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186TH ACADEMIC YEAR

THE THIRTEENTH WEEK AFTER PENTECOST
10:30 A.M. FRIDAY, AUGUST 23, 2024

THE CHAPEL OF ST. TIMOTHY AND ST. TITUS



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Order of Procession

Crucifer and Torch Bearers
Faculty Marshal
New Students
Vicarage and Internship Candidates
Banner Bearer
Faculty and Staff
Lector
Director of Vicarage and Deaconess Internships
Officiant
Seminary President

MATINS

Iesu, iuva.

Pre-Service Music

My Spirit Be Joyful (from Cantata 146)

J. S. Bach

Prelude and Fugue in G Major

J. S. Bach

As the hymn is introduced, please stand and face the processional cross at the rear of the nave.

Processional Hymn

Oh, That I Had a Thousand Voices

LSB 811

Arranged by Walter Pelz

Stanzas 1 and 5: All

Stanza 2: Men

Stanza 3: Choir

Stanza 4: Women and children



1 Oh, that I had a thou - sand voic - es To praise my
2 O all you pow'rs that He im - plant - ed, A - rise, keep
3 You for - est leaves so green and ten - der That dance for
4 All crea - tures that have breath and mo - tion, That thron'g the
5 Cre - a - tor, hum - bly I im - plore You To lis - ten



God with thou - sand tongues! My heart, which in the Lord re -
si - lence now no more; Put forth the strength that God has
joy in sum - mer air, You mead - ow grass - es, bright and
earth, the sea, the sky, Come, share with me my heart's de -
to my earth - ly song Un - til that day when I a -



joic - es, Would then pro - claim in grate - ful songs To all, wher -
grant - ed! Your no - blest work is to a - dore. O soul and
slen - der, You flow'rs so fra - grant and so fair, You live to
vo - tion, Help me to sing God's prais - es high. My ut - most
dore You, To - geth - er with the an - gel thron'g And learn with



ev - er I might be, What great things God has done for me.
bod - y, join to raise With heart - felt joy our Mak - er's praise.
show God's praise a - lone. Join me to make His glo - ry known.
pow'rs can nev - er quite De - clare the won - ders of His
choirs of heav'n to sing E - ter - nal an - thems to my King.

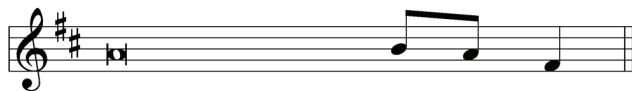
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Tune: Johann Balthasar König, 1691–1758.

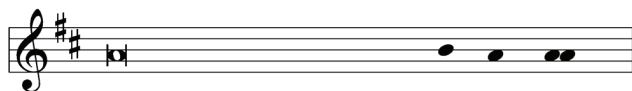
Opening Versicles



L O Lord, o - pen my lips,



C and my mouth will de - clare Your praise.



L Make haste, O God, to de - liv - er me;



C make haste to help me, O Lord.



C Glo-ry be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spir - it;



as it was in the be - gin - ning, is now, and will be for - ev - er. A - men.



Praise to You, O Christ. Al - le - lu - ia.

PSALMODY

Venite



L Blessed be God, the Fa - ther, the Son, and the Ho - ly Spir - it.



C O come, let us wor - ship Him.

C 1 O come, let us sing to the Lord,
 2 For the Lord is a great God
 3 The sea is His, for He made it,

5 Glory be to the Father and to the Son

1 let us make a joyful noise to the rock of our sal - va - tion.
 2 and a great king a - bove all gods.
 3 and His hand formed the dry land.

5 and to the Ho - ly Spir - it;

1 Let us come into His presence with thanks - giv - ing,
 2 The deep places of the earth are in His hand;
 3 O come, let us worship and bow down,
 4 For He is our God,
 5 as it was in the be - gin - ning,

1 let us make a joyful noise to Him with songs of praise.
 2 the strength of the hills is His al - so.
 3 let us kneel before the Lord, our mak - er.
 4 and we are the people of His pasture and the sheep of His hand.
 5 is now, and will be for - ev - er. A - men.

L Blessed be God, the Fa - ther, the Son, and the Ho - ly Spir - it.

C O come, let us wor - ship Him.

Sit

Psalm 26

Refrain by Samuel Eatherton

Refrain

O LORD, I love the hab - i - ta - tion of your
house and the place where your glo - ry dwells.

Choir: Refrain

C Refrain

Choir: Vindicate me, O LORD, for I have walked in my in- | tegrity,*
and I have trusted in the LORD without | wavering.

**C Prove me, O LORD, and | try me;*
test my heart | and my mind.**

Choir: For your steadfast love is be- | fore my eyes,*
and I walk in your | faithfulness.

C Refrain

Choir: I do not sit with men of | falsehood,*
nor do I consort with | hypocrites.

**C I hate the assembly of evil- | doers,*
and I will not sit with the | wicked.**

Choir: I wash my hands in innocence and go around your altar, | O LORD,*
proclaiming thanksgiving aloud, and telling all your | wondrous deeds.

C Refrain

Choir: Do not sweep my soul away with sinners, nor my life with blood- | thirsty men,*
in whose hands are evil devices, and whose right hands are | full of bribes.

**C But as for me, I shall walk in my in- | tegrity;*
redeem me, and be gra- | cious to me.**

Choir: My foot stands on | level ground;*
in the great assembly I will | bless the LORD.

**C Glory be to the Father and | to the Son*
and to the Holy | Spirit;
as it was in the be- | ginning,*
is now, and will be forever. | Amen.**

C Refrain

READINGS

First Reading

Hebrews 12:1–6, 11–14

- L** A reading from Hebrews, the 12th chapter.

Therefore, since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us also lay aside every weight, and sin which clings so closely, and let us run with endurance the race that is set before us, looking to Jesus, the founder and perfecter of our faith, who for the joy that was set before him endured the cross, despising the shame, and is seated at the right hand of the throne of God.

Consider him who endured from sinners such hostility against himself, so that you may not grow weary or fainthearted. In your struggle against sin you have not yet resisted to the point of shedding your blood. And have you forgotten the exhortation that addresses you as sons?

“My son, do not regard lightly the discipline of the Lord,
nor be weary when reproved by him.
For the Lord disciplines the one he loves,
and chastises every son whom he receives.” ...

For the moment all discipline seems painful rather than pleasant, but later it yields the peaceful fruit of righteousness to those who have been trained by it. Therefore lift your drooping hands and strengthen your weak knees, and make straight paths for your feet, so that what is lame may not be put out of joint but rather be healed. Strive for peace with everyone, and for the holiness without which no one will see the Lord.

- L** O Lord, have mercy on us.
C **Thanks be to God.**

Choral Prayer

Collect for Guidance in Our Calling
Music by Samuel Eatherton

Lord God,
You have called Your servants to ventures of which we cannot see the ending,
by paths as yet untrodden, through perils unknown.
Give us faith to go out with good 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.

Second Reading

Matthew 16:21–28

L A reading from Matthew, the 16th chapter.

From that time Jesus began to show his disciples that he must go to Jerusalem and suffer many things from the elders and chief priests and scribes, and be killed, and on the third day be raised. And Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him, saying, “Far be it from you, Lord! This shall never happen to you.” But he turned and said to Peter, “Get behind me, Satan! You are a hindrance to me. For you are not setting your mind on the things of God, but on the things of man.”

Then Jesus told his disciples, “If anyone would come after me, let him deny himself and take up his cross and follow me. For whoever would save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life for my sake will find it. For what will it profit a man if he gains the whole world and forfeits his soul? Or what shall a man give in return for his life? For the Son of Man is going to come with his angels in the glory of his Father, and then he will repay each person according to what he has done. Truly, I say to you, there are some standing here who will not taste death until they see the Son of Man coming in his kingdom.”

L O Lord, have mercy on us.

C **Thanks be to God.**

Hymn

Let Us Ever Walk with Jesus

LSB 685

Setting by Benjamin Culli
Stanza 3: Choir



1 Let us ev - er walk with Je - sus, Fol - low His ex -
2 Let us suf - fer here with Je - sus And with pa - tience
3 Let us glad - ly die with Je - sus. Since by death He
4 Let us al - so live with Je - sus. He has ris - en



am - ple pure, Through a world that would de - ceive us And to
bear our cross. Joy will fol - low all our sad - ness; Where He
con - quered death, He will free us from de - struc - tion, Give to
from the dead That to life we may a - wak - en. Je - sus,



sin our spir - its lure. On - ward in His foot - steps tread - ing,
is, there is no loss. Though to - day we sow no laugh - ter,
us im - mor - tal breath. Let us mor - ti - fy all pas - sion
You are now our head. We are Your own liv - ing mem - bers;



Pil - grims here, our home a - bove, Full of faith and
We shall reap ce - les - tial joy; All dis - com - forts
That would lead us in - to sin; And the grave that
Where You live, there we shall be In Your pres - ence



hope and love, Let us do the Fa - ther's bid - ding. Faith - ful
that an - noy Shall give way to mirth here - af - ter. Je - sus,
shuts us in Shall but prove the gate to heav - en. Je - sus,
con - stant - ly, Liv - ing there with You for - ev - er. Je - sus,



Lord, with me a - bide; I shall fol - low where You guide.
here I share Your woe; Help me there Your joy to know.
here with You I die, There to live with You on high.
let me faith - ful be, Life e - ter - nal grant to me.

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Tune: Georg G. Boltze, 18th cent.

Sermon

CANTICLE

Stand

Te Deum

Holy God, We Praise Thy Name

LSB 940

Arranged by Robert Hobby



All: 1. Ho - ly God, we praise your name;
Choir: 2. Hark! The glad ce - les - tial hymn
Women: 3. Lo, the ap - os - tol - ic train
All: 4. Ho - ly Fa - ther, ho - ly Son,



Lord of all, we bow be - fore you.
An - gel choirs a - bove are rais - ing;
Join your sa - cred name to hal - low;
Ho - ly Spir - it, three we name you,



All on earth your scep - ter claim,
Cher - u - bim and ser - a - phim,
Men join: Proph - ets swell the glad re - frain,
Though in es - sence on - ly one;



All in heav'n a - bove a - dore you.
In un - ceas - ing cho - rus prais - ing,
And the white - robed mar - tyrs fol - low;
Un - di - vid - ed God we claim you



In - fi - nite your vast do - main,
Fill the heav'ns with sweet ac - cord:
And from morn to set of sun
And, a - dor - ing, bend the knee



Ev - er - last - ing is your reign. (Interlude)
"Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord!"
Through the Church the song goes on. (Interlude)
While we own the mys - ter - y.

Text: Latin, c. 4th cent.; German version *Katholisches Gesangbuch*, 1774, Vienna; tr. Clarence A. Walworth, 1820–1900, alt.
Tune: *Katholisches Gesangbuch*, 1774, Vienna.

Sit

rites and recognitions

Rite of Installation

Recognition of New Faculty and Staff

Assignment of Vicarages and Internships

Welcome and Blessing of New Students

PRAYER

Stand

Kyrie



C Lord, have mer-cy; Christ, have mer-cy; Lord, have mer-cy.

Lord's Prayer

C Our Father who art in heaven,
hallowed be Thy name,
Thy kingdom come,
Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven;
give us this day our daily bread;
and forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us;
and lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.

For Thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever and ever. Amen.

Collect of the Day

L Let us pray.
Almighty and everlasting God, give us an increase of faith, hope, and love, that, receiving what You have promised, we may love what You have commanded; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

For Divine Guidance

L Direct us, O Lord, in all our doings with Your most gracious favor, and further us with Your continual help, that in all our works begun, continued, and ended in You we may glorify Your holy name and finally, by Your mercy, obtain eternal salvation; through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

C Amen.

For the Church

L Almighty God, grant to Your church Your Holy Spirit and the wisdom that comes down from above, that Your Word may not be bound but have free course and be preached to the joy and edifying of Christ's holy people, that in steadfast faith we may serve You and, in the confession of Your name, abide unto the end; through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

C Amen.

For Our Seminaries

L O God, You govern and sanctify Your church through those whom You call into the sacred ministry of Your Word and Sacraments. Support with the help of Your Holy Spirit the labors of those who teach and the studies of those who are taught at our theological seminaries that from these schools there may continue to come forth more excellent ministers of Your new covenant, firm in the faith once for all delivered to Your holy people, zealous for the expansion of Your kingdom, devout in their own worship of You, examples to the believers in speech and conduct, in love, in faith and in purity, and conscious that You have made them guardians of Your church, not that they may enjoy privileges but that they may spend themselves in service; through Him who is the church's Head, Jesus Christ, our Lord.

C Amen.

Collect for Grace

L O Lord, our heavenly Father, almighty and everlasting God, You have safely brought us to the beginning of this day. Defend us in the same with Your mighty power and grant that this day we fall into no sin, neither run into any kind of danger, but that all our doings, being ordered by Your governance, may be righteous in Your sight; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

Opening of the 186th Academic Year

Benedicamus and Benediction



L Let us bless the Lord.



G Thanks be to God.



P The grace of our Lord † Je - sus Christ and the love of God



and the communion of the Holy Spir - it be with you all.



G A - men.



Recessional Hymn

Father Most Holy

LSB 504

Arranged by Samuel Eatherton

Stanzas 1 and 4: All

Stanza 2: Women and children

Stanza 3: Choir



1 Fa - ther most ho - ly, mer - ci - ful, and ten - der; Je - sus, our
2 Trin - i - ty bless - ed, u - ni - ty un - shak - en, Good - ness un -
3 Mak - er of all things, all Thy crea - tures praise Thee; All for Thy
△ 4 Lord God Al - might - y, un - to Thee be glo - ry, One in three



Sav - ior, with the Fa - ther reign - ing; Spir - it of com - fort,
bound - ed, ver - y God of heav - en, Light of the an - gels,
wor - ship were and are cre - at - ed; Now, as we al - so
per - sons, o - ver all ex - alt - ed! Glo - ry we of - fer,



ad - vo - cate, de - fend - er, Light nev - er wan - ing;
joy of those for - sak - en, Hope of all liv - ing,
wor - ship Thee de - vout - ly, Hear Thou our voic - es.
praise Thee and a - dore Thee, Now and for - ev - er.

Text: Latin, c. 10th cent.; tr. Percy Dearmer, 1867–1936, alt.
Tune: Antiphoner, 1681, Paris.

Postlude

Finale from Symphony 1

Louis Vierne

Soli Deo Gloria

In the Lord's Service

Officiant

The Reverend Doctor Jon Vieker
Associate Professor of Practical Theology
Dean of Chapel
Chairman of the Department of Practical
Theology

Preacher

The Reverend Doctor Thomas J. Egger
President
Professor of Exegetical Theology

Presenter of Vicarages and Internships

The Reverend Joel Fritsche
Assistant Professor of Exegetical Theology
Director of Vicarage and Deaconess
Internships
Buehner-Duesenberg Professor of Lutheran
Missions

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Eric Bear
Student Association President
Master of Divinity Student

Faculty Marshal

The Reverend Doctor Joel Biermann
Professor of Systematic Theology
Waldemar A. and June Schuette Professor
of Systematic Theology

Crucifer

Daniel Bueckman
Master of Divinity Student

Torch Bearers

Nathan Bublitz
Master of Divinity Student
William Bible
Master of Divinity Student

Banner Bearer

Noah Oloff
Master of Divinity Student

Brass

Christopher Adler, trumpet
Hannah Gruben, trumpet
Christina Schempf, French horn
David Eatherton, trombone
John Miller, trombone

Choir

<i>Soprano</i>	<i>Tenor</i>
Lois Eatherton	Aaron Carlson
Sarah Eatherton	Luke Elowsky
Sarah Gulseth	Greg Gastler
April Parviz	Ryan Kroonblawd

Alto

Ruth Eatherton
Rehema Kavugha
Monica Kelpé
Rebekah Stadler

Bass

Paul Gaschler
Luther Gulseth
Max Johnston
Nathan Pennington

Timpani

Lois Eatherton

Organist and Conductor

Doctor Samuel Eatherton
Assistant Professor of Practical Theology
Kantor and Director of Music Arts
Kreft Chair for Music Arts

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INSTALLATION OF DR. SAMUEL EATHERTON

Dr. Samuel Eatherton is assistant professor of Practical Theology, kantor and director of music arts, and the Kreft Chair for Music Arts at Concordia Seminary, St. Louis. He joined the faculty in 2024.

Previously, Eatherton served as kantor at Trinity Lutheran Church and School in Sheboygan, Wis. (2020-24), leading worship from the organ, directing the church choirs and teaching music in the school. He served as the minister of music and teacher at Zion Lutheran Church and School in Dallas, Texas (2000-20), and he served for four years as a teacher and the director of music at Trinity Lutheran Church and School in St. Joseph, Mich. (1996-2000).

Eatherton received a Doctor of Musical Arts (DMA) in church music from Baylor University (2019) in Waco, Texas. He also holds a Master of Church Music from Concordia University Chicago, River Forest, Ill. (2003), in which his thesis in composition was titled “Ancient Hymns of the Church.” He holds a Bachelor of Science (B.S.) in education with a concentration in music from Concordia University, Nebraska, Seward (1996). Continuing his education with private study in organ literature and improvisation, he studied with Dr. Gerre Hancock at the University of Texas, Austin (2010-12), and with Dr. Larry Palmer at Southern Methodist University in Dallas, Texas (2001).

Eatherton served as a co-editor of “The Gift of Music: Essays on Church Music and Hymnology, a Festschrift in Honor of David W. Music” (MorningStar Music Publishers, 2021) and “The Chorale Preludes of Georg Phillip Telemann” (Concordia Publishing House, 2021).

He has written scholarly articles on a variety of church music topics in *Lutheran Service Book: Hymnal Companion*, “Concordia Historical Institute Quarterly,” “The Hymn: A Journal of Congregational Song” and “Issues in Christian Education.”

An accomplished musician, Eatherton also is a composer in collections published by Concordia Publishing House. He has conducted and performed organ recitals, hymn festivals and choral concerts. He also has presented for workshops and conferences at Uppsala University in Sweden; Baylor University; Concordia Chicago; Concordia Nebraska; and Concordia Theological Seminary, Fort Wayne, Ind.

Eatherton is a member of the Association of Lutheran Church Musicians and the American Guild of Organists.

Eatherton and his wife, Lois, have been blessed with four daughters and one son.

INSTALLATION OF DR. JAMES FICKENSCHER

Dr. James Fickenscher is assistant professor of Exegetical Theology at Concordia Seminary, St. Louis. He joined the faculty in 2024.

He previously served as associate pastor of St. Paul Lutheran Church, School and Early Learning Center in McAllen, Texas (2017-24).

Fickenscher earned a Doctor of Philosophy (Ph.D.) (2022) and a Master of Divinity (M.Div.) (2012) from Concordia Seminary. In 2008, he received a Bachelor of Science in mathematics, graduating from The University of Texas at Dallas in Richardson where he also was a Eugene McDermott Scholar (2004).

Fickenscher served as a guest instructor at Concordia Seminary (2013-16, 2023-24); adjunct faculty at Concordia University, Irvine, Calif. (2022-24); and adjunct faculty at Concordia University, Portland, Ore. (2014-15, 2017-18), teaching faith, Greek, Hebrew, New Testament, Old Testament and Scripture courses.

His areas of interest include New Testament Greek syntax and linguistics, hermeneutics of the New Testament, the intersection of biblical studies and mental health, the Pauline Corpus and especially the letters of Timothy and Titus.

He served as a periodicals research assistant at Concordia Seminary (2013-17), where he received the Reverend Marvin E. Kuhlmann Homiletics Endowment (2011-12).

Fickenscher is a member of the Society of Biblical Literature and the Evangelical Theological Society. He has presented to both organizations on New Testament Greek Linguistics and the Pastoral Epistles and has led workshops at Concordia Seminary and to local circuits on applying Greek study to pastoral ministry.

His hobbies include spending time with family and friends, engaging a good story and working on various kinds of puzzles.

Fickenscher and his wife, Rachel, have two children.

INSTALLATION OF REV. JOEL FRITSCHÉ

Rev. Joel Fritsche is director of Vicarage and Deaconess Internships, assistant professor of Exegetical Theology and the Buehner-Duesenberg Professor of Lutheran Missions at Concordia Seminary, St. Louis. He joined the faculty in 2023.

Fritsche previously served as a missionary pastor and church planter in the Dominican Republic (2014-23). In 2017, he also became the director and professor of biblical languages at *Seminario Concordia el Reformador* (Concordia Seminary the Reformer) in Santiago, where he helped form Lutheran pastors and deaconesses for partner churches and mission fields throughout Latin America.

Before beginning his missionary service, Fritsche was associate pastor at Our Savior Lutheran Church in Cheyenne, Wyo. (2000-02); assistant pastor at Our Savior Lutheran Church in Houston, Texas (2002-05); and senior pastor at Zion Lutheran Church in Staunton, Ill. (2009-14). He was a guest instructor of biblical languages at Concordia University, Nebraska, Seward (1995), and a guest instructor at Concordia Seminary (2008), where he also worked as an admissions counselor (2005-09).

Since 2007, Fritsche has served on the Board of Directors for Higher Things, a Recognized Service Organization (RSO) of The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod.

After earning a Bachelor of Arts in music from Concordia, Nebraska (1996), Fritsche earned a Master of Divinity (M.Div.) from Concordia Seminary (2000). He is pursuing a Ph.D. in the Old Testament from Midwestern Baptist Theological Seminary in Kansas City, Mo.

Fritsche lives in St. Louis with his wife, Clarion, and they have been blessed with three sons.

INSTALLATION OF DR. KEVIN GOLDEN

Dr. Kevin Golden is associate professor of Exegetical Theology, dean of Theological Research and Publication, and director of Resident Field Education at Concordia Seminary, St. Louis. He joined the faculty in 2021.

He previously served as pastor of Village Lutheran Church, Ladue, Mo. (2009-21), and as pastor of Grace Lutheran Church, Holts Summit, Mo. (2002-09). Golden earned a Doctor of Philosophy (Ph.D.) and a Master of Divinity (M.Div.) from Concordia Seminary (2010, 1999). In 1995, Golden received a Bachelor of Arts in antiquities and religious studies, graduating *summa cum laude* in the Honors College at Missouri State University in Springfield, Mo.

Golden taught at Calvary Lutheran High School, Jefferson City, Mo. (2005-09). He also served as a guest instructor at Concordia Theological Seminary, Fort Wayne, Ind. (2007, 2009), and at Concordia Seminary (2000-02; 2009-14; 2017-21) teaching Old Testament courses, Greek and Hebrew.

Golden's research experience includes Hosea and biblical usage of the divine name, Genesis 6-9, Jonah, the Book of the Twelve (Minor Prophets) and biblical intertextuality.

He served as the research assistant to Dr. James W. Voelz, the Dr. Jack Dean Kingsbury Professor of New Testament Theology at Concordia Seminary (2000-02).

He is the author of "Blessed Be His Name: Revealing the Sacred Names of God" (Concordia Publishing House, 2021), "God's Own Son Is Born A Child" (Concordia Publishing House, 2019) and "LifeLight: Minor Prophets" (Concordia Publishing House, 2009). He contributed to the *festschrift*, "The Mercy of God in the Cross of Christ: Essays on Mercy in Honor of Glenn Merritt" (LCMS, 2016). He is a frequent contributor to the "Concordia Theological Quarterly" and "Concordia Pulpit Resources."

Golden is a member of the Society of Biblical Literature (2003-present) and joined the Evangelical Theological Society in 2022. He served as the second vice-president of the LCMS Missouri District (2012-15; 2018-22) and has served on the district's finance committee and as an advisory member of the district's Board of Directors and for the Board for Family Life and Youth Ministry. He has served in a variety of roles for Humanitri, St. Louis, including serving on the Board of Directors (2013-20); chairman of the advancement committee (2016-17); chairman of the jail chaplaincy committee (2017-19); and as secretary of the board (2018-20). He also has served on a number of other organizational boards, and in pastoral roles such as chaplain and adviser.

Golden lives in Olivette, Mo., with his wife, Joy, and has been blessed with four daughters and three sons.

INSTALLATION OF DR. JASON LANE

Dr. Jason Lane is associate professor of Historical Theology and the director of research, assessment and academic programming at Concordia Seminary, St. Louis. He joined the faculty in 2024.

He previously served as assistant pastor at Luther Memorial Chapel and University Student Center in Shorewood, Wis. (2013-24), and pastor at Celebration Lutheran Church in St. Johns, Fla. (2010-13). Lane earned a Doctor of Theology (Th.D.) (2015) at *Universität Hamburg* in Germany and a Master of Sacred Theology (S.T.M.) (2010) and a Master of Divinity (M.Div.) in 2007 from Concordia Theological Seminary, Fort Wayne, Ind. In 2001, he received a Bachelor of Arts in psychology, graduating from Framingham State College in Framingham, Mass.

Before coming to Concordia Seminary, Lane served as associate professor of theology (2019-24) and assistant professor of theology (2013-19) at Concordia University Wisconsin, Mequon, where he taught various undergraduate courses in systematic, historical and practical theology, and German language courses.

His areas of interest include Martin Luther and the theology of the Lutheran Reformation, biblical exegesis in the age of the Reformation and Lutheran Orthodoxy, and the theology of the 19th century Confessional Revival, especially the works of Theodor Kliefoth.

He is the author of “Luther’s Epistle of Straw: The Voice of St. James in Reformation Preaching” (De Gruyter, 2018), has contributed to various journals, popular and scholarly, and provided English translations of numerous books from German since 2008.

Lane and his wife, Marta, have nine children.

INSTALLATION OF DR. ELY PRIETO

Dr. Ely Prieto is associate professor of Practical Theology, the Lutheran Foundation Professor of Urban and Cross-Cultural Ministry, associate dean for Urban and Cross-Cultural Ministry, and director of the Center for Hispanic Studies at Concordia Seminary, St. Louis. He has been a faculty member since 2021.

He received a Doctor of Ministry (D.Min.) from Concordia Seminary (2009) and a Master of Sacred Theology (S.T.M.) from Concordia Theological Seminary, Fort Wayne, Ind. (1993). He holds a Bachelor of Theology (B.Theol.) from Lutheran University of Brazil, Canoas, Rio Grande do Sul, Brazil (2016); and a Bachelor of Theology (B.D.) from *Seminário Concórdia*, Porto Alegre, Rio Grande do Sul, Brazil (1983).

In addition to his earned degrees, Prieto received special training in deaf ministry at Concordia Seminary (1984) to learn how to minister to people with special needs.

Before coming to Concordia Seminary, Prieto served as the executive director/urban mission developer at Lutheran Intercity Network Coalition – San Antonio, Texas (LINC-SA) (2011-21); and as a vacancy pastor at Christ Our Savior Lutheran Church, San Antonio (2009-21). Previously, he served as assistant pastor and the director of world missions at Concordia Lutheran Church, San Antonio (2001-11). Prieto served as senior pastor at *Congregação São Paulo*, Arroio do Meio, Rio Grande do Sul, Brazil (1993-96); and assistant pastor at *Congregação São Paulo*, Porto Alegre, Rio Grande do Sul, Brazil (1984-91), as well as school chaplain and missionary-at-large for the deaf (1984-91).

Prieto has an extensive academic background. He held the position of professor of practical theology while at *Seminário Concórdia*, São Leopoldo, Rio Grande do Sul, Brazil (1996-2000), teaching in the areas of homiletics, pastoral theology, church planning and administration. In that position he ministered to people with special needs, and served in mission and evangelism, theology and stewardship as well as vicarage preparation. While at *Seminário Concórdia*, he was the director of field education, the director of vicarage and the supervisor for the Seminary Mission Laboratory. Prieto also was professor of Theology at ULBRA (Lutheran University of Brazil) Canoas, Rio Grande do Sul (July 1996-2000), where he taught rhetoric and speech, evangelism and stewardship, world religions and Christian ethics. From 2012-15, Prieto spoke about Lutheran worship at the Baptist University of Americas and Logsdon Seminary in San Antonio. He has served as a pastor in residence throughout Brazil and Argentina, ministering to people with special needs, including those who are deaf. He is fluent in Portuguese, English and Brazilian sign language (LIBRAS).

Prieto was one of the editors of “*O Povo de Deus* (A Festschrift in Honor of Rev. Dr. Acir Raymann)” (Editorial Concordia, 2014). He has contributed chapters for a variety of published books, articles, book reviews, homiletical and sermonic studies and sermons.

Prieto and his wife, Miriam, have been blessed with two children.

INSTALLATION OF DR. RYAN TINETTI

Dr. Ryan Tinetti is assistant professor of Practical Theology at Concordia Seminary, St. Louis. He joined the faculty in 2024.

Tinetti has a breadth of ministry experience, serving the church in a variety of roles and places. Before joining the Seminary faculty, he served for 14 years as a parish pastor. He served as pastor at Trinity Lutheran Church in Arcadia, Mich. (2018-24); Beautiful Savior Lutheran Church in Spokane, Wash. (2014-18); and Faith Lutheran Church in Seaside, Calif. (2012-14).

During his vicarage in Arizona he helped plant a new mission congregation. Before enrolling at the Seminary, he served as a lay missionary for a year in Bangkok, Thailand.

Tinetti earned a Doctor of Ministry (D.Min.) (2019) at Duke University in Durham, N.C., and a Master of Divinity (M.Div.) (2010) from Concordia Seminary. In 2005, Tinetti received a Bachelor of Arts from Michigan State University in East Lansing, Mich.

A sought-after speaker, Tinetti has been a guest lecturer at Lutheran Theological Seminary in Praetoria, South Africa (2024); Concordia Theological Seminary, Fort Wayne, Ind. (2024); and at a variety of conferences. He also has been a guest preacher for *The Lutheran Hour*.

His areas of scholarly interest include the use of classical rhetoric in preaching, community-building in the parish, and the writings of Eugene Peterson, Wendell Berry, C.S. Lewis and J.R.R. Tolkien.

Tinetti is the author of “Preaching by Heart” (Cascade Press, 2021) and writes a regular column for the Craft of Preaching website called “The Preacher’s Toolbox.” He also has contributed to “The Lutheran Witness,” “Michigan in Touch” and “Mockingbird,” among others.

Tinetti and his wife, Anne, have four children. Aspiring backyard homesteaders, the Tinettis have long tended a garden and include among their menagerie, bees, chickens and a golden retriever named Theo.

INSTALLATION OF REV. DAN GILBERT

Rev. Dan Gilbert is interim campus chaplain at Concordia Seminary, St. Louis. He joined the staff in 2024.

He previously served as president for The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod (LCMS) Northern Illinois District (2006-18); pastor of Cross Evangelical Lutheran Church in Yorkville, Ill. (1983-2006); pastor at St. Paul's Lutheran Church in Readlyn, Iowa (1978-80); and teacher at Lutheran High School South in St. Louis, Mo. (1974). He earned a Master of Divinity (M.Div.) (1977) from Concordia Seminary. In 1973, Gilbert graduated from Concordia Teachers College in Seward, Neb. (now Concordia University, Nebraska, Seward).

Gilbert and his wife, Jan, have four children and 21 grandchildren. The couple works part-time for LCMS organizations and volunteers for Lutheran Bible Translators and other ministries as members of Messiah Lutheran Church in St. Louis.

INSTALLATION OF REV. JESSE KUEKER

Rev. Jesse Kueker is interim director of recruitment and an admissions officer at Concordia Seminary, St. Louis. He joined the Seminary in 2022.

He previously served as pastor of Trinity Lutheran Church, Clinton, Mo. (2015-22). Kueker earned a Master of Divinity (M.Div.) from Concordia Seminary (2015). In 2010, Kueker received a Bachelor of Arts in Biblical Studies from Southwest Baptist University in Boliver, Mo.

Kueker is a native of Perryville, Mo., and enjoys gardening, raising chickens, woodworking and watching St. Louis Cardinals baseball. Kueker and his wife, Alyssa, have been blessed with four children.

RECOGNITION OF NEW STAFF MEMBERS

Rev. Dan Gilbert is Interim Campus Chaplain

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Paula Koranda is Accounts Receivable Coordinator

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Karla Meyer is Annual Giving Director

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Pam Withrow is Public Services Librarian

RECOGNITION OF NEW POSITIONS FOR EXISTING FACULTY AND STAFF

Dr. Joel Fritsche is Buehner-Duesenberg Professor of Lutheran Missions

Dr. Kevin Golden is Director, Resident Field Education

Beth Hasek is Senior Manager, Creative Services

Rev. Jesse Kueker is Interim Director of Recruitment and Admissions Officer

Sarah Maney is Manager, Communications

Gina Matzenbacher is Assistant Registrar

Dr. Philip Penhallegon is Chairman of the Department of Exegetical Theology

Dr. Ely Prieto is Director of the Center for Hispanic Studies

Dr. Mark Rockenbach is Professor of Practical Theology

Dr. Mark Seifrid is Professor Emeritus

Dr. Jon Vieker is Chairman of the Department of Practical Theology

ASSIGNMENT OF VICARAGES AND INTERNSHIPS

SPECIFIC MINISTRY PASTOR (SMP)

Steven Allen, St. John Lutheran Church, St. James, Mo., LCMS Missouri District

Eric Carlson, Redeemer Lutheran Church, Fredericksburg, Va., LCMS Southeastern District

Steven Cashio, Zion Lutheran Church and School, Georgetown, Texas, LCMS Texas District

Raymond Dubert, Our Savior's Way Lutheran Church, Ashburn, Va., LCMS Southeastern District

Philip Frank, Redeemer and St. Paul Lutheran Churches, Alpine and Monahans, Texas,
LCMS Texas District

Timothy Hoffman, Our Savior Lutheran Church, Norfolk, Neb., LCMS Nebraska District

Ronald Jones, Bethany Lutheran Church, Leesburg, Fla., LCMS Florida-Georgia District

Gilbert Kajuna, Our Savior's Way Lutheran Church, Ashburn, Va., LCMS Southeastern District

Mark Kempf, Holy Cross Lutheran Church, Scottsdale, Ariz., LCMS Pacific Southwest District

Shane Neumann, St. John Lutheran Church, Kiron, Iowa, LCMS Iowa District West

Timothy Norquist, Divine Shepherd Lutheran Church, Omaha, Neb., LCMS Nebraska District

Cory Paine, St. John Lutheran Church, Willits, Calif., LCMS California-Nevada-Hawaii District

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Ross Petersen, Our Savior Lutheran Church, Norfolk, Neb., LCMS Nebraska District

Lawrence Queen, Woodlands Lutheran Church, Montverde, Fla., LCMS Florida-Georgia District

Daniel Sellers, First Lutheran Church, Ada, Okla., LCMS Oklahoma District

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