



MARTIN LUTHER COLLEGE

Opening Service

**August 26, 2024
10:15 am**

Pre-Service Music

Choral Variations on “Come, Holy Ghost, Creator Blest”

Maurice Duruflé

As the hymn is introduced, stand and face the cross at the entrance to the chapel and follow its path to the chancel, where it becomes the focus of Christian worship.

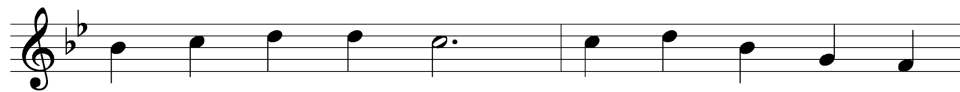
Processional Hymn

Come, Holy Ghost, Creator Blest (CW 586)

Setting by Kenneth Kosche



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.
- 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!

Text: tr. Edward Caswall, 1814–1878, alt.; attr. Rhabanus Maurus, 776–856
Tune: Geistliche lieder auff's new gebessert, Wittenberg, 1533, ed. Joseph Klug
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In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.
Amen.

Confession

Blessed are they whose transgressions are forgiven, whose sins are covered.
Blessed are they whose sin the Lord does not count against them.

Let us confess our sins to the Lord.

Almighty and merciful Father,

we have strayed from your ways like lost sheep.

We have followed what we have devised and desired in our hearts.

We have offended you and sinned against your holy law.

We have done those things that we should not have done,

and we have not done those things that we should have done.

Have mercy on us, Lord!

Spare us, forgive us, and restore us,

according to your promises in Christ Jesus.

Silence for meditation and reflection

God, our merciful Father, has forgiven all our sins. He sent his Son, Jesus Christ, to be our Redeemer and Savior. Jesus paid the penalty for our guilt by his death on the cross and freed us from death by his resurrection from the grave. We have peace with God now and forever.

Amen.

Lord, Have Mercy

In peace let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For the peace from above and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God, and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For this holy house and for all who offer here their worship and praise, let us pray to the Lord.

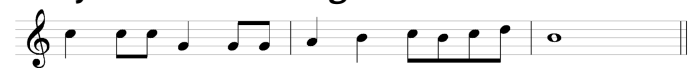
Lord, have mercy.

Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord.

Amen.



Glory to God in the Highest



Glo - ry to God in the high - est and peace to his peo - ple on earth.



Lord God, heav-en-ly King, al - might-y God and Fa-ther. We



wor - ship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your



glo - ry. Glo - ry to God in the high - est and peace to his



peo - ple on earth.

Lord Je - sus Christ, on - ly



Son of the Fa - ther, Lord God, Lamb of God, you



take a - way the sin of the world: have mer - cy on



us; you are seat - ed at the right hand of the



Fa-ther: re - ceive our prayer, re - ceive our prayer.

Glo - ry to God in the high - est and peace to his peo - ple on
earth. For you a - lone are the Ho - ly One, you a - lone are the
Lord, you a - lone are the Most High, Je - sus Christ,
with the Ho - ly Spir - it in the glo - ry of God the Fa - ther.
Glo - ry to God in the high - est and peace to his peo - ple on earth.
Glo - ry to God, glo - ry to God.

Tune: Kermit G. Moldenhauer

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The Word

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Prayer of the Day

Let us pray.

Lord of the harvest, you have brought us together to begin another year of training for the public ministry of your church. Look with favor on Martin Luther College, blessing those who teach, those who learn, and all who serve on our campus, that we may apply ourselves diligently to your will and faithfully to your service; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

Be seated

First Reading

Joshua 1:1-9

¹After the death of Moses the servant of the LORD, the LORD said to Joshua son of Nun, Moses' aide: ²"Moses my servant is dead. Now then, you and all these people, get ready to cross the Jordan River into the land I am about to give to them—to the Israelites. ³I will give you every place where you set your foot, as I promised Moses. ⁴Your territory will extend from the desert to Lebanon, and from the great river, the Euphrates—all the Hittite country—to the Mediterranean Sea in the west. ⁵No one will be able to stand against you all the days of your life. As I was with Moses, so I will be with you; I will never leave you nor forsake you. ⁶Be strong and courageous, because you will lead these people to inherit the land I swore to their ancestors to give them.

⁷"Be strong and very courageous. Be careful to obey all the law my servant Moses gave you; do not turn from it to the right or to the left, that you may be successful wherever you go. ⁸Keep this Book of the Law always on your lips; meditate on it day and night, so that you may be careful to do everything written in it. Then you will be prosperous and successful. ⁹Have I not commanded you? Be strong and courageous. Do not be afraid; do not be discouraged, for the LORD your God will be with you wherever you go."

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Anthem

This Is My Word

Pepper Choplin

As the snow falls from heaven,
As it comes in swirling showers from the sky,
So is my Word.
As the rain brings the water to the earth that is thirsty and dry,
So is my Word.
And the Word of my mouth, it shall not return empty:
It will bless the earth wherever it is heard.
This is my Word.

As the rain brings renewal
And the tender buds begin to come alive,
So is my Word.
Giving seed to the sower
And the bread to the hungry 'til they thrive,
So is my Word.
And the Word of my mouth, it shall not return empty:
It will bless the earth wherever it is heard.
This is my Word.

O Lord, when I am weary,
When I feel the days I'm living are in vain,
My God, help me be faithful to the Word you have given to proclaim.
Proclaim the Word, and you will go out in joy
And be led forth in peace,
And the hills will break before you into song.
So be faithful, brave, and true,

For I will go before you.
And when your earthly journey here is done,
I'll say well done, well done!

As the snow falls from heaven
And the rain comes in showers from the sky,
This is my Word.

Second Reading

1 Peter 5:1-7

¹To the elders among you, I appeal as a fellow elder and a witness of Christ's sufferings who also will share in the glory to be revealed: ²Be shepherds of God's flock that is under your care, watching over them—not because you must, but because you are willing, as God wants you to be; not pursuing dishonest gain, but eager to serve; ³not lording it over those entrusted to you, but being examples to the flock. ⁴And when the Chief Shepherd appears, you will receive the crown of glory that will never fade away.

⁵In the same way, you who are younger, submit yourselves to your elders. All of you, clothe yourselves with humility toward one another, because,

“God opposes the proud
but shows favor to the humble.”

⁶Humble yourselves, therefore, under God's mighty hand, that he may lift you up in due time.

⁷Cast all your anxiety on him because he cares for you.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Stand

Gospel

Matthew 9:35-10:4

³⁵Jesus went through all the towns and villages, teaching in their synagogues, proclaiming the good news of the kingdom and healing every disease and sickness. ³⁶When he saw the crowds, he had compassion on them, because they were harassed and helpless, like sheep without a shepherd. ³⁷Then he said to his disciples, “The harvest is plentiful but the workers are few. ³⁸Ask the Lord of the harvest, therefore, to send out workers into his harvest field.”

¹Jesus called his twelve disciples to him and gave them authority to drive out impure spirits and to heal every disease and sickness.

²These are the names of the twelve apostles: first, Simon (who is called Peter) and his brother Andrew; James son of Zebedee, and his brother John; ³Philip and Bartholomew; Thomas and Matthew the tax collector; James son of Alphaeus, and Thaddaeus; ⁴Simon the Zealot and Judas Iscariot, who betrayed him.

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise be to you, O Christ!

Be Seated

Hymn of the Day

Preach You the Word



1 Preach you the Word and plant it home
 2 We know how hard, O Lord, the task
 3 The sow - er sows; his reck - less love
 4 Though some be snatched and some be scorched
 5 Preach you the Word and plant it home

To those who like or like it not,
 Your ser - vant bids us un - der - take:
 Scat - ters a - broad the good - ly seed,
 And some be choked and mat - ted flat,
 And nev - er faint; the Har - vest - Lord

The Word that shall en - dure and stand
 To preach your Word and nev - er ask
 In - tent a - lone that there may be
 The sow - er sows; his heart cries out,
 Who gave the sow - er seed to sow

When flow'rs and mor - tals are for - got.
 What pride - ful prof - it it may make.
 The whole - some loaves that peo - ple need.
 "Oh, what of that, and what of that?"
 Will watch and tend his plant - ed Word.

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 Tune: O HEILAND, REISS DIE HIMMEL AUF (LM) *Rheinfelssisch Deutsches Catholisches Gesangbuch*,
 Augsburg, 1666.

Sermon

1 Peter 5:1-7

Humility, It's What Makes You Great!

Stand

Apostles' Creed

I believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried. He descended into hell. The third day he rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of God the Father Almighty. From there he will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Christian Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

Be seated

Rite of Installation

MacKenzie Holzbauer, Admissions Counselor

Janet Justice, Admissions Counselor

Susan Decker, Professor of English

Jon Hermanson, Professor of Music

JoElyn Krohn, Professor of Mathematics

Welcome and Introduction of New Adjunct Instructors

Prof. Em. Cheryl Loomis, Student Teaching Supervisor

Andrea Myers, Applied Instrument

Christine Thompson, Forum Advisor

Stand

Prayer

Almighty and eternal God, you have shown your glory to all nations in Jesus Christ. Help your Church to persevere in faith, proclaim your Word, and bring salvation to people everywhere. Bless the work of Martin Luther College as we begin another year of your grace. Lord, in your mercy,

Hear our prayer.

Almighty and eternal God, you guide the Church and make it holy. Give wisdom to our professors and instructors so that they can carry out their work faithfully and be a blessing to those they teach. Lord, in your mercy,

Hear our prayer.

Almighty and eternal God, you cause us to grow in love for you and for one another so that we become more perfect witnesses of your love for all people. Give dedication to our students so that they can fan into flame the gifts you have given them. Lord, in your mercy,

Hear our prayer.

Almighty and eternal God, you richly provide us with the bountiful goodness of your creation to enjoy. Give skill to all those who serve on this campus in many and various ways so that their work serves the common good. Lord, in your mercy,

Hear our prayer.

Almighty and eternal God, we thank you for parents who have raised their sons and daughters in the training and instruction of the Lord; for pastors, teachers, and staff ministers who have encouraged them on the path to public ministry; and for all those who support our college of ministry with their prayers and offerings. Hear our prayer of thanks in the name of your Son, our Lord, who has also taught us to pray:

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

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.

Amen.

Be seated

Closing Hymn

How Firm a Foundation (CW 800)

Arr. Michael Burkhardt



1 How firm a foun - da - tion, you saints of the Lord,
2 "Fear not, I am with you, O be not dis - mayed,
3 "When through the deep wa - ters I call you to go,
4 "When through fi - ery tri - als your path - way shall lie,
5 "The soul that on Je - sus has leaned for re - pose



is laid for your faith in his ex - cel - lent Word!
for I am your God and will still give you aid;
the riv - ers of sor - row shall not o - ver - flow,
my grace all - suf - fi - cient shall be your sup - ply;
I will not, I will not, de - sert to its foes;



What more can he say than to you he has said,
I'll strength - en you, help you, and cause you to stand,
for I will be with you, your trou - bles to bless,
the flames will not hurt you; I on - ly de - sign
that soul, though all hell should en - deav - or to shake,



to you who for ref - uge to Je - sus have fled?
up - held by my right - eous, om - ni - po - tent hand.
and sanc - ti - fy to you your deep - est dis - tress.
your dross to con - sume and your gold to re - fine.
I'll nev - er, no nev - er, no nev - er for - sake!"

Text: A Selection of Hymns, London, 1787, ed. John Rippon, alt.
Tune: Genuine Church Music, Winchester, 1832, ed. Joseph Funk
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Susan Decker, Professor of English

Susan is a graduate of Memorial High School (Eau Claire WI) and Martin Luther College (2013). Her first call was to West LHS (Plymouth MN), where she served as English department chair and instructor, drama director, yearbook advisor, Teens for Life advisor, book club advisor, and Mock Trial coach. She also served on the school's administrative team, curriculum committee, and MNSAA accreditation team. In addition, she served Ascension–Plymouth MN as worship music coordinator, directing the various choirs and selecting/arranging both traditional and contemporary pieces for worship. Susan earned a master's degree in English from Southern New Hampshire University and a doctoral degree in English pedagogy with a teaching literature specialization from Murray State University, where her capstone work focused on fine arts and ELA integration. She is looking forward to continuing her scholarly research and being a part of the ministry at MLC!

Jon Hermanson, Professor of Music

Jon is a graduate of St. Paul LES–New Ulm MN, Minnesota Valley LHS (2000), and Martin Luther College (2006). He served for five years as grade 5-6 teacher at Trinity LES–Kiel WI, four years as a music instructor at Illinois LHS (Crete IL), and served the past nine years as an instructor at Minnesota Valley LHS (New Ulm MN) in the departments of music, religion, English, and physical education. Jon also served as the recruitment director for the past two years. Jon earned a master's degree in music education from VanderCook College of Music in Chicago, Illinois. Jon and his wife, Katie (née Moll) (MLC '06), have been married for 17 years and have three children: Jonah (15), Amelia (12), and Isaiah (9).

MacKenzie Holzbauer, Admissions Counselor

MacKenzie is a graduate of Faith LES–Fond du Lac WI (2015), Winnebago Lutheran Academy (2019), and Martin Luther College (2024). MacKenzie met her husband, Samuel (MLC '23), during their time together at MLC, and the two were married in July of 2023. Samuel works as a teacher at River Bend Education District in New Ulm.

Janet Justice, Admissions Counselor

Janet is a graduate of Michigan Lutheran Seminary (2015) and Martin Luther College (2019). She was assigned to Christ–Eagle River WI as the primary grade teacher. During her four years there, Janet met and married her husband, Matthew, who serves full time in the Army National Guard.

JoElyn Krohn, Professor of Mathematics

JoElyn attended Friedens LES–Kenosha WI, King of Grace LES–Golden Valley MN, and Bay Pines LES–Seminole FL. She is a graduate of St. Croix LHS (1999), Bethany Lutheran College (2001), and Concordia University–St. Paul MN (2003). After completing her degree in elementary education and before her work in higher education, she tried various careers, including front desk at several hotels, flight attendant, and certified medical assistant. JoElyn has worked at Cornell University, St. Olaf College, and Minnesota State University, Mankato, where she received her master's degree in college student affairs. She became an accredited financial counselor in 2015. JoElyn and her husband, Seth, have been married 10 years and have two children, Hazel (7) and August (5).

Serving in Worship
Presiding Minister

Rev. Dr. Rich Gurgel

Preacher

Rev. Mike Weigand
Faith–Fond du Lac WI

Organist

Rev. Jacob Behnken

Soloist/Pianist

Luke Staude

Trumpet

Jason Horn
Josiah Smith

Trombone

Benjamin Foster
Grace Seim

Saxophone

Dr. Miles Wurster

Participating Ministers

Rev. Robert Otto
Rev. David Putz

Cross and Candle Bearers

Caleb Carlovsky
Matthew Hillmer
Luke Wegner



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