



COMMENCEMENT

*ONE HUNDRED EIGHTY-SEVENTH YEAR
ACADEMIC EXERCISES*

*THE SIXTH WEEK OF EASTER
MAY 15, 2026 · 7 P.M.*

CONCORDIA SEMINARY, ST. LOUIS

Carillon Recital by John Klinger (Carillonneur)

PRE-COMMENCEMENT MUSIC

The Order of the Groups in the Processional

Candidates for the Residential Alternate Route Certificate
Candidates for the Degree of Master of Arts
Candidates for the Degree of Master of Divinity
Candidates for the Degree of Doctor of Ministry
Candidates for the Degree of Master of Sacred Theology
Candidates for the Degree of Doctor of Philosophy
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Recipient of the *Christus Vivit* Award
Recipient of the Distinguished Alumnus Award
Candidate for the Degree of Doctor of Divinity
Candidate for the Degree of Doctor of Letters
Candidate for the Degree of Doctor of Laws
Seminary President

A Note on Academic Dress

The hoods worn by faculty members and candidates for degrees indicate the degree held, the subject in which it is held and the institution that conferred the degree. The colors of the silk lining the hood are the colors of the institution that granted the degree (e.g., the hood of Concordia Seminary is lined with myrtle green and gold). The color of the velvet edging of the hood, running forward around the throat, indicates the faculty or department in which the degree has been earned.

Scarlet: Theology
Violet: Law
White: Arts and Letters
Dark Blue: Philosophy
Light Blue: Education
Lemon: Library
Drab: Business
Pink: Music

A gold bullion tassel on the cap indicates a doctoral degree.

THE COMMENCEMENT EXERCISES

In nomine Jesu



*As the hymn is introduced,
please stand and face the processional cross.*

THE PROCESSIONAL HYMN

Thy Strong Word (*LSB* 578)

1 Thy strong word did cleave the dark - ness; At Thy
 2 Lo, on those who dwelt in dark - ness, Dark as
 3 Thy strong Word be - speaks us righ - teous; Bright with
 4 From the cross Thy wis - dom shin - ing Break - eth

speak - ing it was done. For cre - at - ed
 night and deep as death, Broke the light of
 Thine own ho - li - ness, Glo - rious now, we
 forth in con - qu'ring might; From the cross for -

light we thank Thee, While Thine or - dered sea - sons run.
 Thy sal - va - tion, Breathed Thine own life - breath - ing breath.
 press toward glo - ry, And our lives our hopes con - fess.
 ev - er beam - eth All Thy bright re - deem - ing light.

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia! Praise to
 Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia! Praise to
 Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia! Praise to
 Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia! Praise to

Thee who light dost send! Al - le - lu - ia,
 Thee who light dost send! Al - le - lu - ia,
 Thee who light dost send! Al - le - lu - ia,
 Thee who light dost send! Al - le - lu - ia,

al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia with - out end!
 al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia with - out end!
 al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia with - out end!
 al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia with - out end!

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| <p>5 Give us lips to sing Thy glory,
 Tongues Thy mercy to proclaim,
 Throats that shout the hope that fills us,
 Mouths to speak Thy holy name.
 Alleluia, alleluia!
 May the light which Thou dost send
 Fill our songs with alleluias,
 Alleluias without end!</p> | <p>6 God the Father, light-creator,
 To Thee laud and honor be.
 To Thee, Light of Light begotten,
 Praise be sung eternally.
 Holy Spirit, light-revealer,
 Glory, glory be to Thee.
 Mortals, angels, now and ever
 Praise the holy Trinity!</p> |
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THE INVOCATION

Rev. Prof. Thomas J. Egger, *M.Div., Ph.D.*
President

L In the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C **Amen.**

L Not to us, O Lord, not to us, but to Your name give glory,

C **for the sake of Your steadfast love and Your faithfulness!** (*Ps. 115:1*)

L Alleluia! Christ is risen!

C **He is risen, indeed! Alleluia!**

THE READING FROM HOLY SCRIPTURE

1 Peter 2:4–9

THE HYMN

Christ Is Our Cornerstone (*LSB* 912)

The image shows a musical score for the hymn 'Christ Is Our Cornerstone'. It consists of three staves of music in a single system, each with a treble clef and a key signature of one sharp (F#). The first staff begins with a common time signature. The lyrics are printed below the notes, with line numbers 1, 2, and 3 indicating the start of each line. The lyrics are: '1 Christ is our cor - ner - stone, On Him a - lone we build; 2 Here may we gain from heav'n The grace which we im - plore, Δ 3 Oh, then, with hymns of praise These hal - lowed courts shall ring; With His true saints a - lone The courts of heav'n are filled. On His And may that grace, once giv'n, Be with us ev - er - more Un - til Our voic - es we will raise The Three in One to sing And thus great love Our hopes we place Of pres - ent grace And joys a - bove. that day When all the blest To end - less rest Are called a - way. pro - claim In joy - ful song, Both loud and long, That glo - rious name.'

Text: Latin, c. 8th cent.; tr. John Chandler, 1806–76, alt.
Tune: John Darwall, 1731–89
Text and tune: Public domain

THE ADDRESS

Rev. Theodore M.R. Krey, *M.Div.*
*Regional director for the Latin America and the Caribbean region of
The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod*

THE CONFERRING OF CERTIFICATES

The Presentation of the Residential Alternate Route Candidates
Rev. Prof. Kevin S. Golden, *M.Div., Ph.D.*
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THE CONFERRING OF EARNED DEGREES

The Presentation of the Candidates for the Degree of Master of Arts
Rev. Prof. Joel C. Elowsky, *M.Div., S.T.M., M.Phil., Ph.D.*
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The Presentation of the Candidates for the Degree of Master of Divinity
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THE CONFERRING OF THE HONORARY AWARDS

The Presentation of the Recipient of the *Christus Vivit* Award

Rev. Prof. David J. Peter, *M.Div., D.Min.*

Dean of Faculty

The Presentation of the Recipient of the Distinguished Alumnus Award

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Dean of Faculty

THE CONFERRING OF THE HONORARY DEGREES

The Presentation of the Candidate for the Degree of Doctor of Divinity

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Dean of Faculty

The Presentation of the Candidate for the Degree of Doctor of Letters

Rev. Prof. David J. Peter, *M.Div., D.Min.*

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The Presentation of the Candidate for the Degree of Doctor of Laws

Rev. Prof. David J. Peter, *M.Div., D.Min.*

Dean of Faculty

THE RECOGNITION OF A RETIRING PROFESSOR

Rev. Prof. Thomas J. Egger, *M.Div., Ph.D.*

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THE CLOSING OF THE ACADEMIC YEAR

Rev. Prof. Thomas J. Egger, *M.Div., Ph.D.*

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THE LORD'S PRAYER

THE APOSTOLIC BENEDICTION

During the recessional hymn, please turn to face the cross as it passes you, then face forward again when the cross reaches the back of the quadrangle.

THE RECESSIONAL HYMN

Christ Is Made the Sure Foundation (LSB 909)

1 Christ is made the sure foun - da - tion, Christ, our head and
2 To this tem - ple, where we call You, Come, O Lord of
3 Grant, we pray, to all Your faith - ful All the gifts they
△ 4 Praise and hon - or to the Fa - ther. Praise and hon - or

cor - ner - stone, Cho - sen of the Lord and pre - cious,
hosts, and stay; Come with all Your lov - ing - kind - ness,
ask to gain; What they gain from You, for - ev - er
to the Son, Praise and hon - or to the Spir - it,

Bind - ing all the Church in one; Ho - ly Zi - on's
Hear Your peo - ple as they pray; And Your full - est
With the bless - ed to re - tain; And here - af - ter
Ev - er three and ev - er one: One in might and

help for - ev - er And our con - fi - dence a - lone.
ben - e - dic - tion Shed with - in these walls to - day.
in Your glo - ry Ev - er - more with You to reign.
one in glo - ry While un - end - ing a - ges run!

Text: Latin, c. 8th cent.; tr. John Mason Neale, 1818–66, alt.
Tune: Henry Purcell, 1659–95, adapt.
Text and tune: Public domain

POST-COMMENCEMENT MUSIC

Soli Deo Gloria

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Seminarian Harrison Hulse

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The Clarion Brass

Mary Weber, trumpet
Jason Harris, trumpet
Christina Schempf, French horn
George Manning, trombone
Matt Kuebler, tuba

Conductor

Prof. Samuel J. Eatherton, *M.C.M., D.M.A.*
Kantor, The Kreft Professor for Music Arts

*Everyone is invited to remain in the Main Quadrangle for a cookie reception,
sponsored by the Seminary Guild, following Commencement exercises.
(In the event of inclement weather, the reception will be held in Koburg Hall.)*



See yourself at the Sem!

Thank you for being here and for supporting our students during their preparations for serving God's church. Have you or someone you know ever considered serving as a pastor or deaconess? Please visit or share the link ask.csl.edu/register/Request-Information or scan the QR code. We would love to have a conversation about attending Concordia Seminary!

Acknowledgments

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These students have completed academic residency and will be eligible for certification and ordination upon completion of a one-year vicarage.

John P. Hansen
Ronald Henry Zuccaro

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Joshua Andrew Allen Kastens	

* In absentia

† Pending completion of vicarage or summer coursework

‡ Deaconess certification pending completion of internship

§ Deaconess certification granted

¹ Degree granted Aug. 19, 2025

² Degree granted Dec. 12, 2025

³ Degree granted Jan. 23, 2026

CANDIDATES FOR THE DEGREE OF DOCTOR OF MINISTRY

²Luke Jacob Anderson

Major Applied Project

Authentic Relationships Among the Body of Christ: Naming the Obstacles that Hinder Authentic Relationships and Expressing a Gospel-Centered Path Towards Overcoming Them

¹Timothy Alexander Barkett

Major Applied Project

Stewardship, Generosity, and Percentage Giving: Changing Attitudes on Financial Generosity Through Bible Study Concerning the Tithe for the New Testament Christians of Good Shepherd Lutheran Church in Kingman, AZ

CANDIDATE FOR THE DEGREE OF MASTER OF SACRED THEOLOGY

*Aaron Nolan Douglas Astley

Philip Parboi Kuya

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**CANDIDATES FOR THE DEGREE
OF DOCTOR OF PHILOSOPHY**

Ebise Dibisa Ayana

Dissertation

*Returning Home: Vocation as a Theological Lens to Foster the Ethiopian Evangelical Church
Mekane Yesus' Holistic Ministry Among Migrant Returnees in Ethiopia*

Adviser: Dr. Leopoldo A. Sánchez M.

¹Christian Blake Dollar

Dissertation

*Tradition, Critique, and the Modern Moral Lingua Franca: A Lutheran Articulation of Human
Rights Language*

Adviser: Dr. Joel Biermann

Wondimu Mathewos Game

Dissertation

*How the Economic Mindset Impedes the Faithful Practice of the Missional Call: A Case Study of
the Ethiopian Evangelical Church Mekane Yesus Global Mission Endeavors*

Adviser: Dr. Douglas Rutt

*Sebastian Andreas Grünbaum

Dissertation

*Studies in the Reception of the Council of Trent in 16th-Century Lutheranism as Seen in the
Eucharistic Theology of Martin Chemnitz's Examen Concili Tridentini*

Adviser: Dr. Gerhard Bode

Andrew Ray Kneeland

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*Losing the Body: Tracing Corporeality as a Component of the Imago Dei through Early
Christian Exegesis*

Adviser: Dr. Joel Elowsky

Jordan H. Spina

Dissertation

Realizing Reality: C.S. Lewis and the Hierarchical Model of Christian Neo-Platonism

Adviser: Dr. Timothy Dost

Elisabeth Joy Urtel

Dissertation

*"With Voices United Our Praises We Offer": The Lutheran Hymnal (1941) and the Synodical
Conference's Path to Americanization*

Adviser: Dr. Jon D. Vieker

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THE CHRISTUS VIVIT AWARD

Awarded to pastors, teachers, professors, officials of Synod and lay persons who demonstrate faithful and fruitful service to the church in their respective calling.

Kris E. Schuldt

Kris Schuldt currently serves The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod (LCMS) as District Disaster Response Coordinator (DDRC) for the LCMS Missouri District Lutheran Early Response Team (LERT) program. He has held this role for three years and has been involved in LERT disaster response efforts for the past seven years.

Schuldt earned a Bachelor of Science in applied behavioral sciences and is a certified master engineer.

For 42 years, Schuldt worked for a telephone company and moved his family to six different states during that time. During those years, he served in a variety of volunteer positions at Lutheran churches across the country and received support and encouragement from fellow Lutherans along the way.

His work with the LERT program has provided opportunities for service, rewarding work and new relationships, and the opportunity to assist victims of disaster. In recognition of his service, he received the 2023 Disaster Response Servant Award from LCMS Disaster Response for his leadership and extensive volunteer efforts.

Schuldt was born at Lutheran Hospital in North St. Louis, Mo., the day after Christmas in 1950. He grew up attending St. Paul Lutheran Church and School in North St. Louis.

Schuldt and his wife have four adult children and one grandchild.

THE DISTINGUISHED ALUMNUS AWARD

Awarded to a graduate of Concordia Seminary who has rendered exceptional service in at least one of the following areas: parish ministry, mission field, preparation of church workers or synodical service.

Dr. William B. Knippa

William “Bill” Knippa is currently pastor emeritus at Bethany Lutheran Church in Austin, Texas, where he served as senior pastor for 44 years. Prior to that, he was Dean of Men at Concordia University Texas, Austin, Texas, from 1973 to 1977. During these years, he pursued graduate study at the University of Texas at Austin, receiving his Ph.D. in counseling psychology in 1979 and post-doctoral training in marriage and family therapy with the Menninger Clinic of Topeka, Kan.

In addition to being a 1973 graduate of Concordia Seminary, St. Louis, he was blessed in his preparation for pastoral ministry to be instructed, mentored and encouraged by committed faculty at Concordia Junior College, Austin, Texas and Concordia Senior College, Fort Wayne, Ind. Between his graduation from Concordia Senior College and entering Concordia Seminary, he studied with Dr. Martin Franzmann at Westfield House, Cambridge, England – a most formative experience.

His passion has been shepherding God’s people as a parish pastor. In addition, he has been able to serve The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod (LCMS) Texas District as chairman of the Commission on Ministerial Health; by conducting seminars and workshops on spiritual, personal, professional and relational growth; and being a resource in assisting church workers and congregations experiencing distress and conflict.

His service to the church at the national level has included being a member of the LCMS Committee on Ministerial Growth and Support, his leadership in the Lutheran Family Initiative, preparation of material for the Post-Seminary Applied Learning and Support (PALS) Program for recent seminary graduates, writing the “Family Counselor” column in *The Lutheran Witness*, and serving as a member and current chairman of Concordia Seminary’s Alumni Council.

Knippa and his wife, Melissa, have been married for 50 years and have been blessed with three children and nine grandchildren. His son, Michael, is a Seminary graduate and parish pastor. He enjoys spending time with family, continuing to be involved with area congregations, reading, and staying current on what is happening in the church and in pastor’s lives in these challenging times.

CANDIDATE FOR THE DEGREE OF DOCTOR OF DIVINITY

*Awarded to clergy within The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod or one of its partner churches
who have rendered outstanding service in church life.*

Rev. Kenneth B. Block
Doctor of Divinity, honoris causa

Rev. Kenneth Block is a retired professor from Concordia University, Nebraska, Seward, Neb., where he served as an associate professor of classical languages and theology and as the director of the pre-seminary program from 1983 to 2001.

Block holds a Master of Sacred Theology from Concordia Seminary, St. Louis (1964), and master's degrees in Greek and Latin (1968) from the University of Michigan, Ann Arbor, Mich.

Before joining the faculty at Concordia University, Nebraska, Block served as pastor of St. Paul Lutheran Church, Cheney, Kan. (1976-83); associate professor of classical languages at Concordia Senior College, Fort Wayne, Ind. (1972-76); teacher of religion and Greek at St. John College, Winfield, Kan. (1969-72); and teacher of Greek and Latin at Concordia University, Ann Arbor, Mich. (1964-69).

Active in church and community, Block currently serves at St. John Lutheran Church in Seward, Neb., as an elder, choir member and Bible study leader. His community service includes Kiwanis Club, Meals on Wheels and food distribution in the county. Also, he remains active in The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod Seward Ministerial Circuit of Nebraska.

Block is married to Marlene, a retired teacher and editor. They have four sons (one, Tim, already in heaven): David, Paul and Edgar, and eight grandchildren. Upon retirement, Block worked with Laborers for Christ from 2001-09 and taught for one semester as a guest instructor in classical languages at Concordia University, New York, Bronxville, N.Y.

CANDIDATE FOR THE DEGREE OF DOCTOR OF LETTERS

Awarded to a qualified person within The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod or one of its partner churches who demonstrates creativity, courage and excellence in the literary articulation of the Christian faith.

Dr. Brendan N. Wolfe
Doctor of Letters, honoris causa

Dr. Brendan Wolfe is the principal editor of the St Andrews Encyclopedia of Theology, an open-access reference work for the whole field of theology, authored by experts who profess the faith they write about. Read throughout the world, it is perhaps especially vital for scholars, missionaries, clergy and congregations in countries and contexts with limited access to library resources.

Additionally, Wolfe coauthored “Arianism Revisited: An Introduction to Non-Nicene Theologies” (Fortress) to mark the 1,700th anniversary of the Council of Nicaea. He furthermore leads the Sacred Landscapes project, an effort dedicated to recording and preserving the heritage of churches in Scotland.

Born in St. Catharines, Ontario, Wolfe was baptized and confirmed at Grace Lutheran Church. He studied for his B.A. in Classics and Great Books at Brock University in St. Catharines, during which he took Biblical Hebrew from the adjacent Concordia Lutheran Theological Seminary, St. Catharines, Ontario. A formative influence was participating in an ecumenical reading group of philosophers and local clergy on John Stephenson’s “The Lord’s Supper” in the Confessional Lutheran Dogmatics series.

He then studied at the University of Oxford for an M.Phil. in Comparative Philology, focusing within the Indo-European language family on the early Germanic and Italic languages. A fellowship from the Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council of Canada enabled him to complete an Oxford D.Phil. in Theology with a thesis on the Gothic Bible in Linguistics, History and Theology, supervised by Mark Edwards and examined by Rowan Williams. During his time at Oxford, he was an early member of the Oxford Lutheran Mission of the Evangelical Lutheran Church of England (ELCE). He was elected secretary and then president of the Oxford C.S. Lewis Society, and co-edited its publication *The Chronicle*, later joining in transforming it into the *Journal of Inklings Studies* (Edinburgh University Press) in partnership with the Charles William Society and Owen Barfield Estate.

From 2009-11, Wolfe lived in Berlin, Germany, where he continued his research into Gothic linguistics and was a member of the *Augustana Gemeinde* of the *Selbständige Evangelisch-Lutherische Kirche*. He then returned to Oxford to teach visiting students and research church history. In 2013, he was elected to the ELCE Commission on Theological and Social Concerns. At the University of St Andrews, Fife, Scotland, UK, since 2014, he taught post-Classical Latin and Patristics from his arrival until 2018, when the Encyclopedia became his main responsibility. He was a founding member of the St Andrews Lutheran Mission in 2019.

With his wife Judith, Wolfe has two stepsons, Tobias and Nathaniel, who are at university in Edinburgh, and a daughter, Miriam, in middle school.

CANDIDATE FOR THE DOCTOR OF LAWS

Awarded to a qualified person within The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod (LCMS) or one of its partner churches who demonstrates outstanding dedication to the theology and mission of the LCMS and its international partners.

*Rev. Theodore M.R. Krey
Doctor of Laws, honoris causa*

Rev. Theodore Krey currently serves as regional director for Latin America and the Caribbean for The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod (LCMS), overseeing mission work across more than 20 countries.

Krey began his seminary studies at Concordia Theological Seminary, St. Catharines, Ontario, and completed his studies at Concordia Theological Seminary, Fort Wayne, Ind. (CTSFW), graduating in 2001. He is also a Ph.D. student in Missiology at CTSFW, with coursework nearly complete.

From 2001–08, Krey served as a church-planting missionary in Maracay, Venezuela, where the mission grew significantly and four men became pastors. He was then requested to be a theological educator, leading to the development of Venezuela's first residential pastoral training program that served 20 congregations and preaching stations nationwide. Through this work, 14 men were prepared for pastoral ministry. The program grew from six pastors to providing sufficient pastors for all congregations and missions.

In 2009, Krey was called to the Dominican Republic, where he worked with seven Lutherans, a fellow pastor and an LCMS lay worker to plant Lutheran churches, two Lutheran schools and establish mercy efforts, including outreach to people with disabilities in Dominican communities near these missions.

Since 2010, Krey has served as regional director for the LCMS Office of International Mission in the Latin America and Caribbean region, where he focuses on spreading the Gospel, planting Lutheran churches and engaging in works of mercy. He oversees 50 missionaries who are establishing 42 church plants in 10 countries and supporting Concordia the Reformer Seminary (CMSCR) in the Dominican Republic, which helps prepare pastors and deaconesses in 14 countries. He also collaborates closely with 10 partner churches across South America, Central America and the Caribbean to strengthen pastoral and deaconess formation and continuing education. All this is done so that the Lord Jesus, through His Gospel, might permit an ever-increasing number to hear and believe in Him.

Krey also serves as a professor at CMSCR and as the coordinator of the deaconess program. He teaches courses in preaching, the Lutheran Confessions, and evangelism. He and a dedicated team of LCMS deaconesses have contributed to the development of deaconess formation in the region.

Krey thanks God for the numerous missionaries, past and present, who are faithful in proclaiming the Gospel and are daily full of profound encouragement to him.

Krey is the son and grandson of LCMS pastors. He and his wife, Rebecca, have five children.

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