



MARTIN LUTHER COLLEGE

COMMENCEMENT SERVICE CALL SERVICE

2024

SATURDAY, MAY 18

MISSION OF MARTIN LUTHER COLLEGE

The mission of Martin Luther College is to train men and women to meet the public ministry needs of the Wisconsin Evangelical Lutheran Synod (WELS) and to proclaim the Word of God faithfully and in accord with the Lutheran Confessions in the Book of Concord. To fulfill this mission, Martin Luther College carries out all instruction and programs of student life according to the gospel as revealed in the inspired and inerrant Word of God.

With the guidance of the Holy Spirit, the college desires

- To deepen in the student saving faith in the forgiving grace of Jesus Christ;
- To strengthen the student in a consecrated spirit of love for God and his Word;
- To foster in the student a servant's heart for Christ-like service in the church, community, and world;
- To educate the student for faithful, capable, and intelligent citizenship in today's world;
- To assist the student in acquiring the knowledge, attitudes, and skills needed for service in the church and for lifelong learning;
- To help the student to develop the spiritual, emotional, and physical resiliency that will assist them to persevere in service under the cross; and
- To provide for the student an affordable college experience on a beautiful and attractive campus.

To meet the current ministry needs of the WELS, Martin Luther College

- Prepares men for pastoral training at Wisconsin Lutheran Seminary;
- Prepares men and women for service as teachers and staff ministers in the synod's churches, schools, and other institutions;
- Prepares men and women for other public ministry in the church, both full- and part-time, responding to the needs of the WELS;
- Prepares international students for ministry in partnership with WELS mission fields; and
- Provides programs of professional and continuing education that meet the ministerial needs of the WELS.

AS YOU SENT ME INTO THE WORLD,
I HAVE SENT THEM INTO THE WORLD.
JOHN 17:18

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

In last Sunday's gospel, we heard Jesus pray to his Father the words printed above.

In that prayer, spoken in the upper room the night he was betrayed, Jesus joyously (!) anticipates what would be accomplished on the cross the next day. The "joy set before him" (Heb 12:2) was to bring his Father glory by winning eternal life for all who would believe in him.

And then Jesus turns his prayer's attention to those gathered around him in that room. He admits what a dangerous place this world is for those who, through faith, no longer truly belong to this world. But this dangerous reality does *not* lead him to ask his Father to take them out of this world. Instead, he asks his Father to protect them by the power of his name, since Jesus would use them to carry his victory to that world. AS YOU SENT ME INTO THE WORLD, I HAVE SENT THEM INTO THE WORLD.

As Jesus notes just a few verses later, his prayer was not for those first disciples alone, but "for those who will believe in me through their message" (Jn 17:20). On that night he was betrayed, he prayed for each one of us who, down through the centuries, would believe in him. He doesn't pray that we be instantly ripped out of this world. Instead, he sends us out into that world, protected by his name, to be his messengers. AS YOU SENT ME INTO THE WORLD, I HAVE SENT THEM INTO THE WORLD.

So Jesus prays for every believer here. Yet his prayer has a special application for those who graduate today and hear their names connected to a place of ministry, and for those who move on to the seminary with another call day approaching faster than they can imagine.

These graduates are an answer to his prayer in two special ways, As they serve God in public ministry, they are protected by his gracious and powerful name, and they are his representatives, his messengers of the gospel. What a privilege!

Watch and listen in humble awe today. Before your eyes and in your ears, the Father is continuing to answer his Son's prayer! AS YOU SENT ME INTO THE WORLD, I HAVE SENT THEM INTO THE WORLD.

Rich Gurgel

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Rich Gurgel", with a stylized, cursive script.

President, Martin Luther College

THE REGALIA

The academic apparel worn by faculty and graduates has its origins in the monastic tradition of the Middle Ages. In Christian freedom we can choose to follow such academic traditions or not. In this graduation service, our undergraduate faculty has chosen to wear normal attire to emphasize that we train students not just for academic achievement, but for ministry. Our graduate faculty has chosen to wear formal regalia to emphasize lifelong learning pursued in service to God and for the glory of God.

The various colors of apparel (baccalaureate tassels and master's hoods) indicate the degree-granting institution and the particular areas of study.

- Martin Luther College: red and black
- Education: light blue
- Theology: red

Finally, a small percentage of our students are from foreign countries. They wear stoles with the colors and insignia of their homelands.

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COMMENCEMENT SERVICE

10:00 AM

*As the procession begins, stand and face the cross at the back of the gymnasium.
Follow its path to the chancel, where it serves as the center and focus of Christian worship.*

PROCESSIONAL

INVOCATION

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

C: **Amen.**

DIALOGUE

M: How lovely is your dwelling place, LORD Almighty.

C: **My soul yearns, even faints, for the courts of the LORD.**

M: Blessed are those who dwell in your house.

C: **They are ever praising you.**

M: Better is one day in your courts

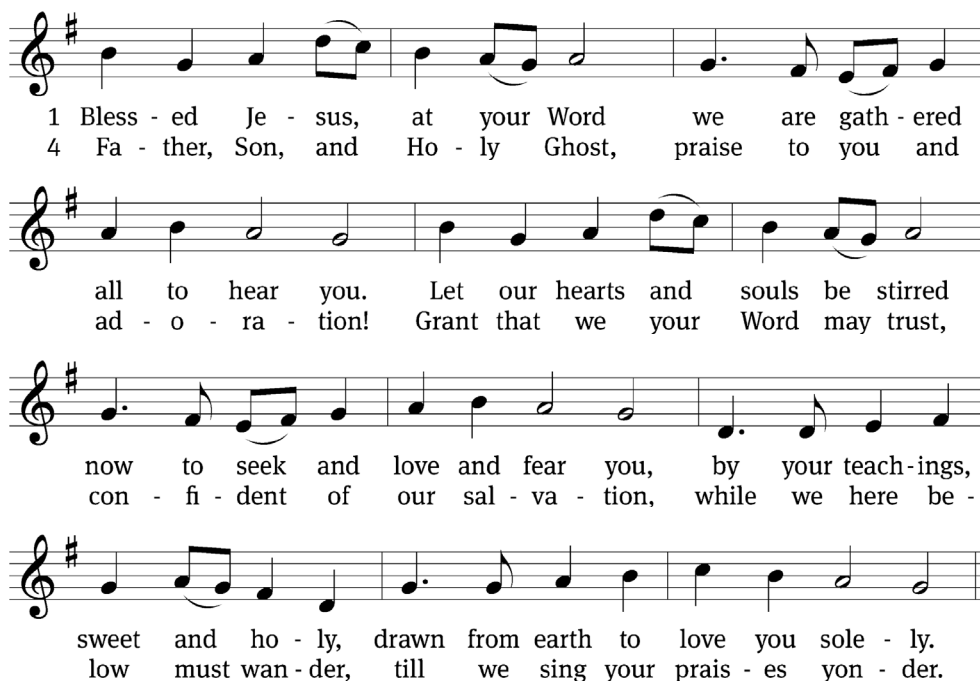
C: **Than a thousand elsewhere.**

M: For the LORD God is a sun and shield.

C: **The LORD bestows favor and honor.**

M: LORD Almighty,

C: **Blessed is the one who trusts in you.**



1 Bless - ed Je - sus, at your Word we are gath - ered
4 Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost, praise to you and
all to hear you. Let our hearts and souls be stirred
ad - o - ra - tion! Grant that we your Word may trust,
now to seek and love and fear you, by your teach - ings,
con - fi - dent of our sal - va - tion, while we here be -
sweet and ho - ly, drawn from earth to love you sole - ly.
low must wan - der, till we sing your prais - es yon - der.

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Gesang-Büchlein, Berlin, 1707
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- M: Let us pray:
Heavenly Father, pour out your Holy Spirit on our graduates. As they depart from this place, cause them to continue to grow in faith, love, and joy. In all their vocations in life, instill in them a lifelong desire to hear and tell the message of your grace in Christ. Keep them ever faithful to you so that, through their witness, many more may sing your praises in eternity, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
- C: **Amen.**

Be seated

READING

2 TIMOTHY 3:10-17

You, however, know all about my teaching, my way of life, my purpose, faith, patience, love, endurance, persecutions, sufferings—what kinds of things happened to me in Antioch, Iconium and Lystra, the persecutions I endured. Yet the Lord rescued me from all of them. In fact, everyone who wants to live a godly life in Christ Jesus will be persecuted, while evildoers and impostors will go from bad to worse, deceiving and being deceived. But as for you, continue in what you have learned and have become convinced of, because you know those from whom you learned it, and how from infancy you have known the Holy Scriptures, which are able to make you wise for salvation through faith in Christ Jesus. All Scripture is God-breathed and is useful for teaching, rebuking, correcting and training in righteousness, so that the servant of God may be thoroughly equipped for every good work.

- M: The Word of the Lord.
C: **Thanks be to God.**

CHORAL ANTHEM

O WORD OF GOD

Arranged by Craig Courtney

O Word of God incarnate,
O Wisdom from on high,
O Truth unchanged, unchanging,
O Light of our dark sky,
we praise you for the radiance
that from the hallowed page,
a lantern to our footsteps,
shines on from age to age.

The Church from you, dear Master,
received the gift divine,
and still that light is lifted
o'er all the earth to shine.
It is the sacred vessel
where gems of truth are stored;
it is the heaven-drawn picture
of Christ, the living Word.

The Scripture is a banner,
before God's host unfurled;
it is a shining beacon
above the darkening world.
It is the chart and compass
that o'er life's surging tide,
mid mists and rocks and quicksands
to you, O Christ, will guide.

O make your Church, dear Savior,
a lamp of purest gold
to bear before the nations
your true light, as of old.
O teach your wand'ring pilgrims
by this their path to trace
till, clouds and darkness ended,
they see you face to face. Amen.

Piano: Hope Sulzle | Trumpet: Josiah Smith

SERMON

2 CORINTHIANS 4:7-12

But we have this treasure in jars of clay to show that this all-surpassing power is from God and not from us. We are hard pressed on every side, but not crushed; perplexed, but not in despair; persecuted, but not abandoned; struck down, but not destroyed. We always carry around in our body the death of Jesus, so that the life of Jesus may also be revealed in our body. For we who are alive are always being given over to death for Jesus' sake, so that his life may also be revealed in our mortal body. So then, death is at work in us, but life is at work in you.

YOU ARE . . . CLAY JARS . . . TREASURE-FILLED . . . INDESTRUCTIBLE

HYMN

CATCH THE VISION! SHARE THE GLORY!

Jaroslav J. Vajda
Setting by Carl Schalk

Organ: Benjamin Foster

Choir 1. Bless - ed chil - dren, saints, e - lect of ___ God,
Choir 2. U - ni - ver - sal Bod - y of the ___ Lord,
Choir 3. Heirs to - geth - er of the grace of ___ Life,
All 4. For this time and place have we been ___ born,
Globe - en - cir - cling cloud of wit - ness - es:
Cho - sen, called, made just, and glo - ri - fied:
All bap - tized in - to the death of Christ:
Gift - ed by the Spir - it, trained, and sent:
We have heard the Christ - mas an - gels, We have seen the
Ours the faith, and ours the tri - umph, Ours the peace the
Born a - gain, in love ma - tur - ing, From the al - tar
With the eyes of Je - sus see - ing, With the hands of
East - er sun - rise, Cried with joy when Christ be - gan his reign.
world is seek - ing; Who on earth as priv - i - leged as we?
free and cheer - ful, Car - ing, win - some fam - i - ly of God.
Je - sus help - ing, With the words of Je - sus bring - ing life.
Catch the vis-ion! Share the glo-ry! Show the cap-tives, tell them: Christ is here!

PRESENTATION OF DIPLOMAS

Out of respect for each graduate, please reserve applause for the Presentation of the Class of 2024, which occurs after the blessing and announcements.

Stand

PRAYER

- M: Heavenly Father, we thank you for all the good and perfect gifts that you give us. We remember especially today the gift of this school of ministry, the blessings of the past school year, parents and all others who support the training of future ministers of your Word with prayers and gifts, faithful students who apply themselves to their tasks with diligence, dedicated faculty and staff who follow your ways, and our church body that comes together to proclaim the good news to all people.
- C: Above all, we thank you for our Savior Jesus and the forgiveness he has won for us.**
- M: O Lord, bless our graduates. Bless those who will begin public ministry as teachers and staff ministers. Give them strength and joy in their work of sharing the gospel.
- C: Lord, hear our prayer.**
- M: Bless those who will continue their preparation for pastoral ministry at Wisconsin Lutheran Seminary with patience and resolve.
- C: Lord, hear our prayer.**
- M: Bless those who will serve you as lay members in their congregations or in international fields of service.
- C: Lord, hear our prayer.**
- M: In all we do, give us the strength of faith to do it all in the name of the Lord Jesus, as we give thanks to you. Hear us as we ask these things in his name and pray as he has taught us:

LORD'S PRAYER

- C: 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.**

Be seated

CLOSING HYMN

O CHURCH, ARISE

CW 870:1,4

1 O Church, a - rise and put your ar - mor on; hear the
4 So Spir - it come, put strength in ev - 'ry stride, give__

call of Christ our cap - tain. For now the weak can say that
grace for ev - 'ry hur - dle, that we may run with faith to

they are strong in the strength that God has giv - en.
win the prize of a ser - vant good and faith - ful.

With shield of faith and belt of truth we'll stand a -
As saints of old still line the way, re - tell - ing

gainst the dev - il's lies; an ar - my bold whose bat - tle
tri - umphs of his grace, we hear their calls and hun - ger

cry is love, reach - ing out to those in dark - ness.
for the day when with Christ we stand in glo - ry.

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ANNOUNCEMENTS AND RECOGNITION OF THOSE CONCLUDING SERVICE

Lawrence Czer (*called home to heaven*)
Alyssa Heckendorf (*accepting a call*)
Brian Hennig (*accepted a call*)
Grace Hennig (*retiring June 2024*)
Robert Klindworth (*retiring June 2024*)

Erin Laabs (*spouse accepted a position*)
Jonathan Laabs (*peaceful release*)
Mya Peshon (*peaceful release*)
Lori Unke (*retiring June 2024*)

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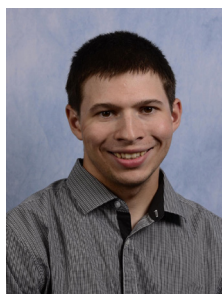
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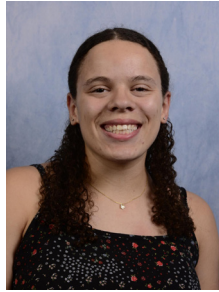
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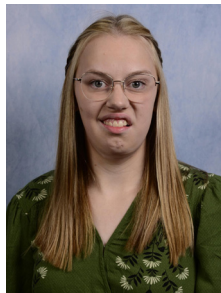
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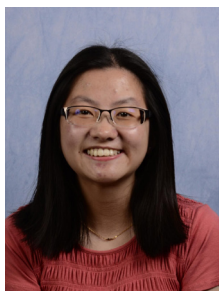
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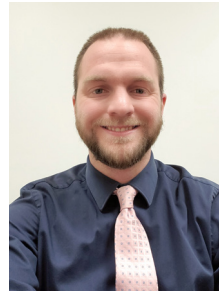
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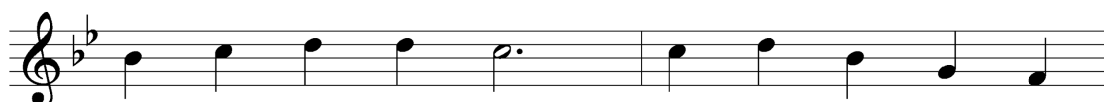
OPENING HYMN

COME, HOLY GHOST, CREATOR BLEST

CW 586



1 Come, Ho - ly Ghost, Cre - a - tor blest, and make our
 2 To you, the Coun - sel - or, we cry, to you, the
 3 In you, with grac - es sev - en - fold, we God's al -
 4 Your light to ev - 'ry thought im - part, and shed your



hearts your place of rest; come with your grace and
 gift of God most high, the fount of life, the
 might - y hand be - hold while you with tongues of
 love in ev - 'ry heart; the weak - ness of our



heav'n - ly aid, and fill the hearts which you have made.
 fire of love, the soul's a - noint - ing from a - bove.
 fire pro - claim to all the world his ho - ly name.
 mor - tal state with death-less might in - vig - o - rate.

- 5 Drive far away our wily foe,
 and your abiding peace bestow;
 with you as our protecting guide,
 no evil can with us abide.
- 6 Teach us to know the Father, Son,
 and you, from both, as Three in One
 that we your name may ever bless
 and in our lives the truth confess.

Stand

- 7 Praise we the Father and the Son
 and Holy Spirit, with them One,
 and may the Son on us bestow
 the gifts that from the Spirit flow!

M: O God the Father, Creator of heaven and earth,

C: Have mercy on us.

M: O God the Son, Redeemer of the world,

C: Have mercy on us.

M: O God the Holy Spirit, advocate and guide,

C: Have mercy on us.

M: Holy, blessed, and glorious Trinity, three persons in one God,

C: Have mercy on us.

M: Govern and direct your holy Church, fill it with love and truth, and grant it that unity which is according to your will.

C: Hear us, good Lord.

M: Enlighten all ministers of the gospel with true knowledge and understanding of your Word, that by their teaching and living they may declare it clearly and show its truth.

C: Hear us, good Lord.

M: Encourage and prosper your servants who spread the gospel in all the world, and send out laborers into the harvest.

C: Hear us, good Lord.

M: Bless and keep your people, good Lord.

C: God will bless us, and all the ends of the earth will fear him.

Be seated

READING

EPHESIANS 4:1-13

As a prisoner for the Lord, then, 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.

But to each one of us grace has been given as Christ apportioned it. This is why it says:

“When he ascended on high, he took many captives and gave gifts to his people.”

(What does “he ascended” mean except that he also descended to the lower, earthly regions? He who descended is the very one who ascended higher than all the heavens, in order to fill the whole universe.) So Christ himself gave the apostles, the prophets, the evangelists, the pastors and teachers, to equip his people for works of service, so that the body of Christ may be built up until we all reach unity in the faith and in the knowledge of the Son of God and become mature, attaining to the whole measure of the fullness of Christ.

M: The Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

HYMN

CHRIST CALLS US FORTH

Words and Music by K. Lee Scott



Choir 1. Christ calls us forth to Je - ru - sa - lem, a -
 Choir 2. Christ sends us forth to Ju - de - a's plains, where
 Choir 3. Christ sends us forth to Sa - ma - ri - a to
 All 4. Christ sends us forth to the world a - round: "To
 mong its mass - es to pro - claim to all in hope - less pain and
 an - gels told his won - drous birth. To hum - ble vil - la - ges a -
 those of dif - ferent clan and race, that they may know his lov - ing
 ev - 'ry crea - ture bear the word." Tell out the tid - ings through the
 need, the glo - ry of his sav - ing Name.
 round, re - tell the Sav - ior's match - less worth.
 care, the Gos - pel of re - deem - ing grace.
 earth, that all may own him as the Lord.
 "You shall re - ceive pow'r when the Ho - ly Spir - it comes to — you, and
 you shall be my wit - ness - es in Je - ru - sa - lem and Ju -
 de - a and Sa - ma - ri - a, to the ut - most ends of the earth."

Organ: Benjamin Foster | Trumpet: Jason Horn, Josiah Smith
 Trombone: Grace Seim, Bethany Valleau | Timpani: Robert Reinke

SERMON

ZECHARIAH 10

CHOIR

LORD GOD, YOU HAVE CALLED YOUR SERVANTS

Text: Closing Prayer from the Vespers Service
 Lutheran Book of Worship, 1978
 Music: J. Aaron McDermid

Lord God, you have called your servants
 to ventures of which we cannot see the ending;
 by paths as yet untrod, through perils unknown.

Give us faith to go out with courage, not knowing where we go,
 but only that your hand is leading us and your love supporting us;
 through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

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HYMN

SEND, O LORD, YOUR HOLY SPIRIT

CW 898

1 Send, O Lord, your Ho - ly Spir - it on your ser - vants
2 You, O Lord, your - self have called them for your pre - cious
3 Help, Lord Je - sus, help them nour - ish our dear chil - dren

now, we pray; let them all be faith - ful shep - herds
lambs to care; but to pros - per in their call - ing,
with your Word, that in con - stant love they serve you

that no lamb is led a - stray. Your pure teach - ing to pro -
they the Spir - it's gifts must share. Grant them wis - dom from a -
till in heav'n their song is heard. Bound - less bless - ings, Lord, be -

claim, to a - dore your ho - ly name, and to feed your
bove, fill their hearts with ho - ly love; in their weak - ness,
stow on your ser - vants' work be - low till by grace to

lambs, dear Sav - ior, make their aim and sole en - deav - or.
Lord, be near them, in their prayers, Good Shep - herd, hear them.
them is giv - en their re - ward, the crown of heav - en.

Text: tr. Frederick W. Herzberger, 1859–1930, alt.; Lieder-Perlen, St. Louis, 1905

Tune: Johann Schop, c. 1590–1667

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Stand

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.**

CLOSING HYMN

GOD'S WORD IS OUR GREAT HERITAGE

CW 640



God's Word is our great her - i - tage and shall be ours for -
ev - er; to spread its light from age to age shall be our
chief en - deav - or. Thro' life it guides our way, in death it
is our stay. Lord, grant, while worlds en - dure, we keep its
teach - ings pure through - out all gen - er - a - tions.

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Be seated

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And, heavenly Father, Lord of the harvest, as your Son urged us to pray, hear our prayers for even more workers like these to be sent into your harvest field. Amen.

