

Opening Service

Martin Luther College



August 23-24, 2020

Processional Hymn

Come, Holy Ghost, God and Lord

Welcome to worship. Please 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 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 of Praise

M: O give thanks unto 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,
and 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 name.**

**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: 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 privilege 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 Lesson

Jeremiah 1:4-9

Second Lesson

Romans 12:1-8

**Choral Response
Jesus**

**Come, Let Us Fix Our Eyes on
Kenneth T. Kosche**

*Come, let us fix our eyes on Jesus, the author and perfecter of our faith,
Who for the joy set before him, endured the cross, scorning its shame,
And sat down at the right hand of the throne of God.*

Stand for the Gospel.

Gospel Lesson

Matthew 9:35-38

M: The Gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise be to you, O Christ! (*spoken*)

Be seated.

Hymn

Christ is Made the Sure Foundation

Christ is made the sure foundation,
Christ our head and cornerstone,
Chosen of the Lord and precious,
Binding all the Church in one,
Holy Zion's help forever
And our confidence alone.

Grant, we pray, to all your faithful
All the gifts they ask to gain,
What they gain from you forever
With the blessed to retain,
And hereafter in your glory
Evermore with you to reign.

Sermon

Judges 7:1-23

No Room to Boast

Hymn

We Bid You Welcome in the Name

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 messenger of peace,
Filled with the Spirit, fired with love.
God bless your work, your strength increase,
And guide us all to heaven above.

Rite of Ordination and Installation

David Biedenbender
Richard Gurgel
Erin Keese
Martín Santos
Jordan Uhlhorn

Admissions Counselor
President
Lead Teacher, MLC Early Childhood Learning Center
Admissions Counselor
Dormitory Supervision and Instructor

Welcome and Introduction of Adjunct Instructors

Please stand.

Prayer of the Church

M: O God our Father, eternal Lord and King, 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 MLC workers. 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 church workers. 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. 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 Holy Communion, fill us with joy and peace.

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. Be our Refuge during this season of challenge. Give us patience and understanding to serve each other in love. According to your will, deliver us from this and all disease of body and unrest of soul. We pray in the name of Jesus, who has taught us to pray:

**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

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.**

Participants

Presiding Minister

Rev. Dr. John C. Boeder
MLC Campus Pastor

Preacher

Rev. Dr. Mark Paustian
MLC English & Foreign Language Division

Organist

Prof. Craig Hirschmann
MLC Music Division

Musicians

Prof. Jonathan Laabs
MLC Music Division

Prof. Grace Hennig
MLC Music Division

Instructor Kathy Wurster
MLC Music Division

David Biedenbender

Dave will be serving as an admissions counselor focusing on co-curricular, public school, homeschool, and transfer recruitment. He graduated from Dr. Martin Luther College in 1988 and earned his master's degree in educational leadership: sport management from Winona State University in 2018. Over the years, Dave has taught at St. Paul's Lutheran School in Brownsville WI; Manitowoc Lutheran High School in Manitowoc WI; Mt. Olive Lutheran School in Overland Park KS; Minnesota Valley Lutheran High School in New Ulm MN; and Sienna Lutheran Academy in Missouri City TX. The past three years he served in a staff position at MLC as a part-time admissions counselor, PE instructor, and assistant coach.

Dave is married to Cathy, the lead toddler teacher at the MLC Early Childhood Center. They have four daughters (Sara, Andrea, Christina, and Hannah) and two sons-in-law (Doug Van Sice and Craig Wilke). Dave enjoys music and sports. He is very excited to begin his position as a full-time admissions counselor, encouraging young people to come to MLC and eventually serve in the public ministry.

Richard Gurgel

Rich is the new president at MLC. He received his bachelor of arts in 1981 from Northwestern College, his master of divinity in 1986 from Wisconsin Lutheran Seminary, and his doctor of ministry in 2010 from Trinity Evangelical Divinity School. He served as a pastor for 12 years in Oklahoma and Wisconsin before spending 21 years at Wisconsin Lutheran Seminary as professor of education, preaching, and Christian doctrine. He also served for the last 10 years as the director of Grow in Grace, the seminary's institute for pastoral growth.

Rich and his wife Sue (née Zink) have five sons (all MLC alumni), three daughters-in-law, and eight grandchildren. They enjoy spending time with their family as well as hiking. Together they look forward to learning what it means for them to be a blessing to the MLC family just as God has used the MLC family to be a blessing to their family for years.

Erin Keese

Erin is a 2016 graduate of MLC. She received a degree in early childhood education and was assigned as a director to St. John's Learning Center in Dowagiac MI. After a year there, she accepted a call to Milwaukee as a K4 teacher at St. Marcus. There, she taught for three years as well as helped implement new curricula for the K4 team. She is excited about joining the ECLC as the lead infant teacher.

Erin is originally from Milwaukee WI, where most of her family still lives. She had been hiking the Ice Age Trails throughout Wisconsin (only 150 of the 600+ trail miles so far) and hopes to finish the trail sometime down the road. Right now, she looks forward to being back in Minnesota, serving at the ECLC and exploring more of God's amazing trails.

Martín Santos

Martín was born in Aguascalientes, Mexico, before moving to Seattle WA at an early age. After graduating from Mount Rainier High School, Martín began working as a wildland firefighter, police and fire chaplain, and emergency medical technician (EMT) for the state of Washington. While he was working these various jobs, MLC recruiter Dan Gawrisch encouraged him to pursue public ministry. Martín graduated from Martin Luther College in 2017 with a degree in secondary education social studies.

Martín's ministry has blessed him with opportunities to serve the fifth and sixth grade students at his home congregation, Holy Trinity Lutheran School in Des Moines WA, and the high school students at Nebraska Lutheran High School and California Lutheran High School.

This past summer, Martín married Hailey Johnson, who teaches Spanish and literature at Minnesota Valley Lutheran High School. They look forward to continuing their work in the public ministry throughout their marriage, inspiring the next generation of students to become full-time teachers, preachers, and missionaries for Christ's kingdom.

Jordan Uhlhorn

Jordan graduated from Wisconsin Lutheran Seminary this spring and was called to serve as the newest tutor for Martin Luther College. Born and raised in Phoenix AZ, he attended Arizona Lutheran Academy for high school and there was guided (especially during his junior and senior years) towards ministry. He enjoyed four years on the hill, graduating from MLC in May 2016. Tutor Uhlhorn is happy to be involved in athletics and campus life in general. He views this time as a privilege. Whether in the dorms, in the classroom or chapel, or on the court, he looks forward to getting to know the student body better as he points to our Savior.

Martin Luther College Adjunct Instructors (2020-21)

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| Bethel A Balge | <i>Keyboard</i> |
| Bethel J Boeder | <i>Keyboard</i> |
| Kathryn E Carlovsky | <i>Keyboard</i> |
| Randall L Cox | <i>Academic Success</i> |
| Ramona M Czer | <i>English</i> |
| Kaitlin A Gawrisch | <i>Physical Education</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> |
| Michael D Plocher | <i>Educational Technology</i> |
| Joyce C Schubkegel | <i>Keyboard</i> |
| Dinah L Spurgin | <i>Physical Education</i> |
| Julianne B Trebelhorn | <i>Keyboard</i> |
| Marianne E Vogel | <i>Keyboard</i> |
| Elizabeth J Wiechman | <i>Keyboard</i> |
| Kathryn M Wurster | <i>Voice/Choir</i> |