

Opening Service

Martin Luther College



August 26, 2019

10:15 a.m.

Processional Hymn

Come, Holy Ghost, God and Lord

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.

1. 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!

2. 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!

3. 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: The heavens declare the glory of God; the skies proclaim the work of his hands.

C: **Their voice goes out into all the earth, their words to the ends of the world.**

M: Darkness covers the earth and thick darkness is over the people, for every inclination of the thoughts of the heart is only evil all the time.

C: **And the soul, that sins shall die.**

M: The people walking in darkness have seen a great light.

C: **On those living in the land of the shadow of death, a light has dawned.**

M: The Lord has made his salvation known and revealed his righteousness to the nations.

C: **He has remembered his love and his faithfulness to the house of Israel; all the ends of the earth have seen the salvation of our God.**

M: Now, in Christ Jesus, we who once were far away have been brought near through the blood of Christ. He came and preached peace to us who were far away and peace to those who were near. For through him we both have access to the Father by one Spirit.

C: For we are all sons of God through faith in Christ Jesus, for all of us who were baptized into Christ have clothed ourselves with Christ. There is neither Jew nor Greek, slave nor free, male nor female, for we are all one in Christ Jesus.

M: I urge you to live a life worthy of the calling you have received. Be completely humble and gentle; be patient, bearing with one another in love. Make every effort to keep the unity of the Spirit through the bond of peace. There is one body and one Spirit—just as you were called to one hope when you were called—one Lord, one faith, one baptism, one God and Father of all, who is over all and through all and in all.

C: In Christ we are built together to become a dwelling in which God lives by his Spirit.

Sing:

**All: 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.**

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

All: Holy, holy, holy Lord!

**Men: Blest Redeemer, virgin's Son, Over death his vict'ry claiming,
Women: Now ascended to his throne, Judge and king, his grace proclaiming,
Opens heav'n to all his own.**

All: Praise and thanks to God alone!

Prayer of the Day

M: Almighty God, you have committed to your Church the task of making disciples of all nations. As we begin another school year at Martin Luther College, keep this task before us. Enlighten with your wisdom those who teach and those who learn, that, rejoicing in the knowledge of your truth, we may worship and serve you from generation to generation; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns in perfect unity with the Father and the Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen. (spoken)

Be seated

First Reading

1 Peter 2:4-10

Psalm 89

Refrain

At the works of your hands, O Lord, I
lift up my voice in song; I sing for joy.

Psalm tone

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I will sing of the LORD'S great love forever;*
I will make your faithfulness known through all generations.

I will declare that your love stands firm forever,*
that you established your faithfulness in heaven itself.

The heavens praise your wonders, O LORD,*
your faithfulness too, in the assembly of the holy ones.

Refrain

O LORD God Almighty, who is like you?*

You are mighty, O LORD, and your faithfulness surrounds you.

Blessed are those who have learned to acclaim you,*
who walk in the light of your presence, O LORD.

They rejoice in your name all day long;*
they exult in your righteousness.

**Glory be to the Father and to the Son*
and to the Holy Spirit,
as it was in the beginning,*
is now, and will be forever. Amen.**

Refrain

Stand for the Gospel

Gospel

After the reading of the Gospel:

M: The Gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise be to you, O Christ!

Be seated

John 14:1-6

Hymn

Turn to page 8 in the service folder.

Lord, You Call Us as Your People

Sermon

John 14:1-6

Do Not Let Your Hearts Be Troubled!

- 1. Jesus is the Way!
- 2. Jesus is the Truth!
- 3. Jesus is the Life!

Hymn

You Are the Way; through You Alone

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| <p>1. You are the way; through you alone
Can we the Father find;
In you, O Christ, has God revealed
His heart and will and mind.</p> <p>2. You are the truth; your Word alone
True wisdom can impart.
You only can inform the mind
And purify the heart.</p> | <p>3. You are the life; the empty tomb
Proclaims your conqu'ring arm,
And those who put their trust in you
Not death nor hell shall harm.</p> <p>4. You are the way, the truth, the life;
Grant us that way to know,
That truth to keep, that life to win
Whose joys eternal flow.</p> |
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Rite of Installation of New Faculty

Ted Klug
Breanna Olson
Hans Thomford
Joel Thomford

Admissions Counselor
Professor of Physical Education
Dormitory Supervision and Instructor
Admissions Counselor

Welcome and Introduction of Adjunct Instructors

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 enjoy by faith. Give to all your people faithfulness as we wait for the coming of our 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 new MLC workers Ted Klug, Breanna Olson, Hans Thomford, and Joel Thomford. 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 train a corps of Christian witnesses to meet the ministry needs of our church body and to proclaim your Word throughout the world. We thank you for the gifted students you provide, and their willingness to use their gifts in gospel ministry. 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 baptism, 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 family members 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)

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

On What Has Now Been Sown

1. 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!

2. To you our wants are known;
From you are all our pow'rs.
Accept what is your own
And pardon what is ours.
Our praises, Lord, and prayers receive
And to your Word a blessing give.

Be seated

Participants

Presiding Minister

Rev. Mark G. Zarling
MLC President

Preacher

Rev. Joel Thomford
MLC Admissions Counselor

Organist

Prof. Craig Hirschmann
MLC Professor of Music

New Ministers of the Gospel

Ted Klug

Ted graduated in 1997 from Martin Luther College and was assigned to Luther Preparatory School as a tutor. After two years, he was assigned to Our Savior Lutheran School—San Antonio TX, where he served for five years as principal. During that time, Ted taught different combinations of grades 2-8 and also coached numerous sports. In 2004, he accepted a call to his alma mater, Lakeside Lutheran High School—Lake Mills WI, where he served as technology director, taught multiple courses, and coached freshman boys' basketball. Since 2015 Ted has served as principal at Evergreen Lutheran High School—Tacoma WA, again teaching a variety of courses and coaching varsity boys' basketball. Ted and his wife, Kirstie (née Lange), have been married for 21 years. They are blessed with two daughters, Anastasia and Elliana. Ted has an affinity for travel (Maine is the only state into which he has not yet set foot) and a deep love for encouraging students to consider serving their Savior in ministry. The Klugs are excited to be back in New Ulm.

Breanna Olson

Breanna was born and baptized in Arizona, where she attended Pilgrim Lutheran School—Mesa through 3rd grade. For the rest of her grade school years she attended Divine Grace Lutheran School—Lake Orion MI, where her parents taught and where she was also confirmed. Breanna graduated from Michigan Lutheran Seminary in 2008 and Martin Luther College in 2012. She earned a master's degree in Physical Education from the University of Wisconsin La Crosse. Breanna is married to Benjamin Olson, who teaches in New Ulm and is a football coach at MLC.

Hans Thomford

Hans was born and baptized in Willmar MN, but was mainly raised in Chesaning MI, where he attended Zion Lutheran Church and School. He graduated from Michigan Lutheran Seminary in 2011 and Martin Luther College in 2015. He then attended Wisconsin Lutheran Seminary. Hans served his vicar year at Beautiful Savior Lutheran Church–College Station TX. This spring, he graduated from the seminary and was assigned to be a tutor at Martin Luther College. Hans has one older brother, Luke, and one younger brother, Orie. Participating in Hans’ ordination are his father, Rev. Joel Thomford (MLC); uncle, Rev. Philip Pitt (Chippewa Falls WI); supervising pastor during his vicar year, Rev. Caleb Schoeneck (College Station TX); and friends Rev. Gunnar Ledermann (Rockwall TX) and Rev. Craig Wilke (Brandon SD).

Joel Thomford

Joel was born, baptized, and raised in Zumbrota MN, where he attended Christ Lutheran Church. He graduated from Zumbrota High School in 1979 and Northwestern College–Watertown WI in 1984. He then attended Wisconsin Lutheran Seminary, graduating in 1988. Joel served his vicar year at St. Paul’s Lutheran Church–Litchfield MN, and has served as a parish pastor for the past 31 years at St. Mark–Green Bay WI; Immanuel Lutheran–Willmar MN; and finally Zion Lutheran–Chesaning MI. Joel is married to Karen (née Spaude) and they have three sons—Luke, Hans, and Orie. Luke is a vicar at Beautiful Savior–Grove City OH; Hans is a tutor at Martin Luther College; and Orie is a religion instructor at Manitowoc Lutheran High School for one year: he then will return to Wisconsin Lutheran Seminary for his final year.

Martin Luther College Adjunct Instructors (2019-2020)

Bethel A. Balge	<i>Keyboard</i>
David K. Biedenbender	<i>Physical Education</i>
Bethel J. Boeder	<i>Keyboard</i>
Kathryn E. Carlovsky	<i>Keyboard</i>
Ramona M. Czer	<i>English</i>
Jennifer E. Haugen	<i>Voice</i>
Brian P. Hopp	<i>History</i>
Erin R. Laabs	<i>Forum Advisor</i>
Judith L. Martens	<i>Keyboard</i>
Carlotta L. Ohm	<i>Keyboard</i>
Michael D. Plocher	<i>Educational Technology</i>
Joyce C. Schubkegel	<i>Keyboard</i>
Dinah L. Spurgin	<i>Physical Education</i>
Marianne E. Vogel	<i>Keyboard</i>
Elizabeth J. Wiechman	<i>Keyboard</i>
Kathryn M. Wurster	<i>Voice</i>