

Order of Service for the Assignment of Candidates



MAY 21, 2026 — 10:00 AM

Hymn

Come, Holy Ghost, Creator Blest

Christian Worship 586
Setting by Carl F. Schalk

*“Veni, Creator Spiritus” has been sung at the ordaining
and commissioning of pastors for over 800 years.*

- 1 Come, Holy Ghost, Creator blest,
and make our hearts your place of rest;
come with your grace and heav'nly aid,
and fill the hearts which you have made.
- 2 To you, the Counselor, we cry,
to you, the gift of God most high,
the fount of life, the fire of love,
the soul's anointing from above.
- 3 In you, with graces sevenfold,
we God's almighty hand behold
while you with tongues of fire proclaim
to all the world his holy name.
- 4 Your light to ev'ry thought impart,
and shed your love in ev'ry heart;
the weakness of our mortal state
with deathless might invigorate.
- 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 for the final stanza

- 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!

Dialogue

Praise the LORD, all you servants of the LORD, who minister in the house of the LORD.
Lift up your hands in the sanctuary and praise the LORD.

**Praise the LORD, my soul; all my inmost being, praise his holy name.
Praise the LORD, my soul, and forget not all his benefits.**

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.

**I will sing of the LORD's great love forever; with my mouth I will make your faithfulness known
through all generations. I will declare that your love stands firm forever, that you have
established your faithfulness in heaven itself.**

May the Lord, the Maker of heaven and earth, bless us.

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

Prayer

O Lord God, source of all abiding knowledge, through Word and sacrament, you both enlighten the minds and sanctify the lives of those you draw to your service. Therefore, look with favor on our seminary, blessing those who teach and those who learn, that they may apply themselves with eager diligence to your will and faithfully fulfill their service according to your purpose; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

Be seated

Reading

Revelation 5:1–14

The Scroll and the Lamb

Hymn

Hail, O Once-Despised Jesus

Christian Worship 534

- 1 Hail, O once-despised Jesus!
Hail, O Galilean King!
You have suffered to release us,
hope to give and peace to bring.
Hail, O universal Savior,
bearer of our sin and shame;
by your merits we find favor:
life is given through your name.
- 2 Paschal Lamb, by God appointed,
all our sins on you were laid;
by almighty love anointed,
you have full atonement made.
Ev'ry sin has been forgiven
through the power of your blood;
open is the gate of heaven,
we are reconciled to God.
- 3 Jesus, heav'nly hosts adore you,
seated at your Father's side.
Crucified this world once saw you;
now in glory you abide.
There for sinners you are pleading,
and our place you now prepare,
ever for us interceding
till in glory we appear.
- 4 Worship, honor, pow'r, and blessing
you are worthy to receive;
loudest praises, without ceasing,
right it is for us to give.
Help, O bright angelic spirits,
all your noblest anthems raise;
help to sing our Savior's merits,
help to chant Immanuel's praise.

Sermon

Revelation 5:1–10

Prof. Samuel Degner

Following the sermon, stand and sing:

Hymn

Dear Lord, to Your True Servants Give

Christian Worship 896 (1,3)

Dear Lord, to your true servants give
the grace to you alone to live.
Set free from sin to serve you, Lord,
they go to share your living Word,
the gospel message to proclaim
that all may know your saving name.

When all their labor seems in vain,
revive their sinking hopes again;
and when success crowns what they do,
O keep them humble, Lord, and true
until before your judgment seat
they lay their trophies at your feet.

Be seated

Assignments to Ministry

Prof. Earle D. Treptow

President of Wisconsin Lutheran Seminary

Rev. Mark G. Schroeder

President of the Wisconsin Evangelical Lutheran Synod

Following the reading of the assignments, stand and sing:

We Praise You, O God *Te Deum Laudamus*

We praise you, O God, we acclaim / you as Lord;
all creation worships you, / Father everlasting.
To you all angels, all the / pow'rs of heaven,
cherubim and seraphim, / sing in endless praise:

Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of / heav'nly hosts,
heaven and earth are / full of your glory.
The glorious company of apostles / praise you.
The noble fellowship of / prophets praise you.

The white-robed army of martyrs / praise you.
Throughout the world the / holy Church acclaims you:
Father of majesty unbounded; your glorious, true, and / only Son;
And the Holy Spirit, / advocate and guide.

You, Christ, are the King of / glory,
the eternal Son / of the Father.

When you became man to / set us free,
you humbled yourself to be born / of a virgin.
You overcame the / sting of death
and opened the kingdom of heaven to / all believers.

You sit at the right / hand of God
in the glory / of the Father.
We believe that / you will come
to / be our judge.

Come then, Lord, and help your / people,
bought / with the price of your own blood,
and bring us / with your saints
to glory / everlasting.

Prayer

Almighty God, look with favor on those whom you have called to serve your people. Fill them with faithfulness to your doctrine and clothe them with holiness of life that they may joyfully serve to the glory of your name and for the benefit of your Church; through Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, 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.

Remain standing for the hymn.

Hymn

God's Word Is Our Great Heritage

Christian Worship 640

Setting by Robert C. Potratz

God's Word is our great heritage
and shall be ours forever;
to spread its light from age to age
shall be our chief endeavor.
Through life it guides our way;
in death it is our stay.
Lord, grant, while worlds endure,
we keep its teachings pure
throughout all generations.

Be seated

Assignees will meet with their respective district presidents immediately following the service.

Copies of the assignment list will be available from the ushers at the back of the auditorium.

Cake and punch will be served in the dining hall immediately following the service. All are invited.

The presiding minister and preacher is Prof. Samuel Degner. Serving at the organ is Prof. Aaron Christie. Instrumentalists are Joseph Behm, Matthew Rugen, Grant Gawrisch, Benjamin Hillmer, and Robert Reinke.

The Seminary Chorus will present its Graduation Concert this evening at 7:00 pm. All are cordially invited to attend.