
Commencement Service

December 13, 2018



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.*

Processional Hymn—Praise, My Soul, the King of Heaven



All: 1. Praise, my soul, the King of heav - en; To his feet your trib - ute bring.
Women: 2. Praise him for his gracc and fa - vor To his pco - plc in dis - tress.
Choir: 3. Ten - der - ly he shields and spares us; Well our fee - ble frame he knows.
All: 4. An - gels help us to a - dore him, Who be - hold him face to face.



Ran - somed, healed, re - stored, for - giv - en, Ev - er - more his prais - es sing.
Men: Praise him, still the same for - ev - er, Slow to chide and swift to bless.
In his hands he gent - ly bears us, Res - cues us from all our foes.
Sun and moon bow down be - fore him; All who dwell in time and space.



Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Praise the ev - er - last - ing King!
All: Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Glo - rious in his faith - ful - ness!
Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Wide - ly as his mer - cy flows.
Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Praise with us the God of grace.

Stand

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

C: **And also with you.**

Dialogue of Praise

M: Great are the works of the Lord;

C: **They are pondered by all who delight in them.**

M: Glorious and majestic are his deeds,

C: **And his righteousness endures forever.**

M: He has caused his wonders to be remembered;

C: **The Lord is gracious and compassionate.**

M: The fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom.

C: **To him belongs eternal praise.**

Psalm 111:2-4,10

M: We give thanks to you, O God, for your name is near.

C: **We will tell of your wonderful deeds.**

Psalm 75:1

M: We will not hide them from our children;

C: **We will tell the next generation the praiseworthy deeds of the Lord,
his power, and the wonders he has done.**

Psalm 78:4

Be seated

Choral Response

Children of the Heavenly Father

arr. Eric Nelson

Children of the heavenly Father safely in his bosom gather;
nestling bird nor star in heaven such a refuge e'er was given.

God his own doth tend and nourish; in his holy courts they flourish.
From all evil things he spares them; in his mighty arms he bears them.

Neither life nor death shall ever from the Lord his children sever;
unto them his grace he showeth, and their sorrows all he knoweth.

Praise the Lord in joyful numbers, your Protector never slumbers;
at the will of your Defender every foe then must surrender.

No more a stranger or a guest, but like a child at home.
Children of the heavenly Father safely in his bosom gather;
nestling bird nor star in heaven such a refuge e'er was given.

Lesson — 1 Corinthians 1:4-9

I always thank my God for you because of his grace given you in Christ Jesus. For in him you have been enriched in every way—with all kinds of speech and with all knowledge— God thus confirming our testimony about Christ among you. Therefore you do not lack any spiritual gift as you eagerly wait for our Lord Jesus Christ to be revealed. He will also keep you firm to the end, so that you will be blameless on the day of our Lord Jesus Christ. God is faithful, who has called you into fellowship with his Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

Hymn—How Firm a Foundation



1 How firm a foun - da - tion, O saints of the Lord,
2 In ev - 'ry con - di - tion, in sick - ness, in health,
3 "Fear not, I am with you. Oh, be not dis - mayed,
4 "When through the deep wa - ters I call you to go,
5 "Through-out all their life - time my peo - ple shall prove



Is laid for your faith in his ex - cel - lent Word!
In pov - er - ty's vale, or a - bound - ing in wealth,
For I am your God and will still give you aid;
The riv - ers of sor - row shall not o - ver - flow,
My sov - 'reign, e - ter - nal, un - change - a - ble love,



What more can he say than to you he has said
At home and a - broad, on the land, on the sea—
I'll strength - en you, help you, and cause you to stand,
For I will be with you your trou - bles to bless
And then, when gray hair shall their tem - ples a - dorn,



Who un - to the Sav - ior for ref - uge have fled?
The Lord, the Al - might - y, your strength e'er shall be.
Up - held by my right - eous, om - nip - o - tent hand.
And sanc - ti - fy to you your deep - est dis - tress.
Like lambs they shall still on my shoul - ders be borne."

Sermon — Psalm 16:7-11

I will praise the Lord, who counsels me;
even at night my heart instructs me.
I keep my eyes always on the Lord.
With him at my right hand, I will not be shaken.
Therefore my heart is glad and my tongue rejoices;
my body also will rest secure,
because you will not abandon me to the realm of the dead,
nor will you let your faithful one see decay.
You make known to me the path of life;
you will fill me with joy in your presence,
with eternal pleasures at your right hand.

Choral Response

Thee Will I Love

Kenneth Jennings

Thee will I love, my strength, my tower;
Thee will I love, my joy, my crown!
Thee will I love, with all my power,
In all thy works, and thee alone;
Thee will I love, O Light divine,
So long as life, as life is mine.

O keep me watchful, humble, pure,
And from thee never let me stray;
Uphold me when I am unsure,
And keep me on the narrow way.
Fill all my nature with thy light,
O Radiance strong, O Radiance bright!

Thee will I love, my life, my Lord,
Thee will I love, my truest friend;
Thee will I praise forevermore,
For never shall thy kindness end.
Thee will I love with all my heart,
O Lord, thou my Redeemer art!

Thee will I love, my joy, my light,
Thee will I love, my God and Lord;
Thee will I love, in darkest night,
And not for hope of high reward.
For thine own sake, O Light divine,
So long as life, O God, is mine.

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

Hymn—Holy God, We Praise Your Name (CW 278)

**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.**

**Blest Redeemer, virgin's Son,
Over death his vict'ry claiming,
Now ascended to his throne,
Judge and king, his grace proclaiming,
Opens heav'n to all his own.
Praise and thanks to God alone!**

**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.**

Stand

Prayer

M: 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.

M: 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 forevermore. Keep them faithful to your Word, that they may continue to grow in wisdom, righteousness, and holiness.

M: 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.

M: 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.

Blessing

M: 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. (spoken)

Hymn—God's Word is Our Great Heritage

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.

Presentation of the Graduates, December 2018

Recessional

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

Service Participants

Preacher	Rev. Mark Zarling <i>President, MLC</i>
Presenting degrees	Dr. Jeff Wiechman <i>Vice-president for Academics, MLC</i>
Organist	Prof. Craig Hirschmann <i>Professor of Music, MLC</i>
Martin Luther College Choir Conductor	Prof. Adrian Smith <i>Professor of Music, MLC</i>
Graduation Marshal	Michelle Gartner <i>Event Coordinator, MLC</i>
Instrumentalists	Organ/Piano: Emily Schmidt Trumpet: Matthew Scharp Trumpet: Brittany Jensen Trombone: Christian Willick Trombone: Josiah Mittelstadt

Bachelor of Science in Education

Major:

Early Childhood Education



Cassandra J. Davis
Stacy, MN



Malaika D. Robinson
Madison, WI

Bachelor of Science in Education

Major:

Elementary Education



Rachel E. Hartwig
South St. Paul, MN



Joseph W. Keller
McLean, VA



Elissa M. Koch
Summerville, SC



Rudy D. Nelson
Robbinsdale, MN



Matthew R. Neumann
Fond du Lac, WI



Holle N. Rodriguez
Sacramento, CA
in absentia

Bachelor of Science in Education

**Major:
Secondary Education**



Hannah M. Arrowsmith
Fort Atkinson, WI
Communication Arts & Literature



Katherine R. Zietlow
Montello, WI
Chemistry

Bachelor of Science in Education

**Major:
K-12 Physical Education**



Christopher R. Beagle
Winona, MN

Bachelor of Science in Education

Majors:

Elementary Education

Early Childhood Education



Hannah H. Koss
Rochester, MN

Bachelor of Science

Major:

Staff Ministry



Bethany A. Walsh
Onalaska, WI

Staff Ministry Certification



Peter J. Nass
Manitowoc, WI

Completing Certificate Programs

Chaplain

Elizabeth R. Kujava, Bemidji, MN

Educational Technology

Philip J. Dretske, Sun Prairie, WI
Timothy P. Fischer, Des Moines, WA

Evangelism

Mary J. Barnes, Oshkosh, WI
Arik J. McGathey, Firestone, CO

Mentoring and Coaching

Terri E. Elder, St. Joseph, MI
Alyssa A. Kelley, Appleton, WI