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# A New Heaven and a New Earth

(Revelation 21:1a)



# + COMMENCEMENT +

162nd Academic Year of the  
Lutheran School of Theology at Chicago

Baccalaureate Service  
The Augustana Chapel at LSTC  
*Saturday, May 14, 2022 + 4:00 p.m.*

Commencement  
St. Thomas the Apostle Catholic Church  
*Sunday, May 15, 2022 + 2:30 p.m.*



## + BACCALAUREATE SERVICE +

### GATHERING

The Holy Spirit calls us together as the people of God.

#### GATHERING SONG

*God of Grace* by Paul Manz

#### THANKSGIVING FOR BAPTISM

*The assembly stands. All may make the sign of the cross, the sign marked at baptism, as the presiding minister begins.*

**Alleluia! Christ is risen.**

**Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia!**

*Response after the prayer: Amen.*

*The service continues with gathering song. As a reminder of the gift of baptism, the assembly may be sprinkled with water during the singing.*

#### GATHERING SONG

*God Welcomes All*

The musical score is written for a two-part setting, likely Soprano and Alto or Tenor and Bass. It is in the key of D major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. The melody is simple and hymn-like, with a focus on the lyrics. The first line of music covers the first two measures of the first line of text. The second line of music covers the next two measures. The third line of music covers the final two measures of the first line of text. The fourth line of music covers the first two measures of the second line of text. The fifth line of music covers the next two measures. The sixth line of music covers the final two measures of the second line of text. The score ends with a double bar line.

God wel - comes all, strang - ers and friends;

God's love is strong and it nev - er ends.

Text: John L. Bell, b. 1949

Music: AMEN THEMBA, South African traditional; transc. and arr. John L. Bell

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#### GREETING

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

**And also with you.**

# CANTICLE OF PRAISE

*Refrain*

This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God.

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

1 Wor - thy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose

blood set us free to be peo - ple of God.

Pow - er, rich - es, wis - dom, and strength, and

*Refrain*  
hon - or, bless - ing, and glo - ry are his.

2 Sing with all the peo - ple of God, and

join in the hymn of all cre - a - tion:

Bless - ing, hon - or, glo - ry, and might be to

*Refrain*  
God and the Lamb for - ev - er. A - men.



3 For the Lamb who was slain has be -

gun his reign. Al - le - lu - ia.

*Final refrain*

This is the feast of vic - to - ry for our God.

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

This is the feast of vic - to - ry for our God.

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

## PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray.

Alpha and Omega, First and Last, glory outshining all the lights of heaven: pour out upon us your Spirit of faithful love and abundant compassion, so that we may rejoice in the splendor of your works while we wait in expectation for the new heaven and the new earth you promise when Christ shall come again.

**Amen.**

*The assembly is seated.*

## WORD

God speaks to us in scripture reading, preaching, and song.

### FIRST READING

Acts 11:1-18

*A reading from Acts.*

<sup>1</sup>Now the apostles and the believers who were in Judea heard that the Gentiles had also accepted the word of God. <sup>2</sup>So when Peter went up to Jerusalem, the circumcised believers criticized him, <sup>3</sup>saying, “Why did you go to uncircumcised men and eat with them?” <sup>4</sup>Then Peter began to explain it to them, step by step, saying, <sup>5</sup>“I was in the city of Joppa praying, and in a trance I saw a vision. There was something like a large sheet coming down from heaven, being lowered by its four corners; and it came close to me. <sup>6</sup>As I looked at it closely I saw four-footed animals, beasts of prey, reptiles, and birds of the air. <sup>7</sup>I also heard a voice saying to me, ‘Get up, Peter; kill and eat.’ <sup>8</sup>But I replied, ‘By no means, Lord; for nothing profane or unclean has ever entered my mouth.’ <sup>9</sup>But a second time the voice answered from heaven, ‘What God has made clean, you must not call profane.’ <sup>10</sup>This happened three times; then everything was pulled up again to heaven. <sup>11</sup>At that very moment three men, sent to me from Caesarea, arrived at the house where we were. <sup>12</sup>The Spirit told me to go with them and not to make a distinction between them and us. These six brothers also accompanied me, and we entered the man’s house. <sup>13</sup>He told us how he had seen the angel standing in his house and saying, ‘Send to Joppa and bring Simon, who is called Peter; <sup>14</sup>he will give you a message by which you and your entire household will be saved.’ <sup>15</sup>And as I began to speak, the Holy Spirit fell upon them just as it had upon us at the beginning. <sup>16</sup>And I remembered the word of the Lord, how he had said, ‘John baptized with water, but you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit.’ <sup>17</sup>If then God gave them the same gift that God gave us when we believed in the Lord Jesus Christ, who was I that I could hinder God?” <sup>18</sup>When they heard this, they were silenced. And they praised God, saying, “Then God has given even to the Gentiles the repentance that leads to life.”

Word of God, word of life.

Thanks be to God.

### PSALMODY

*Hallelujah! Sing Praise to Your Creator*



1 Hal - le - lu - jah! Sing praise to your Cre - a - tor, sun, moon, and  
2 Praise the Lord, all moun - tains and o - ceans, roll - ing thun - der and  
3 Give to God all glo - ry and hon - or. From the depths to the



stars and an - gels a - bove. Praise the Lord, whose word es -  
wind and storm clouds on high. Praise the Lord, your Mak - er,  
heights let prais - es re - sound to the Lord, the source of





tab - lished the heav - ens, who up - holds all the earth in pow - er and  
all liv - ing crea - tures, all the beasts in the fields and birds in the  
strength and sal - va - tion for all peo - ple on whom God's fa - vor is



love. God reigns on high, let the heav - ens re - joice! (Oh,  
sky. Both young and old, come and join in the song! (Oh,  
found. Praise God, you saints who are claimed as God's own! (Oh,)



God reigns on high, let the heav - ens re - joice!  
Both young and old, come and join in the song!  
Praise God, you saints who are claimed as God's own!

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Music: NYANYIKANLAH NYANYIAN BARU, Batak melody; arr. H. A. Pandapo, b. 1935

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## SECOND READING

## Revelation 21:1–6

*A reading from Revelation.*

<sup>1</sup>I saw a new heaven and a new earth; for the first heaven and the first earth had passed away, and the sea was no more. <sup>2</sup>And I saw the holy city, the new Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband.

<sup>3</sup>And I heard a loud voice from the throne saying,

“See, the home of God is among mortals.

God will dwell with them as their God;

they will be God's people,

and that very God will be with them,

<sup>4</sup>and will wipe every tear from their eyes.

Death will be no more;

mourning and crying and pain will be no more,

for the first things have passed away.”

<sup>5</sup>And the one who was seated on the throne said, “See, I am making all things new,”

and also said, “Write this, for these words are trustworthy and true.” <sup>6</sup>Then the

one seated on the throne said to me, “It is done! I am the Alpha and the Omega, the beginning and the end. To the thirsty I will give water as a gift from the spring of the water of life.”

Word of God, word of life.

**Thanks be to God.**

## GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

*The assembly stands to welcome the gospel.*



## GOSPEL

**John 13:31-35**

The holy gospel according to John.  
**Glory to you, O Lord.**

<sup>31</sup>When Judas had gone out, Jesus said, “Now the Son-of-Humanity has been glorified, and God has been glorified in him. <sup>32</sup>If God has been glorified in him, God will also glorify him in God’s own self and will glorify him at once. <sup>33</sup>Little children, I am with you only a little longer. You will look for me; and as I said to the Judeans so now I say to you, ‘Where I am going, you cannot come.’ <sup>34</sup>I give you a new commandment, that you love one another. Just as I have loved you, you also should love one another. <sup>35</sup>By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another.”

The gospel of the Lord.  
**Praise to you, O Christ.**

*The assembly is seated.*

## SERMON

**The Rev. Dr. Benjamin M. Stewart**  
**Gordon A. Braatz Associate Professor of Worship**  
**Director, Zygon Center for Religion and Science**

*Silence for reflection follows the sermon.*

*The assembly stands to proclaim the word of God in song.*

# HYMN OF THE DAY

## *Day of Delight and Beauty Unbounded*



1 Day of de - light and beau-ty un - bound-ed, tell the news, the gos - pel  
2 Day of de - light and beau-ty un - bound-ed, tell the news, the gos - pel



spread! Day of all won - der, day of all splen - dor, praise Christ  
spread! Day of all won - der, day of all splen - dor, praise Christ



ris - en from the dead! Sing of the sun from dark - ness ap -  
ris - en from the dead! Sing now of mourn - ing turned in - to



pear - ing; sing of the seed from bar - ren earth green - ing;  
danc - ing; sing now the mys - t'ry, hope of our glo - ry;



sing of cre - a - tion, al - le - lu - ia! Sing of the  
sing with thanks - giv - ing, al - le - lu - ia! Sing now of



stream from Je - sus' side flow - ing; sing of the saints in  
fast - ing turned in - to feast - ing; sing the Lord's fa - vor



wa - ter made ho - ly; sing of sal - va - tion, al - le - lu - ia!  
last-ing for - ev - er; sing, all things liv - ing, al - le - lu - ia!

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## NICENE CREED

We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty,  
maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.  
We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,  
the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father,  
God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God,  
begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father;  
through him all things were made.  
For us and for our salvation  
he came down from heaven,  
was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the virgin Mary  
and became truly human.  
For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;  
he suffered death and was buried.  
On the third day he rose again  
in accordance with the scriptures;  
he ascended into heaven  
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.  
He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,  
and his kingdom will have no end.  
We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,  
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,  
who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified,  
who has spoken through the prophets.  
We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic church.  
We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.  
We look for the resurrection of the dead,  
and the life of the world to come. Amen.

## PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

*The assisting minister leads the assembly in prayer, concluding each petition, "God, in your mercy," to which the assembly responds, "Receive our prayer."*

## PEACE

The peace of Christ be with you always.  
**And also with you.**

*The people may greet one another with a sign of Christ's peace, and may say, "Peace be with you," or similar words.  
The assembly is then seated.*

## MEAL

God feeds us with the presence of Jesus Christ.

*An offering is gathered for the mission of the church, including the care of those in need. Today's offering will go to support the ongoing work of the Lutheran World Federation as it responds to humanitarian crises around the globe.*

## CHORAL OFFERING

***Anthem of Dedication*** by Warren Martin  
Teniya Mackey, soloist

*The assembly stands.*

## OFFERING PRAYER

*Response after the prayer:* **Amen.**

## GREAT THANKSGIVING

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts.

**We lift them to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

The thanksgiving continues with the preface for the day; the assembly responds:



San-to, san - to, san - to Dios de glo - ria y po - der,  
Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly God of pow - er and might,

cie - los y tie - rra pro - cla - man tu glo - ria.  
heav - en and earth . . . are full of your glo - ry.

Ho - san - na, ho - san - na, ho - san-na en los cie - los.  
Ho - san - na, ho - san - na, ho - san-na in the high - est.

Ho - san - na, ho - san - na, ho - san-na en los cie - los.  
Ho - san - na, ho - san - na, ho - san-na in the high - est.

Ben - di - to a - quel que vie - ne en el nom - bre de Dios.  
Bless - ed is the one who comes in the name of our God.

Ho - san - na, ho - san - na, ho - san-na en los cie - los.  
Ho - san - na, ho - san - na, ho - san-na in the high - est.

Ho - san - na, ho - san - na, ho - san-na en los cie - los.  
Ho - san - na, ho - san - na, ho - san-na in the high - est.

The great thanksgiving concludes. Response after the prayer: **Amen.**



# LORD’S PRAYER

Gathered into one by the holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us, in the many languages and traditions by which we have been blessed:

**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.  
Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil.  
For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours,  
now and forever. Amen.**

*The presiding minister invites the assembly to communion. The assembly is then seated.*

## COMMUNION SONG

### *All Who Are Thirsty*

Leader

All

All who are thirst - y, come to the wa-ters. All who are hun - gry,  
come here and eat. All who are thirst - y, come to the wa-ters.  
There's e - nough for all.

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COMMUNION HYMN

Where Charity and Love Are Shown: Donde hay caridad y amor

*Refrain / Estribillo*



Don-de hay ca - ri - dad y a - mor, a - llí es -  
Where char-i - ty and love are shown, our God is

tá\_el Se - ñor, a - llí es - tá\_el Se - ñor.  
there made known, our God is there made known.

1 U - na sa - la y u - na me - sa, u - na co - pa,  
1 One as - sem - bly at one ta - ble; one the cup, the  
2 At the ta - ble we are wel - comed to the ban - quet  
3 This, the bread of life e - ter - nal; this, the sav - ing

vi - no\_y pan, los her - ma - nos com - par -  
bread, the wine; in one love we are com -  
from a - bove. We re - call the Lord's com -  
cup we claim, draw us close with - in one


tien - do en a - mor y en u - ni - dad.  
pan - ions, and in u - ni - ty we dine.  
mand - ment that we live and grow in love.  
fam - 'ly, make us one in Je - sus' name.

Nos re - ú - ne la pre - sen - cia y el re - cuer - do  
Brought to - geth - er by the pres - ence and the prom - ise  
As the gifts of God are giv - en, Je - sus' bod - y  
Let us tell the liv - ing sto - ry of his suf - f'ring

del Se - ñor;  
of God's Word,  
and his blood,  
and his pain,

ce - le - bra - mos su me -  
here in joy and in re -  
so we give our - selves to  
and pro - claim the ho - ly

*Refrain / Estribillo*



mo - ria                      y la en - tre - ga de su a - mor.  
 mem - brance              we re - ceive our lov - ing Lord.  
 oth - ers                    and we seek our neigh - bor's good.  
 mys - t'ry:                  Christ has died, yet lives to reign.

2. Invitados a la mesa  
 del banquete del Señor,  
 recordamos su mandato  
 de vivir en el amor.  
 Comulgamos en el cuerpo  
 y en la sangre que él nos da,  
 y también en el hermano  
 si lo amamos de verdad. Estribillo

3. Este pan que da la vida  
 y este cáliz de salud  
 nos reúnen a los hermanos  
 en el nombre de Jesús.  
 Anunciamos su memoria,  
 celebramos su pasión,  
 el misterio de su muerte  
 y de su resurrección. Estribillo

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## COMMUNION HYMN

## *Beloved, God's Chosen (ANDREW'S SONG)*



1 Be - lov - ed, God's cho - sen, put on as a gar - ment  
 2 With - in, call forth Wis - dom, to dwell in you rich - ly;  
 3 Be - lov - ed, God's cho - sen, put on as a gar - ment



com - pas - sion, for - give - ness, and good - ness of heart.  
 let peace rule your hearts and that peace be of Christ.  
 com - pas - sion, for - give - ness, and good - ness of heart.



A - bove all, be - fore all, let love be your rai - ment  
 And from the heart's cham - ber, be - lov - ed and ho - ly,  
 A - bove all, be - fore all, let love be your rai - ment



that binds in - to one ev - 'ry dis - so - nant part.  
 let sing - ing thanks - giv - ing to God ev - er rise.  
 that binds in - to one ev - 'ry dis - so - nant part.

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Response after the table blessing: **Amen.**

## PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Response after the prayer: **Amen.**

## SENDING

God blesses us and sends us in mission to the world.

## BLESSING

God, the Author of life,  
Christ, the living Cornerstone,  
and the life-giving Spirit of adoption,  
bless you now and forever.

**Amen.**

## SENDING SONG

### Christ Is Risen! Shout Hosanna! (TURNBULL)



- 1 Christ is ris-en! Shout Ho - san-na! Cel - e-brate this day of days!
- 2 Christ is ris-en! Raise your spir - its from the cav - erns of de - spair.
- 3 Christ is ris-en! Earth and heav-en nev - er-more shall be the same.



Christ is ris - en! Hush in won - der: all cre - a - tion is a - mazed.  
Walk with glad-ness in the morn-ing. See what love can do and dare.  
Break the bread of new cre - a - tion where the world is still in pain.



In the des - ert all-sur-round-ing, see, a spread-ing tree has grown.  
Drink the wine of res - ur - rec - tion, not a ser - vant, but a friend.  
Tell its grim, de - mon-ic chor - us: "Christ is ris - en! Get you gone!"



Heal-ing leaves of grace a - bound-ing bring a taste of love un - known.  
Je - sus is our strong com-pan - ion. Joy and peace shall nev - er end.  
God the First and Last is with us. Sing Ho - san - na, ev - 'ry - one!

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## DISMISSAL

Alleluia! Christ is risen.

**Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia!**

Go in peace. Tell what God has done.

**Thanks be to God.**

## POSTLUDE

*Ein Feste Burg Ist Unser Gott* by Johann Pachelbel

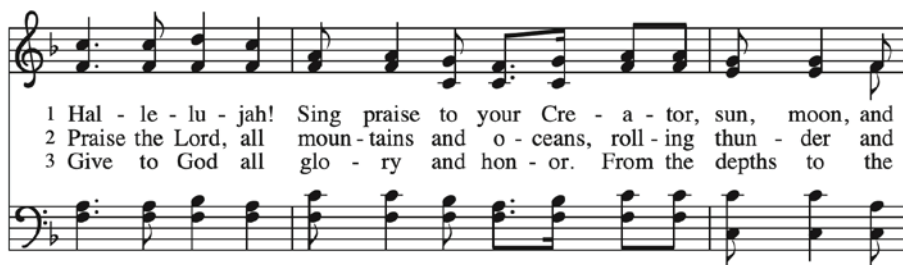
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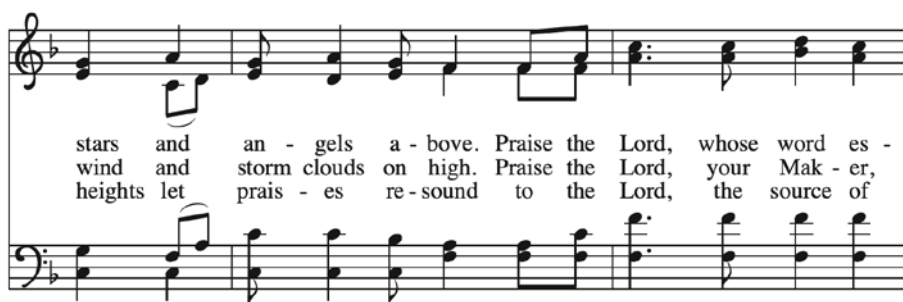
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# GATHERING SONG

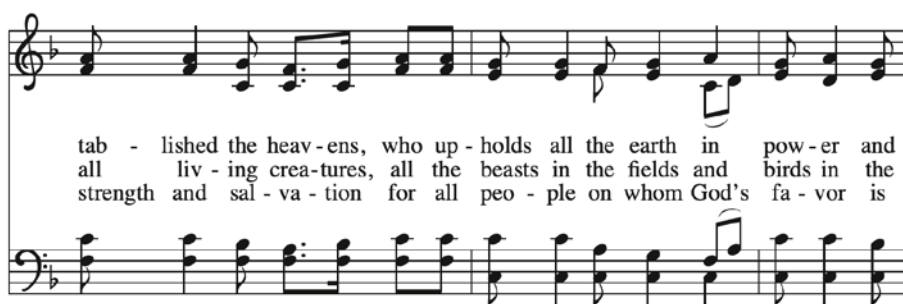
## *Hallelujah! Sing Praise to Your Creator*



1 Hal - le - lu - jah! Sing praise to your Cre - a - tor, sun, moon, and  
 2 Praise the Lord, all moun - tains and o - ceans, roll - ing thun - der and  
 3 Give to God all glo - ry and hon - or. From the depths to the



stars and an - gels a - bove. Praise the Lord, whose word es -  
 wind and storm clouds on high. Praise the Lord, your Mak - er,  
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## + COMMENCEMENT +

### ACADEMIC PROCESSION

LSTC Festival Procession

Marshal Mark N. Swanson  
*The graduates, faculty, board and guests enter*  
arranged by Keith Hampton

### GATHERING SONG

*Hallelujah! Sing Praise to Your Creator* (see facing page)

### PRAYER OF INVOCATION

*Response after the prayer: **Amen***  
*The assembly is seated*

### WELCOME AND INTRODUCTIONS

James Nieman, *President*

### THE COMMENCEMENT ADDRESS: “From You No Secrets Are Hid: The Call to Public Discipleship”

Dr. Paul C. Pribbenow  
*President, Augsburg University*

### MUSIC SELECTION: “Love One Another”

Anne Krentz Organ

### PRESENTATION OF CERTIFICATES, DIPLOMAS, AND AWARDS

#### INTRODUCTION

Esther M. Menn  
*Dean and Vice President for Academic Affairs*

#### PRESENTATION OF GRADUATES

Candidates for the Certificate of Studies

James Nieman

Brooke Petersen

*Director of Master of Arts and Master of Divinity Programs*

Candidates for the Certificate in Theological Education for Emerging Ministries

Scott Chalmers  
*Dean of Student Services*

Candidates for the Master of Arts Degrees

Brooke Petersen

Candidates for the Master of Divinity Degree

Brooke Petersen

Candidates for the Master of Theology Degree

Mark Swanson  
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Candidates for the Doctor of Ministry Degree

Mark Swanson

Candidates for the Doctor of Philosophy Degree

Mark Swanson

#### PRESENTATION OF THE EDGAR KRENTZ AWARD FOR BIBLICAL INTERPRETATION

Eunyoung Lim  
*Assistant Professor of New Testament*

#### PRESENTATION OF THE JAMES KENNETH ECHOLS PRIZE FOR EXCELLENCE IN PREACHING

Kimberly Wagner  
*Assistant Professor of Homiletics*

#### RECOGNITION OF THE LSTC FACULTY AND STAFF

James Nieman

#### PRESENTATION OF THE SENIOR CLASS GIFT

Sarah Krolak and Maeve Schurz

#### WELCOME FROM THE ALUMNI BOARD

Michael Fick (2004, MDiv)  
*Alumni Board Chair*

#### BLESSING

*Response after the prayer: **Amen.***

#### RECESSIONAL: Carillon Sortie

Henri Mulet

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+ STUDIES +

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## + THE COMMENCEMENT SPEAKER +



Paul C. Pribbenow, the 10th president of Augsburg University, a private liberal arts university associated with the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America and located in Minneapolis, is recognized as one of the country's most engaging commentators and teachers on ethics, philanthropy, and American public life.

Before coming to Augsburg, Pribbenow served as president of Rockford College (now Rockford University) in Rockford, Illinois. He also has served as a research fellow for the Center of Inquiry in the Liberal Arts at Wabash College (Indiana), dean for College Advancement and secretary of the Board of Trustees at Wabash College, vice president of the School of the Art Institute of Chicago, and associate dean of the Divinity School of the University of Chicago.

Pribbenow was honored to be named the 2019 Outstanding Fundraising Professional by the Association of Fundraising Professionals. The award recognizes effective, creative, and stimulating fundraising leadership as well as the practice and promotion of ethical fundraising.

Pribbenow received the William Burke Award for Presidential Leadership in Experiential Education from the National Society for Experiential Education in 2012. He was named a McCormick Presidential Civic Leader Fellow for 2003–04 and 2005–06. And, under Pribbenow's leadership, Augsburg University became the first higher education institution in Minnesota to earn the prestigious Presidential Award for Community Service, the highest honor possible for service work.

Pribbenow is the author of numerous articles on philanthropy, ethics, and not-for-profit management. He publishes a bimonthly email newsletter titled, "Notes for the Reflective Practitioner."

Pribbenow holds a bachelor's degree (1978) from Luther College (Iowa) and a master's degree (1979) and doctorate (1993) in social ethics from the University of Chicago. He received the Distinguished Service Award from Luther College in 2008.



## + RECOGNITION OF SERVICE +



Jan Boden has been telling LSTC's story for nearly 25 years. She joined LSTC in 1997 as assistant to the president. In 2004 she was appointed director of communications and marketing, a position she stepped back from in 2020. On May 1, Boden retired from her most recent role, public relations manager.

Boden has faithfully told LSTC's story through the stories of students and alumni, faculty and staff, supporters and friends—all with a goal to draw students and donors to LSTC. "My favorite part of the job was to listen to and share those stories," she said.

Among her many responsibilities, Boden oversaw the website, edited and produced the alumni/donor magazine (50 issues), produced materials for admissions and advancement (including seven catalogs), wrote and edited the monthly e-news, and served as unofficial LSTC photographer.

Two of her biggest accomplishments were helping to guide both the process for adopting a mission statement that has stood the test of time (she claims she can recite it in her sleep), and the seminary website redesign after the rebranding process.

She served on the executive cabinet, and attended more than 40 board of directors meetings. Boden helped plan 24 commencement ceremonies and was part of many strategic planning committees.

As a faithful worshiper at daily chapel, it's no wonder her two greatest joys are these: "being part of a small group that worked with the stained glass artists on the windows for the Augustana Chapel, and getting to watch and photograph the Manz Organ installation in the chapel."

To the LSTC staff, students, faculty, alumni, board members, and donors, Boden says, "It was a profound joy to be part of the formation of so many fine pastors and scholars, and I am grateful to have had the privilege of knowing and working with so many devoted and faithful people."

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## + 2022 COMMENCEMENT THEME AND ARTIST INFORMATION +

*“A new heaven and a new earth.” (Revelation 21:1a)*

This year’s commencement takes place on the 5th Sunday in Easter, a day on which many congregations will hear these words from the 21st chapter of Revelation in worship. As we celebrate our students’ great achievements, we are mindful that many have said we are living in apocalyptic times. For Christians, apocalyptic literature like this passage from Revelation is a source of hope through the assurance of God’s power at work, bringing God’s promised future into our uncertain present. Our graduates are beginning the next chapter of their vocations as leaders in times of tumult. Today we send them out with confidence that God is present with them and with us all, working to bring about “a new heaven and a new earth.”

The cover design depicts a sacred space of open invitation between a starry sky and a lake’s reflection. We are surrounded by God’s powerful light and love, made known from generation to generation. Our hope lies in God’s wide invitation and constant awesome power that will carry us into all our tomorrows.

The artist commissioned to produce materials for this year’s program is Ann Gerondelis AIA, IDSA. Ann is the Head of the Design Department in Drexel University’s Westphal College of Media Arts & Design. A passionate design evangelist and inclusive leader, she draws on her broad range of experiences in educational innovation and design in multiple disciplines.





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