emily G. Rider**

Emily (Unke) Rider is the daughter of Pastor Tom and Jackie Unke. Emily has lived in West Des Moines, IA; Tacoma, WA; Howards Grove, WI; and Las Vegas, NV. She graduated from Manitowoc Lutheran High School in 2014. She then went to Martin Luther College where she majored in Secondary Mathematics Education. After graduating this past May, Emily received the call to serve as an Admissions Counselor at MLC.

Emily has three siblings and a dog: Jon (25), Zach (24), Maria (19), and dog Edgar (15). Emily is also recently married to Jesse Rider who is finishing his final semester as a student at MLC.

**Catherine St. John**

Catherine St. John grew up in Farmington, MI – a suburb of Detroit. She attended St. Paul’s Lutheran in Livonia, MI for both church and grade school. In 2008, Catherine graduated from Huron Valley Lutheran High School. She graduated from Martin Luther College in 2013, with a double major in early childhood and elementary education. Upon graduating, Catherine was assigned to St. John’s, Mukwonago WI. For the past 5 years, Catherine served at St. John’s as the preschool teacher and director, implemented outreach strategies through early childhood programs, and helped oversee the early childhood program expansion there.

**Darrell Berg**

Ann Arbor, Michigan is where Professor Darrell Berg was born and raised as a member at Salem Lutheran Church and School. He attended Huron Valley Lutheran High School, but graduated from Manitowoc Lutheran High School in 1984 after his family moved to Wisconsin. After graduating from DMLC in 1988, he was assigned to East Fork Lutheran High School. He next taught upper grades at Gethsemane Lutheran School and then middle grades at Christ Lutheran School in Milwaukee, WI. In 1995, he married Rebecca Klockziem (DMLC 1984). He continued to teach middle grades at Peace Lutheran School in Livonia, MI and later at St. Luke Lutheran School in Vassar, MI. In 2005, after moving to Saginaw, MI, he served on staff at Michigan Lutheran Seminary and in 2009, he began teaching 5<sup>th</sup> grade at a public school academy. MLS then called him in 2013, where he served as a piano instructor and as a Geometry and Pre-Algebra teacher. He will now serve at MLC as Professor of Art.

**Kelli L. Green**

Professor Kelli Green was born in Phoenix, AZ where she attended Emmaus Lutheran School and church. It is here among generations of family she learned of Jesus’ love and began a love for learning. In 1976 her family moved to Tulsa, Oklahoma, where she attended public and Lutheran schools intermittently. She attended Nebraska Ev. Lutheran High School for two years, graduating from Liberty High School back at home in 1988. Kelli graduated from Dr. Martin Luther College in 1992 with a call to serve Christ Lutheran Church as a 3<sup>rd</sup> grade teacher and youth director. Kelli was married in 1999 and resigned her call to be a stay-at-home mom to her three sons.

In 2009, synod certification and post-baccalaureate MN state licensure were completed. It was at this time God led Kelli into Special Education. She served in special education roles in Prior Lake, MN while getting an MA Ed. for Learning Disabilities (LD) and Emotional Behavioral Disorders (EBD). She taught LD, EBD, and credit recovery at the high school, was paraprofessional for DCD students, taught ASD, EBD, TBI, PI, LD at the middle school. Kelli served as administration for Extended School Year (ESY or SPED Summer School), and served on the MN Counsel for Children with Behavioral Disorders for 8 years. For the 2016-2017 school year she taught federal setting 1 and 2 in highly diverse Burnsville, MN.

In 2017, Kelli consulted with principals, superintendents, curriculum directors, and specialists to purchase and implement reading software at an edtech company called myON, which is now owned by Renaissance Learning.

Kelli has three sons who attend St. Croix Lutheran Academy in West St. Paul, MN: Jonathan (17), Joshua (16), and Jacob (13).

### **Nicolas C Schmoller**

Professor Nick Schmoller grew up in Watertown, WI as a member of Trinity Lutheran Church and School. He graduated from Luther Preparatory School (2002), Martin Luther College (2006), and Wisconsin Lutheran Seminary. After his first year at Wisconsin Lutheran Seminary, he married Katherine Valleskey (MLC 2006). He served as a vicar at Christ Our Savior Lutheran Church in Columbia, TN (2008-2009), as an admissions counselor for Martin Luther College (2010-2012), and most recently helped to establish Lamb of God Lutheran Church in Lafayette, IN as a new mission start (2012-2018).

The Schmollers have three children: Mia (8), Poppy (5) and Roman (3).

### **Ross Stelljes**

Professor Ross Stelljes was born and raised in New Ulm, MN, attending St. Paul's Lutheran Elementary School. He attended Martin Luther Academy in New Ulm, MN, during its last two years (1977-79) and Martin Luther Preparatory School in Prairie du Chien, WI, during its first two years, graduating in 1981. He then graduated from Northwestern College in Watertown, WI in 1985, and from Wisconsin Lutheran Seminary in Mequon, WI in 1989. During his vicar year (1987-88) he served at St. Paul's Lutheran Church in Litchfield, MN.

He was assigned to serve as a tutor at Northwestern College, where he served from 1989-91. He was reassigned to the dual parish of Immanuel Lutheran Church, rural La Crescent, MN and Zion Lutheran Church, Hokah, MN where he served as pastor for four years (1991-95). While there he met Laura Fastenau and they were married in July of 1993. In 1995 he accepted a call to a home mission start-up in the southwest suburbs of Denver, CO which organized as Living Savior Lutheran Church, Littleton, CO. After serving there for nearly 12 years, in 2007 he accepted the call to serve at Martin Luther College as an admission counselor.

Ross and Laura have four children: Daniel (24, married to Claire Wiechman), Sarah (20), Levi (19) and Johanna (17).

### **Alan Uher**

Sharing a birthday with Martin Luther, Professor Alan Uher attended Trinity Lutheran School, Caledonia, Wisconsin, graduating from Shoreland Lutheran High in 1983. Upon his 1987 graduation from Dr. Martin Luther College, Alan served as upper grades teacher at St. Martin Lutheran School, Watertown, South Dakota. During his ministry there, he married Jennifer Eggert (DMLC 1990). The Lord blessed their marriage with three children: Eric (23), Bethany (20), and Kristin (18). In 1994, Professor Uher earned a Master's degree in Elementary Classroom Teaching from Northern State University, Aberdeen, South Dakota. He accepted a call in 2001 to serve as upper grades teacher at Mount Calvary Lutheran in Waukesha, Wisconsin. Most recently he accepted a call to serve as Professor of Education and Supervisor of Student Teachers at Martin Luther College.

### **Martin Luther College Adjunct Instructors (2018-19)**

Bethel A. Balge	Keyboard	Judith L. Martens	Keyboard
David K. Biedenbender	Physical Education, Coaching, Admissions	Carlotta L. Ohm	Keyboard
Bethel J. Boeder	Keyboard	Breanna Olson	Applied Kinesiology
Ramona M. Czer	English	Michael Plocher	Ed. Tech.
John H. Gronholz	Physical Education	Joyce C. Schubkegel	Keyboard, Organ
James R. Grunwald	Online Learning	Ronald L. Shilling	Organ
John C. Gunderson	Spanish	Marianne E. Vogel	Keyboard
Jennifer E. Haugen	Voice	Wayne L. Wagner	Organ
Brian P. Hopp	History	Elizabeth J. Wiechman	Keyboard, Organ
Erin R. Laabs	Forum Advisor, Musical	Kathryn M. Wurster	Voice