



MARTIN LUTHER COLLEGE

COMMENCEMENT SERVICE
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2025

SATURDAY, MAY 17

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.

MY SHEEP LISTEN TO MY VOICE; I KNOW THEM, AND THEY FOLLOW ME.
I GIVE THEM ETERNAL LIFE, AND THEY SHALL NEVER PERISH;
NO ONE WILL SNATCH THEM OUT OF MY HAND.

JOHN 10:27-28

Dear Fellow Sheep of the Good Shepherd,

The words above are from last Sunday's gospel. The fourth Sunday of Easter is, each year, Good Shepherd Sunday. There may be no more comforting picture of our Savior and his relationship to us than that of a caring shepherd looking out for the sheep entrusted to him.

And there also may be no more sobering picture of the part we play in that relationship with Jesus.

I hate to say it on their special day, but each one whom you will watch cross the platform to receive a diploma is, by nature, a rebellious and unruly sheep—each prone to go their own way. And before families in attendance get upset by such a statement, it is also true about all our faculty and staff who have served them on campus these four or five years. And yes, it is also true about each of you.

Left to ourselves, this story would not end well. Not now. Not eternally. That is a humbling and sobering reality with which we must all come to grips.

But that contrast simply makes the stunning beauty of our great Good Shepherd's loving care for us shine even more wonderfully! He did not come to die for magnificent, wise, and spotless sheep. He came to die—and rise again—to proclaim us to be the magnificent (clothed in his holiness), wise (for salvation), and spotless (washed in his blood) sheep of his flock.

So powerful is the loving voice of our Good Shepherd that he teaches us—sheep who by nature love to wander—to listen to his voice and to follow him heavenward. And he assures us, as we rest in him, that no one can snatch us out of his nail-marked hands!

And now, on this day, something wonderful is occurring for these young men and women of MLC's class of 2025. As many of them head out to gospel ministry as staff ministers or teachers, or on to final preparation at seminary for pastoral ministry, God is keeping his promise made long ago to his Church. He promised that he would give his people shepherds after his own heart (Jeremiah 3:15). Before our eyes today the Good Shepherd is again keeping that promise! He takes sheep who by nature love to wander—and who daily until heaven need to die and rise in repentance and faith—and he uses them to gather and guard other sheep.

Such is the wonder of what you see before you today. Such is the Good Shepherd's love for his flock!

In Him,

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

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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

DIALOGUE

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

C: **Amen.**

M: Shout for joy to the LORD, all the earth.

C: **Worship the LORD with gladness; come before him with joyful songs.**

M: Know that the LORD is God. It is he who made us, and we are his;

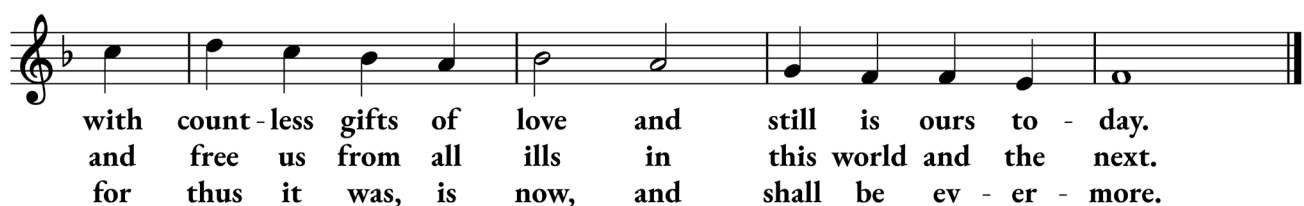
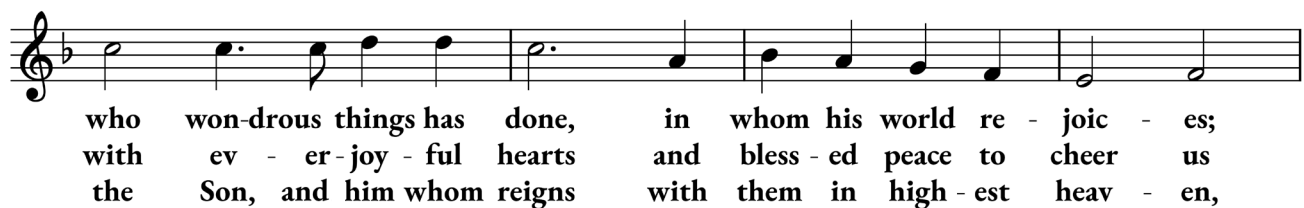
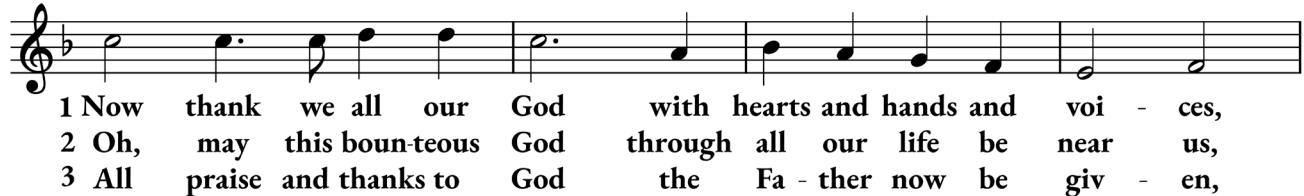
C: **we are his people, the sheep of his pasture.**

M: Enter his gates with thanksgiving and his courts with praise;

C: **give thanks to him and praise his name.**

M: For the LORD is good and his love endures forever;

C: **his faithfulness continues through all generations.**



- 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 and love. In all their vocations, instill in them a lifelong desire to hear and tell the message of your grace in Christ. Remind them that their labor in the Lord is never in vain, 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

1 KINGS 19:9-18

Elijah's labor in the Lord was never in vain.

There [Elijah] went into a cave and spent the night.

And the word of the LORD came to him: "What are you doing here, Elijah?"

He replied, "I have been very zealous for the LORD God Almighty. The Israelites have rejected your covenant, torn down your altars, and put your prophets to death with the sword. I am the only one left, and now they are trying to kill me too."

The LORD said, "Go out and stand on the mountain in the presence of the LORD, for the LORD is about to pass by."

Then a great and powerful wind tore the mountains apart and shattered the rocks before the LORD, but the LORD was not in the wind. After the wind there was an earthquake, but the LORD was not in the earthquake. After the earthquake came a fire, but the LORD was not in the fire. And after the fire came a gentle whisper. When Elijah heard it, he pulled his cloak over his face and went out and stood at the mouth of the cave.

Then a voice said to him, "What are you doing here, Elijah?"

He replied, "I have been very zealous for the LORD God Almighty. The Israelites have rejected your covenant, torn down your altars, and put your prophets to death with the sword. I am the only one left, and now they are trying to kill me too."

The LORD said to him, "Go back the way you came, and go to the Desert of Damascus. When you get there, anoint Hazael king over Aram. Also, anoint Jehu son of Nimshi king over Israel, and anoint Elisha son of Shaphat from Abel Meholah to succeed you as prophet. Jehu will put to death any who escape the sword of Hazael, and Elisha will put to death any who escape the sword of Jehu. Yet I reserve seven thousand in Israel—all whose knees have not bowed down to Baal and whose mouths have not kissed him."

M: The Word of the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

CHORAL ANTHEM

GRANT US WISDOM, GRANT US COURAGE

Eric Nelson

God of grace and God of glory, on your people pour your power;
Crown your ancient Church's story, bring its bud to glorious flower.
Grant us wisdom, grant us courage for the facing of this hour.
Grant us wisdom, grant us courage for the facing of this hour.

Cure your children's warring madness; bend our pride to your control;
Shame our wanton, selfish gladness, rich in things and poor in soul.
Grant us wisdom, grant us courage for the facing of this hour.
Grant us wisdom, grant us courage lest we miss your kingdom's goal.

Lo, the hosts of evil round us scorn the Christ, assail his ways.
From the fears that long have bound us, free our hearts to faith and praise.

Save us from weak resignation to the evils we deplore;
Let the gift of your salvation be our glory evermore.
Grant us wisdom, grant us courage for the facing of this hour.
Grant us wisdom, grant us courage, serving you whom we adore.

Organ: George Hogan

SERMON

1 CORINTHIANS 15:58

Therefore, my dear brothers and sisters, stand firm. Let nothing move you. Always give yourselves fully to the work of the Lord, because you know that your labor in the Lord is not in vain.

WILL YOU LIVE AND SERVE ON THE RIGHT SIDE OF EASTER?


HYMN

FORTH IN YOUR NAME, O LORD, I GO

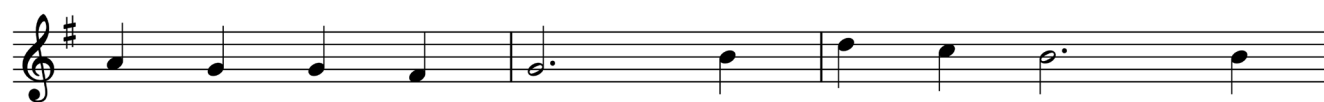
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Tune and Setting by Barry L. Bobb


The congregation sings stanzas 1 and 5. The choir sings stanzas 2-4.



1 Forth in your name, O Lord, I go, my dai - ly
2 The task your wis - dom has as - signed, O let me
3 May I find you at my right hand; your eyes see
4 Give me to bear your eas - y yoke and ev - 'ry
5 For you I joy - ous - ly em - ploy what - ev - er



la - bor to pur - sue, de - ter - mined on - ly
cheer - ful - ly ful - fill; in all my works your
tru - ly what I do. I la - bor on at
mo - ment watch and pray and still to things e -
you in grace have giv'n; I run my dai - ly



you to know in all I think or speak or do.
pres - ence find, and prove your good and per - fect will.
your com - mand and of - fer all my works to you.
ter - nal look and has - ten to your glo - rious day.
course with joy and close - ly walk with you to heav'n.

Organ: Benjamin Foster

Trumpet: Jason Horn, Josiah Smith | Trombone: Adam Conrad, Noah Sulzle

PRESENTATION OF DIPLOMAS

Out of respect for each graduate, please reserve applause for the Presentation of the Class of 2025, 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 staff ministers and teachers. 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.

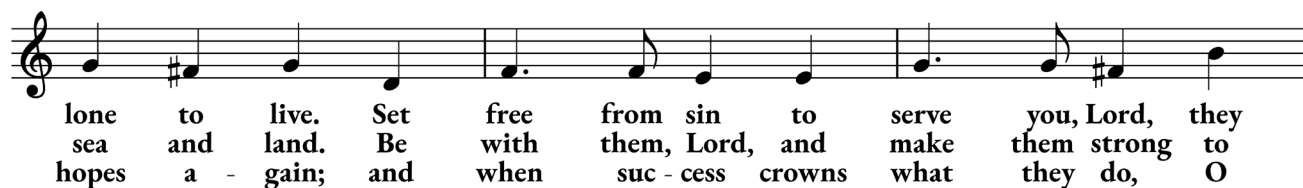
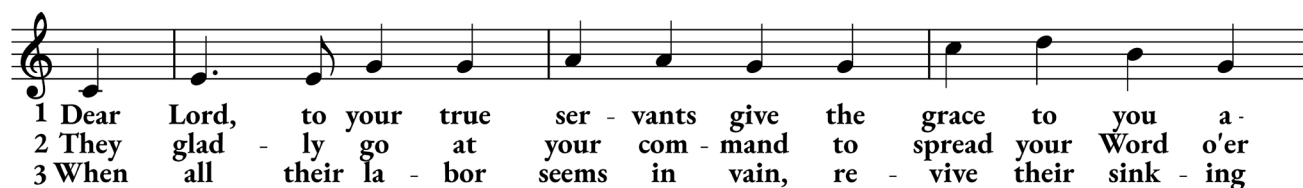
C: **Amen.**

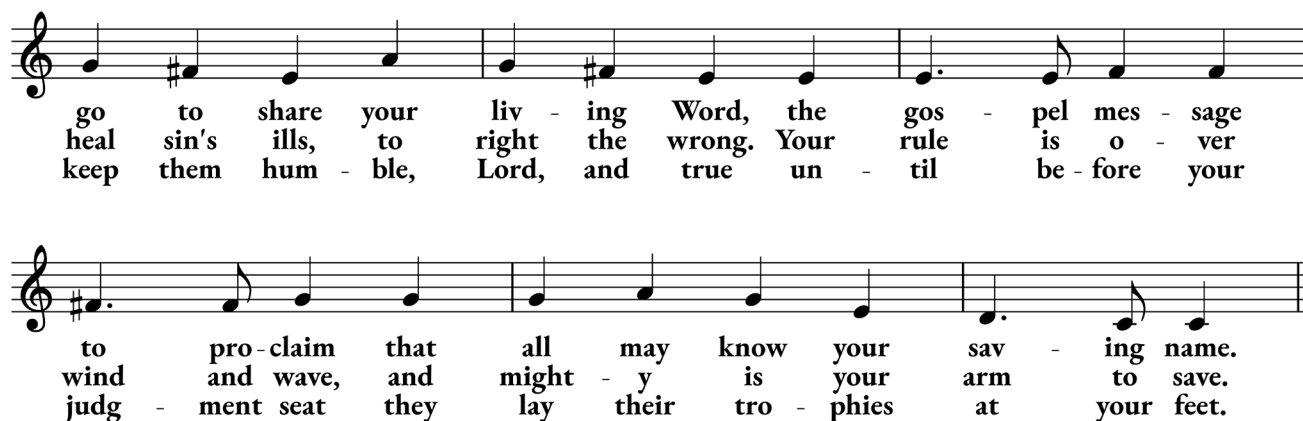
Be seated

CLOSING HYMN

DEAR LORD, TO YOUR TRUE SERVANTS GIVE

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PRESENTATION OF THE CLASS OF 2025

ANNOUNCEMENTS AND RECOGNITION OF THOSE CONCLUDING SERVICE

Barb Becker (*retired Dec 2024*)
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 Tom Nass (*retiring June 2025*)
 Nate Savage (*accepted a call*)
 Mark Tacke (*retiring June 2025*)

Kelli Green (*peaceful release*)
 Kari Muentel (*accepted a call*)
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RECESSIONAL

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BS Human Development
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2001



CALL SERVICE

2:30 PM

OPENING HYMN

COME, HOLY GHOST, CREATOR BLEST

CW 586

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

and make our hearts your place of rest;
to you, the gift of God most high,
we and God's al - might - y hand be - hold
and shed your love in ev - 'ry heart;

come with your grace and heav'n - ly aid,
the fount of life, and the fire of love,
while you with tongues of fire pro - claim
the weak - ness of our mor - tal state

and fill the hearts which you have made.
the soul's a - noint - ing from a - bove.
to all the world his ho - ly name.
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

1 TIMOTHY 1:12-17

In his grace, the Lord appointed Paul to serve him in public ministry.

I thank Christ Jesus our Lord, who has given me strength, that he considered me trustworthy, appointing me to his service. Even though I was once a blasphemer and a persecutor and a violent man, I was shown mercy because I acted in ignorance and unbelief. The grace of our Lord was poured out on me abundantly, along with the faith and love that are in Christ Jesus.

Here is a trustworthy saying that deserves full acceptance: Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners—of whom I am the worst. But for that very reason I was shown mercy so that in me, the worst of sinners, Christ Jesus might display his immense patience as an example for those who would believe in him and receive eternal life. Now to the King eternal, immortal, invisible, the only God, be honor and glory for ever and ever. Amen.

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

HYMN

O CHRIST, WHO CALLED THE TWELVE

CW 716
Setting by Cathy and David Mokelbust
Stanza 3 by Eriks Ešēvalds

The choir sings stanzas 1 and 3. The congregation sings stanzas 2 and 4.



1 O Christ, who called the Twelve to rise and fol - low you, for -
2 O Christ, who taught the Twelve the truth for a - ges sealed, whose
3 O Christ, who sent the Twelve on roads they'd nev - er trod to
4 O Christ, th'a - pos - tles' Lord, the mar - tyr's strength and song, the

sak - ing old, fa - mil - iar ways for ven - tures bold and new:
words and works a - wak - ened faith, the ways of God re - vealed:
serve, to suf - fer, teach, pro - claim the near - er reign of God:
cru - ci - fied and ris - en King to whom the saints be - long:

grant us to hear your call to risk se - cur - i - ty and,
in - struct us now, we pray, by your em - pow'r - ing Word. True
send us on ways where faith tran - scends ti - mid - i - ty, where
though gen - er - a - tions pass, our tri - bute still we bring, our

bound in heart and will to you, find per - fect lib - er - ty.
teach - er, be for all who seek their light, their life, their Lord.
love in - forms and hope sus - tains both life and min - is - try.
hymns a sac - ri - fice of praise, our lives an of - fer - ing.

Organ: Benjamin Foster | Flute: Emma Pufahl

SERMON

1 TIMOTHY 1:12-17

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.

READING OF ASSIGNMENTS

OPTING FOR INTERNATIONAL SERVICE

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EDUCATION

Maya Habben – Thailand (Friends Network)

HYMN

TO GOD THE HOLY SPIRIT LET US PRAY

CW 596



1 To God the Ho - ly Spir - it let us pray
2 O sweet - est Love, your grace on us be - stow;
3 Tran - scen - dent Com - fort in our ev - 'ry need,
4 Shine in our hearts, O Spir - it, pre - cious light;

for the true faith need - ed on our way
set our hearts with sa - cred fire a - glow
help us nei - ther scorn nor death to heed
teach us Je - sus Christ to know a - right

that when life is end - ing he may de - fend us, on our
that with hearts u - nit - ed we love each oth - er, ev - 'ry
that we may not fal - ter nor cour - age fail us when the
that we may a - bide in the Lord who bought us, un - til

home - ward jour - ney at - tend us. Lord, have mer - cy!
stran - ger, sis - ter, and broth - er. Lord, have mer - cy!
foe shall taunt and as - sail us. Lord, have mer - cy!
home at last he has brought us. Lord, have mer - cy!

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. Through 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.

Be seated

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Preacher	Rev. David Scharf <i>MLC Theology Division</i>
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