

# Wisconsin Lutheran Seminary



## Graduation Service

**May 23, 2025**

**Seminary Auditorium**

**10:00 a.m.**



# Order of Service

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## PROCESSIONAL HYMN

## Christ the Eternal Lord

Christian Worship 521

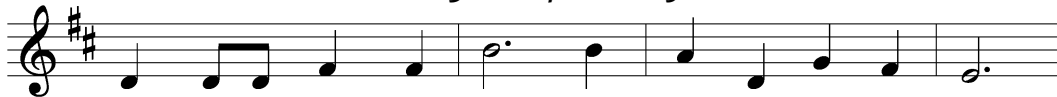
Text: Timothy Dudley-Smith, b. 1926

Musical setting by S. Drummond Wolff

*Stand as the hymn is introduced and follow the path of the cross to the chancel where it serves as the focus of worship.*

*The faculty, members of the governing board, and the graduates process during the hymn.*

1-2: All 3: Men 4: Women 5: All



1 Christ the e - ter - nal Lord, whose prom - ise here we claim,  
2 Christ the un - chang - ing Word to ev - 'ry pass - ing age,  
3 Christ the re - deem - ing Son who shares our hu - man birth,  
4 Christ the un - fad - ing Light of ev - er - last - ing day,  
5 Christ the as - cend - ed King ex - alt - ed high a - bove,



whose gifts of grace are free - ly poured on all who name your name;  
whose time - less teach - ings still are heard set forth on Scrip - ture's page;  
and by his death sal - va - tion won for ev - 'ry child of earth;  
our Morn - ing Star in splen - dor bright, the Life, the Truth, the Way;  
whose praise un - end - ing a - ges sing, whom yet un - seen we love;



with thank - ful - ness and praise we stand be - fore your throne,  
trans - form our thought and mind, en - light - en all who read,  
in - spire our hearts, we pray, to tell your love a - broad,  
that light of truth you give to ser - vants as to friends,  
when mor - tal life is past your voice from heav - en's throne



in - tent to serve you all our days and make your glo - ry known.  
with - in your Word by faith to find the bread of life in - deed.  
that all may hon - or Christ to - day and fol - low him as Lord.  
your way to walk, your life to live, till earth's brief jour - ney ends.  
shall call your chil - dren home at last to know as we are known.



## INVOCATION

**Prof. Robert Wendland**

Secretary of the faculty

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

**And also with you.**

## DIALOGUE

Give praise to the LORD, proclaim his name; make known among the nations what he has done. Sing to him, sing praise to him; tell of all his wonderful acts.

**The works of the Lord are great and glorious. His name is worthy of praise!**

O Father most holy, gather us together in the name of Jesus whom the saints and angels adore as the Lamb on his throne and whose name is above every name,

that all we do might be done at your bidding, filled with your grace,  
directed by your wisdom, informed by your truth, accomplished to your glory.

**The works of the Lord are great and glorious. His love endures forever!**

O Father most gracious, bring us together in the name of Jesus, that in him we might be a spiritual temple, that founded on him we might be built together as living stones; that in him we might offer to you the spiritual service

of praise and thanksgiving, of lives lived in your love,  
of proclaiming your words and works, and of sharing your gifts to us.

**The works of the Lord are great and glorious. Tell of all his wonderful deeds!**

O Father eternal, you have sent out an invitation, you have prepared a great feast that all might enter the courts of your presence and the mansions of your paradise. Grant to us your blessing and peace,

that we may be witnesses of your truth, the reflection of your glory,  
and the ambassadors of your kingdom.

**The works of the Lord are great and glorious. May our mouths be filled with his praise!**

To you, O Father, together with the Son and the Holy Spirit, one God from all eternity and to all eternity, be glory, wisdom, power, and dominion forever.

***All sing:***



*Refrain*



O Lord, our Lord, how glo-rious is your name in all the earth.



Al-might-y God, mer-ci-ful Fa - ther, you crown our life



with your love. You take a-way our sin; you com-fort our spir-it;



you make us pure and ho-ly in your sight. You did not spare your



*Refrain*  
on - ly Son, but gave him up for us all. O Lord, our Lord,



how glo - rious is your name in all the earth. O Son of



God, e - ter - nal Word of the Fa - ther, you came to live with us;



you made your Fa - ther known; you washed us from our sins in



your own blood. You are the King of glo-ry; you are the Lord!



*Refrain*  
O Lord, our Lord, how glo-rious is your name in all the earth.

*Be seated*

## FIRST READING

**1 John 3:16–24**

*This is how we know what love is*

The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**



## ANTHEM

Erhalt uns, Herr, bei deinem Wort  
Und wehre deiner Feinde Mord,  
Die Jesum Christum, deinen Sohn,  
Wollen stürzen von deinem Thron!

## Lord, Keep Us Steadfast in Your Word

Lord, keep us steadfast in your Word;  
Curb those who by deceit or sword  
Would wrest the kingdom from your Son  
And bring to naught all he has done.

*Text: Martin Luther (1483–1546)*

*Tune: ERHALT UNS, HERR*

*Translation: Catherine Winkworth (1827–78)*

*Setting: Johann Walther (1496–1570)*

*Geistliches Gesangbüchlein, 1544*

*Stand*

## GOSPEL

**John 15:1–8**

*The Vine and the branches*

The Gospel of the Lord.

**Praise be to you, O Christ.**

## ANTHEM

## This Is My Word

As the snow falls from heaven,  
as it comes in swirling showers from the sky,  
so is my Word.  
As the rains bring 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.

*Music: Pepper Choplin*

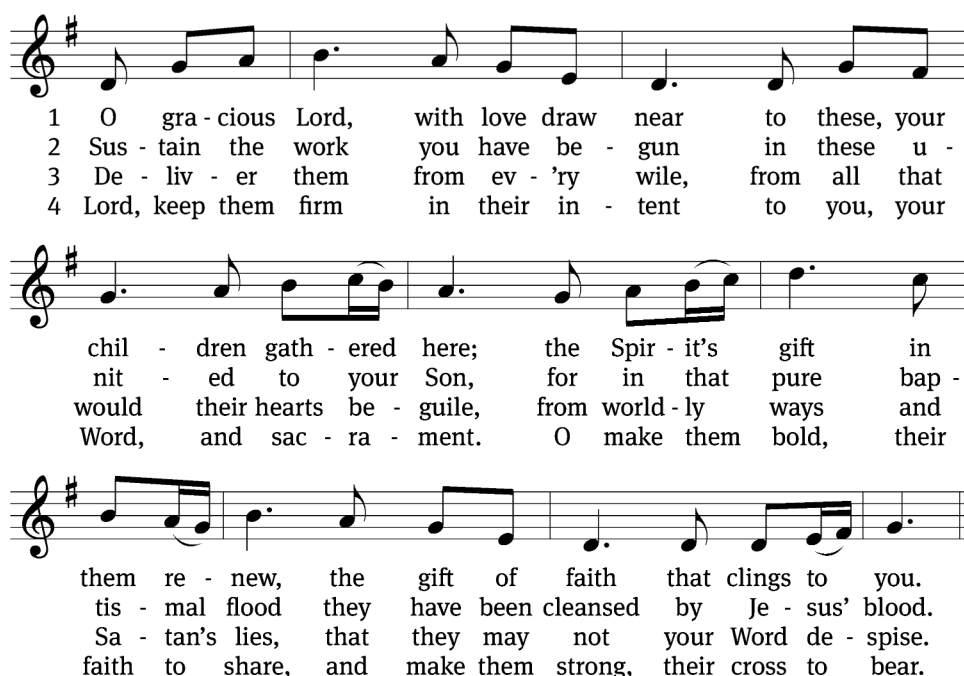
*Text: Isaiah 55:10-12*

*Be seated*

## HYMN

## O Gracious Lord, with love Draw Near

Christian Worship 693



1 O gra - cious Lord, with love draw near to these, your  
2 Sus - tain the work you have be - gun in these u -  
3 De - liv - er them from ev - 'ry wile, from all that  
4 Lord, keep them firm in their in - tent to you, your

chil - dren gath - ered here; the Spir - it's gift in  
nit - ed to your Son, for in that pure bap -  
would their hearts be - guile, from world - ly ways and  
Word, and sac - ra - ment. O make them bold, their

them re - new, the gift of faith that clings to you.  
tis - mal flood they have been cleansed by Je - sus' blood.  
Sa - tan's lies, that they may not your Word de - spise.  
faith to share, and make them strong, their cross to bear.

5 O Father, grant that by your grace  
they may your will each day embrace,  
with fruits of faith their lives now bless,  
till they at death your name confess.

6 Then robed in white before your throne,  
your holy saints, by you foreknown,  
predestined, called, and justified,  
shall, crowned in light, be glorified.

## SERMON

**John 15:5**

Professor Earle Treptow

President of Wisconsin Lutheran Seminary



### Class Verse

"I am the vine; you are the branches. If you remain in me and I in you, you will bear much fruit; apart from me you can do nothing." (NIV)

### Declare Your Dependence!

*Stand to sing:*

### HYMN

### Christ Is with Me

Christian Worship 681

1 We were bur - ied with him in - to death, that as he was raised  
2 I have now been graft - ed to the vine, draw - ing life from roots  
3 I have now been cru - ci - fied with Christ, I no long - er live,  
by God's glo - ry, we might walk in life made new by grace;  
rich in mer - cy, bear - ing fruit as I a - bide in him,  
Christ lives in me; now I live by faith in God's own Son—  
hav - ing died with Christ, we shall live with him.  
fruit for - ev - er fresh, glo - ri - fy - ing God.  
one who loved me so, gave him - self for me.

*Refrain*  
Christ is with me ev - 'ry - where I go;  
nev - er to leave me, this I know.

### DISTRIBUTION OF DIPLOMAS & CONFERMENT OF DEGREES

on students who have satisfactorily completed the seminary's prescribed course of study and have declared themselves to be in confessional agreement with the public doctrine of the Wisconsin Evangelical Lutheran Synod

### Master of Divinity

(names are on page 11 of the service folder)



## Bachelor of Divinity

Mark Jiang  
San Jose, CA

David Shang  
Toronto, Ontario, Canada

and

on pastors who have satisfactorily completed the seminary's program of post-graduate study

## Master of Sacred Theology

Justin L. Dauck  
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Appleton, WI

## CLASS HYMN

## His Robes for Mine

Christian Worship 568

- 1 His robes for mine: O wonderful exchange!  
Clothed in my sin, Christ suffered 'neath God's rage.  
Draped in his righteousness, I'm justified.  
In Christ I live, for in my place he died.  
  
*I cling to Christ and marvel at the cost:  
Jesus forsaken, God estranged from God.  
Bought by such love, my life is not my own.  
My praise—my all—shall be for Christ alone.*
- 2 His robes for mine: what cause have I for dread?  
God's daunting law Christ mastered in my stead.  
Faultless I stand with righteous works not mine,  
Saved by my Lord's vicarious death and life. *Refrain*
- 3 His robes for mine: God's justice is appeased.  
Jesus is crushed, and thus the Father's pleased.  
Christ drank God's wrath on sin, then cried, "'Tis done!"  
Sin's wage is paid, propitiation won. *Refrain*
- 4 His robes for mine: such anguish none can know.  
Christ, God's beloved, condemned as though his foe.  
He, as though I, accursed and left alone;  
I, as though he, embraced and welcomed home! *Refrain*

*Stand*



## PRAYER

## 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.**

## CLOSING HYMN

### Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah

Christian Worship 923

Arranged by Simon Johnson (b.1975)

1 Guide me, O thou great Je - ho - vah, pil - grim through this  
2 O - pen now the crys - tal foun - tain whence the heal - ing  
3 When I tread the verge of Jor - dan, bid my anx - ious

bar - ren land. I am weak, but thou art might - y;  
stream doth flow; let the fi - ery, cloud - y pil - lar  
fears sub - side; death of death and hell's de - struc - tion,

hold me with thy pow'r - ful hand. Bread of heav - en,  
lead me all my jour - ney through. Strong de - liv - 'rer,  
land me safe on Ca - naan's side. Songs of prais - es,

bread of heav - en, feed me till I want no  
strong de - liv - 'rer, be thou still my strength and  
songs of prais - es I will ev - er give to

more, feed me till I want no more.  
shield, be thou still my strength and shield.  
thee, I will ev - er give to thee.

*Be seated*



## ANNOUNCEMENTS

## RECESSIONAL

*Graduates may be greeted on the walkway northwest of the auditorium.*

*Bottles of water are available following this service on the west side of the auditorium.*

*Copies of the list of assignments, distributed at yesterday's Call Day service, are available from the ushers at the back of the auditorium.*

*CDs of recent recordings by the Seminary Chorus are available at the entrance to the auditorium for \$12.00.*

*Members of the Seminary Chorus, directed by Prof. Aaron Christie, served in the ministry of music. Owen Eubank served as organist. Members of the seminary student body served in the brass choir.*

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