



MARTIN LUTHER COLLEGE

The Opening Service of Martin Luther College

The Ordination and Installation of Philip Schroeder and Orië Thomford

The Installation of Rev. Aaron Robinson, Rev. Luke Thompson, and
Rev. Daniel Waldschmidt

Monday, August 23, 2021, 10:15 am
Chapel of the Christ, New Ulm

Pre-Service Music

Processional Hymn

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.

Hymn

Come, Holy Ghost, God and Lord

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

C: **And also with you.** (*spoken*)

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.

Hymn for the Word

Speak, O Lord

**Speak, O Lord, as we come to you
To receive the food of your Holy Word.
Take your truth, plant it deep in us;
Shape and fashion us in your likeness
That the light of Christ might be seen today
In our acts of love and our deeds of faith.
Speak, O Lord, and fulfill in us
All your purposes for your glory.**

**Speak, O Lord, and renew our minds;
Help us grasp the heights of your plans for us.
Truths unchanged from the dawn of time,
That will echo down through eternity.
And by grace we'll stand on your promises,
And by faith we'll walk as you walk with us.
Speak, O Lord, as your church is built
And the earth is filled with your glory.**

Psalm 122

Cantor will sing the first refrain and verse; assembly sings the following refrains and verses.



1 I re - joiced when I heard them say: "Let us
 2 Strong - ly built is Je - ru - sa - lem, there the
 3 Pray for peace in Je - ru - sa - lem, may they
 4 For the love of my fam - i - ly and friends and the



go to the house of the LORD." Our feet are
 tribes of the LORD go up, seek - ing their
 pros - per who love you well; e - ter - nal
 sake of the house of the LORD, I ev - er



stand - ing with - in your gates, O Je - ru - sa - lem.
 jus - tice and bring - ing thanks, O Je - ru - sa - lem.
 peace be with - in your walls, O Je - ru - sa - lem.
 pray for your health and peace, O Je - ru - sa - lem.

Refrain



I re - joiced when I heard them say: "Let us go to the



house of the LORD!" I re - joiced when I heard them say:



"Let us go to the house of the LORD!"

Gospel Reading

Matthew 5:13-16

M: The Gospel of the Lord.
C: Praise be to you, O Christ!

Be seated.

Hymn of the Day

Christ Is Made the Sure Foundation

1. 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.
2. To this temple, where we call you,
Come, O Lord of hosts, and stay;
Come with all your loving kindness,
Hear your people as they pray,
And your fullest benediction
Speak within these walls today.
3. 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.
4. Praise and honor to the Father,
Praise and honor to the Son,
Praise and honor to the Spirit,
Ever Three and ever One,
One in might and one in glory
While unending ages run.

Sermon

Luke 1:76-79

Prepare the Way for Him

Rite of Ordination and Installation

Philip Schroeder
Orie Thomford

Dormitory Supervisor and Instructor
Dormitory Supervisor and Instructor

Rite of Installation

Rev. Aaron Robinson
Rev. Luke Thompson
Rev. Daniel Waldschmidt

Professor of English, Cultural Diversity Coordinator
Professor of History and Theology
Professor of Greek

Welcome to New Adjunct Instructors

Stand for prayer.

Prayer of the Church

M: O God of truth and love, always calling us to deeper understanding and wisdom, we seek your will and implore your grace for all who share the life of this college, knowing that unless you build among us, we who teach and learn will labor in vain.

Silent Prayer

M: For the women and men who teach here, that with a love for your gospel and for all your people they may together bring fire and vision to our common task, knowing their own fields, yet eager to relate them to all others; persistent in their academic demands, yet seeing each student as a child of God; prepared to teach not only by great learning but also by childlike faith in you, their God:

C: In them and in us, O God, kindle a love for your saving truth.

M: For Tutor Schroeder, Tutor Thomford, Professor Robinson, Professor Thompson, and Professor Waldschmidt, that they may find joy in the new ministries set before them and faithfully entrust to their students the truths they have heard from you; that they and their families may find happiness and contentment as members of this campus family:

C: In them and in us, O God, kindle a love for your saving truth.

M: For those who attend to business and finance, for boards that govern our doings, and mission advancement personnel who encourage gifts of love, that their concern may be not only budgets and buildings, but the students who are here empowered to serve you and your Church:

C: In them and in us, O God, kindle a love for your saving truth.

M: For food service and administrative support; custodians, groundskeepers, and maintenance technicians; and for the many other workers and suppliers whose faithfulness serves the common good:

C: In them and in us, O God, kindle a love for your saving truth.

M: For parents and those who give gifts for student assistance, who send and support these college students, that they may find joy and contentment knowing that their gifts support student growth in intelligence, maturity, and devotion for service to Christ:

C: In them and in us, O God, kindle a love for your saving truth.

M: For the students themselves, that their confusion may be brief, their perspective constantly enlarged, and their minds and spirits alert to all that chapel and classroom, athletic field and theater, library and fieldwork can mean in their lives and ministry:

C: In them and in us, O God, kindle a love for your saving truth.

M: For brothers and sisters who are dealing with health concerns, that they may rest in the shadow of your love and find contentment in your perfect will:

C: In them and in us, O God, kindle a love for your saving truth.

M: For all in this campus family, that they may delight in the Holy Spirit's work of leading them into all truth and may rejoice in your intention for all their effort and striving.

C: In them and in us, O God, kindle a love for your saving truth.

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

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. Richard Gurgel
MLC President

Preacher

Rev. Daniel Schroeder
Pastor, St. Peter Ev. Lutheran Church, Modesto CA

Organist

Prof. Jon Roux
MLC Education Division

Cantor

Prof. Jonathan Laabs
MLC Music Division

Participating Ministers

Rev. Dr. John Boeder
MLC Campus Pastor

Rev. Douglas Lange
MLC Theology and Physical Education Divisions

Rev. Dr. Mark Paustian
MLC English and Foreign Language Divisions

Rev. Nathanael Scharf
Pastor, St. Paul's Ev. Lutheran Church, New Ulm MN

Rev. Joel Thomford
MLC Admissions Counselor

Rev. Hans Thomford
Pastor, new mission, Amarillo TX

Rev. Luke Thomford
Pastor, St. Paul Ev. Lutheran Church, Moline IL

Pastor (emeritus) Donald Thompson
Mukwonago WI

Rev. Richard Waldschmidt
Pastor, St. Jacobi Ev. Lutheran Church, Greenfield WI

Rev. Dr. Keith Wessel
MLC Foreign Language Division

Philip Schroeder

Philip Daniel Schroeder was born to Linka and Rev. Daniel Schroeder on October 4, 1994, in Milwaukee WI. He became a child of God through baptism on October 9, 1994, at St. Paul's Lutheran Church in Franklin WI, where his father had served as a vicar. He attended Lutheran elementary school at Morning Star, Jackson WI and Reformation Lutheran School in San Diego CA. He received his confirmation instruction at Risen Savior Lutheran Church in Chula Vista CA, where his father served as pastor. Philip received his training for the pastoral ministry at Luther Preparatory School (2009-2013), Martin Luther College (2013-2017), and Wisconsin Lutheran Seminary (2017-2021). He served his vicar year at St. Martin's Lutheran Church in Watertown SD.

On June 17, 2017, Philip married his beautiful wife, Sarah (née Hackbarth *MLC 2017*). They were blessed with a wonderful son, Solomon, in May 2020. Philip has four younger siblings: Kylah (*MLC 2014*), wife of Vicar Ethan Schultz, serving this year in Aiken SC; Joshua (*MLC 2020*), a second-year student at WLS, married to Sydney (née Cody *MLC 2019*); Annika, a junior at Minnesota State University-Mankato and serving in the Minnesota Air National Guard, married to Sam Boeder (*MLC 2021*), a first-year student at WLS; and Levi, a seventh-grader in Modesto CA where his parents now live and serve. As a dormitory supervisor in Summit Hall, Bible History instructor, and coach, Philip is very excited to meet the students and encourage them in their love of Jesus as they prepare to serve in the full-time gospel ministry.

Orie Thomford

Orie James Thomford was born to Karen and Rev. Joel Thomford on April 4, 1994, in Wilmar MN, where his father served as a pastor. When he was four years old, his father accepted a call to Zion Lutheran Church and School in Chesaning MI, where Orie attended school for 10 years. He received his training for the pastoral ministry at Michigan Lutheran Seminary (2008-2012), Martin Luther College (2012-2016), and Wisconsin Lutheran Seminary (2016-2021). He served his vicar year at Abiding Grace Lutheran Church in Covington GA. The following school year, he served as an instructor at Manitowoc Lutheran High School, teaching Sophomore and Junior religion. Finally, he graduated from Wisconsin Lutheran Seminary in the spring of 2021. All the Lutheran schools of which he was privileged to be a part were a wonderful experience and a blessing to his growth in the faith and in God's Word.

Orie has two older siblings: Luke (*MLC 2013*), recently called to serve as pastor of St. Paul's Lutheran Church in Moline IL; and Hans (*MLC 2015* and recent tutor), also recently called to serve as pastor to a mission start in Amarillo TX. His loving and supportive family is one of the biggest blessings God has given him.

Rev. Aaron Robinson

Aaron Robinson was baptized and confirmed at St. Marcus-Milwaukee. He graduated from Northwestern Prep (now Luther Prep) and then walked in the very first Martin Luther College graduation service in 1996.

After graduating from Wisconsin Lutheran Seminary four years later, he helped establish Sure Foundation Lutheran Church in New York City, then taught and coached at St. Croix Lutheran Academy and Wisconsin Lutheran High School. For the last six years, he served as pastor at Fairview-Milwaukee.

Aaron is a licensed qualified administrator of the Intercultural Development Inventory (IDI), an inventory used to promote cultural competency growth. Professor Robinson serves MLC as our new cultural diversity coordinator. In his own words, “God has called us to serve him by going to all nations. It is important that we who are a part of the Christian church carry out the commission set out before us by Jesus. It is that simple. It is important for our campus to be about the Great Commission because the students we train will be in the world carrying out the Great Commission.”

Aaron and his wife, Elizabeth, have been blessed with five children: Esther (20), Olivia (18), Arthur (15), Amaya (13), and Isaiah (11). Each one is a unique blessing to the family ministry team.

Rev. Luke Thompson

Luke George Thompson was born a missionary’s son to Glen and Beth Thompson in Zambia, in 1981, and attended Michigan Lutheran Seminary for high school. He graduated from Wisconsin Lutheran College with a B.A. in English, and received an M.A. in philosophy at Marquette University before attending Martin Luther College for pre-seminary certification. He graduated Wisconsin Lutheran Seminary in 2013 and served eight years as an associate pastor at St. Paul in Ottawa, Ontario, Canada, where he helped develop ministries to South Sudanese immigrants and Illuminé Campus Ministry.

While attending MLC and WLS, Luke taught philosophy and history courses at Wisconsin Lutheran College and Bethany Lutheran College. For more than 20 years he has worked closely with WELS campus ministries, specializing in apologetics, film, culture, and the Great Books. He is excited to bring his deep love for history, philosophy, culture, and especially God’s unchanging Word into the classroom at MLC.

Luke has been married 16 years to his wife, Christine, and has two children, Soren (9) and Simone (6), who are both excited to have a backyard for the first time in their lives.

Rev. Daniel Waldschmidt

Daniel Walter Waldschmidt was born on July 9, 1986. His parents are Rev. Richard and Sue Waldschmidt of Greenfield WI. Dan attended grade school at Grace-St. Joseph MI and at St. Paul-Tomah WI. He graduated from Luther Preparatory School in Watertown WI in 2004, from Martin Luther College in 2008, and Wisconsin Lutheran Seminary in 2012. He was assigned as a pastor to St. John’s Lutheran Church in Burlington WI, where he served until starting his new call at MLC. In 2018, Dan received a Master of Arts in New Testament from Trinity Evangelical Divinity School in Deerfield IL.

Dan and his wife, Cori, have four children: Luke (6), James (4), Justus (3), and Magdalena (1). Dan and his family love to go to the parks in New Ulm. Dan is excited to teach Greek and to help train workers in God’s kingdom.

Martin Luther College Adjunct Instructors (2021-22)

Balge, Bethel A	Keyboard
Boeder, Bethel J	Keyboard
Carlovsky, Kathryn E	Keyboard
Czer, Ramona M	English
Gawrisch, Kaitlin A	Physical Education
Haugen, Jennifer E	Voice
Hermanson, Jon	Music (Semester 1)
Hopp, Brian P	History
Krohn, JoElyn K	Mathematics
Laabs, Erin R	Forum Advisor
Martens, Judith L	Keyboard
Plocher, Michael D	Educational Technology
Schmoller, Katherine E	Physical Education (Semester 2)
Schmidt, John H	Theology
Schubkegel, Joyce C	Keyboard
Trebelhorn, Julianne B	Keyboard
Wiechman, Elizabeth J	Keyboard
Wurster, Kathryn M	Voice
