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THE INAUGURATION OF
REV. DR. SHAUNA K. HANNAN
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Rev. Dr. Shauna Hannan is a distinguished scholar, pastor, and homiletician. She brings more than two decades of experience in the classroom, the congregation, and the broader church. She most recently served as Professor of Homiletics at Pacific Lutheran Theological Seminary in Berkeley, California, and as core doctoral faculty at the Graduate Theological Union, where she taught and mentored students at the doctoral, master's, and certificate levels.

Dr. Hannan is widely regarded for her innovative approaches to preaching, her scholarship on collaborative and contextual theology, and her passion for empowering emerging leaders. She is the author of *The Peoples' Sermon: Preaching as a Ministry of the Whole Congregation* (Fortress Press, 2021), and co-author of *Scripting a Sermon: Using the Wisdom of Filmmaking for Impactful Preaching* (WJK, 2024), among many other publications.

A graduate of Princeton Theological Seminary (PhD, Practical Theology), Luther Seminary (MDiv), and Concordia College, Moorhead (BA, Spanish and Communication), Dr. Hannan has preached, taught, and led workshops across five continents. She is ordained in the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America and has long been active in ELCA candidacy and leadership formation.

Items marked with an asterisk (*) indicate that the assembly is invited to assume a posture of reverence, which might include standing or sitting, hands raised or at rest, or other postures. Text that is **bold** marks the assembly’s responses.

GATHERING

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

GATHERING

Thankful Praise (Medley)
Arranged by Keith Hampton

GATHERING SONG

Let Us Go Now to the Banquet (ELW 523)

Refrain / Estribillo

Va - mos to - dos al ban - que - te, a la
Let us go now to the ban - quet, to the

me - sa de la crea - ción; ca - da cual con su ta - bu -
feast of the u - ni - verse. The ta - ble’s set and a place is

re - te tie - ne un pues - to y u - na mi - sión.
wait - ing; come, ev - ’ry - one, with your gifts to share.

1 Hoy me le - van - to muy tem - pra - no; ya me es -
1 I will rise in the ear - ly morn - ing; the com -
2 God in - vites all the poor and hun - gry to the
3 May we build such a place a - mong us where all

pe - ra la co - mu - ni - dad; voy su - bien - do a - le - gre la
mu - ni - ty’s wait - ing for me. With a spring in my step I’m
ban - quet of jus - tice and good where the har - vest will not be
peo - ple are e - qual in love. God has called us to work to -

Refrain / Estribillo

cues - ta, voy en bus - ca de tu a - mis - tad.
walk - ing with my friends and my fam - i - ly.
hoard - ed so that no one will lack for food.
geth - er and to share ev - ’ry - thing we have.

2 Dios invita a todos los pobres a esta mesa común por la fe, donde no hay acaparadores y a nadie le falta el conque. Estribillo
3 Dios nos manda a hacer de este mundo una mesa donde haya igualdad, trabajando y luchando juntos, compartiendo la propiedad. Estribillo

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*THANKSGIVING FOR BAPTISM

P: Blessed be the holy Trinity, + one God,
the fountain of living water,
the rock who gave us birth,
our light and our salvation.

C: Amen.

P: Let us give thanks for the gifts of baptism into Christ,
who is our living water.

REFRAIN

Come to the Water of Life, Verse 1 (ACS 955)

Musical notation for Verse 1 of "Come to the Water of Life" (ACS 955). The melody is in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. It features three triplet markings over the first, fourth, and seventh measures of the main line. The lyrics are as follows:

1 All who are thirst-y for mer - cy, all who are thirst-y for
2 All who are thirst-y for heal - ing, all who are thirst-y for
3 All who are thirst-y for beau - ty, all who are thirst-y for
4 All who are thirst-y for jus - tice, all who are thirst-y for

love; all who are thirst - y for love, for mer - cy,
touch; all who are thirst - y for touch, for heal - ing,
truth; all who are thirst - y for truth, for beau - ty,
peace; all who are thirst - y for peace, for jus - tice,

come: come to the Wa - ter of life.
come: come to the Wa - ter of life.
come: come to the Wa - ter of life.
come: come to the Wa - ter of life.

Text: Ray Makeever, b 1943. Music: WATER OF LIFE, Ray Makeever. Text and music © 1999 Ray Makeever, admin. Augsburg Fortress.
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P: Blessed are you, O God, creator and ruler of all things.
Your voice thundered over the waters at creation.
You water the mountains and send springs into the valleys to refresh and satisfy all living things.
You place us beside Lake Michigan, quenching our thirst, bathing our bodies, giving life to your creatures.

REFRAIN

Come to the Water of Life, Verse 2 (ACS 955)

P: We remember a flood, through which in the ark
you carried creatures of every kind to safety.
We remember a sea,
through which you led your people Israel from slavery to freedom.
We remember the wilderness,
where you nourished your people with water from the rock,
and brought them across the river Jordan to the promised land.

REFRAIN

Come to the Water of Life, Verse 3 (ACS 955)

P: By the baptism of his death and resurrection,
your Son Jesus has carried us to safety and freedom.
The floods shall not overwhelm us,
and the deep shall not swallow us up,
for Christ has brought us over to the land of promise.
He sends us to make disciples, baptizing in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

REFRAIN

Come to the Water of Life, Verse 4 (ACS 955)

P: Pour out your Holy Spirit:
flood us with grace;
illumine us with wisdom;
clothe us with Christ;
and unite your daughters and sons,
no longer slave and free,
no longer male and female,
but one people in Christ Jesus,
who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen.

HYMN

Wade in the Water (ELW 459)

Refrain
All



Wade in the wa - ter, wade in the wa - ter, chil - dren,



wade in the wa - ter, God's a - goin' - a trou - ble the wa - ter.

Leader



All

1 See that host all dressed in white,
2 See that band all dressed in red, God's a - goin' - a trou - ble the
3 Look o - ver yon - der, what do I see?
4 If you don't be - lieve I've been re - deemed,

Leader



wa - ter. the lead - er looks like the Is - rael - ite.
looks like the band that . . Mo - ses led.
the Ho - ly Ghost a - com - ing on me.
just fol - low me down to . . . Jor - dan's stream.

All



Refrain

God's a - goin' - a trou - ble the wa - ter.

Text: African American spiritual. Music: WADE IN THE WATER, African American spiritual.

GREETING

The presiding minister and the assembly greet each other.

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

PRAYER OF THE DAY

P: Let us pray.

A brief silence.

P: Almighty and ever-living God,
you send out laborers into your harvest
to proclaim the good news of your reign.
Raise up in our own day
teachers and prophets, pastors and leaders inspired by your Spirit,
whose voices will give strength to your church
and proclaim the reality of your love for all creation,
through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord,
who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and forever.

C: Amen.

The assembly sits.

WORDS OF WELCOME

Dr. Kristi Ferguson, Chair of the Presidential Search Committee

WORD

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

FIRST READING

Isaiah 65:17-25

The reading is announced:

A Reading from Isaiah.

The reading is concluded:

Word of God, word of life.
Thanks be to God.

PSALM: The 23rd Psalm (Bobby McFerrin)

LSTC Music Ministry

SECOND READING

Romans 12:9-21

The reading is announced:

A Reading from Romans.

The reading is concluded:

Word of God, word of life.
Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Muscogee (Creek) Indian

The assembly stands to welcome the gospel.

1 2 3

He - le - lu - yan, he - le - lu - yan; he - le, he - le - lu - yan.
Hal - le - lu - jah, hal - le - lu - jah; hal - le, hal - le - lu - jah.

He - le - lu - yan, he - le - lu - yan; he - le, he - le - lu - yan.
Hal - le - lu - jah, hal - le - lu - jah; hal - le, hal - le - lu - jah.

*GOSPEL

Luke 1:46-55

The holy gospel according to Luke.
Glory to you, O Lord.

The gospel concludes:

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

GOSPEL RECESSIONAL

We Have Seen the Lord/Nimemwona Bwana –
Tanzanian traditional (ELW 869)

(Nimemwona Bwana.)
Nimemwona Bwana. (Nimemwona)
Nimemwona Bwana. (Nimemwona Bwana.)
Nimemwona Bwana, anapendeza.

(We have seen the Lord.)
We have seen the Lord. (God is mighty.)
We have seen the Lord. (God is powerful.)
We have seen the Lord, God with us, Jesus Christ.
(We have seen the Lord.)
We have seen the Lord. (God is lowly.)
We have seen the Lord. (God is merciful.)
We have seen the Lord, God with us, Jesus Christ.

(We have seen the Lord.)
We have seen the Lord. (God is gracious.)
We have seen the Lord. (God is wonderful.)
We have seen the Lord, God with us, Jesus Christ.

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SERMON

Presiding Bishop Yehiel Curry

HYMN OF THE DAY

O Spirit, All-Embracing (ACS 944)

1 O Spir - it all - em - brac - ing and coun - sel - or all - wise,
2 O Beau - ty ev - er blaz - ing in flow - er, field, and face,
3 Come, pas - sion's pow - er ho - ly, your in - sight here im - part,

un - bound - ed splen - dor grac - ing a shore - less sea of skies:
you show your - self a - maz - ing in un - ex - pect - ed place.
and give your ser - vants low - ly an un - der - stand - ing heart

un - fail - ing is your trea - sure, un - fad - ing your re - ward;
We see you and re - mem - ber what once our dreams had been;
to know your care more clear - ly when faith and love are tried,

sur - pass - ing world - ly plea - sure, the rich - es you af - ford.
you fan the glow - ing em - ber and kin - dle hope with - in.
to seek you more sin - cere - ly when false i - deals have died:

Come, stream of end - less flow - ing, and res - cue us from death;
Come, fire of glo - ry gra - cious, bless all who trust in you;
for vi - sion we im - plore you, for wis - dom's pure de - light;

come, wind of spring - time blow - ing, and warm us by your breath.
un - dy - ing flame te - na - cious, burn in your church a - new.
in prayer we come be - fore you to wait up - on your light.

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NICENE CREED

P: Let us confess our faith in the words of the Nicene Creed.

C: 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,*
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.

In recognition of the 1700th anniversary of the council of Nicaea today we use an ecumenical version of the Nicene creed without the filioque clause (“and of the Son”) in reference to the Holy Spirit.

INSTALLATION

PRESENTATION OF THE PRESIDENT-ELECT Greg Lewis, *Chair of the LSTC Board of Directors*

As Chair of the Board of Directors I present the Rev. Dr. Shauna K. Hannan for installation as President of the Lutheran School of Theology at Chicago. She has been elected by the board of directors and called by the church to serve as the eighth president of the seminary.

CERTIFICATION OF ELECTION Paul K. Erbes, *Secretary of the LSTC Board of Directors*

By action of the Board of Directors taken on the 20th of May in the year of our Lord 2025 Shauna Hannan was elected as President of the Lutheran School of Theology at Chicago.

CERTIFICATION OF CALL Francisco Javier Goitía Padilla, *Director of Theological Formation for Seminaries and Schools, ELCA*

Pursuant to her election as President of the Lutheran School of Theology at Chicago, and at the request of the Congregational and Synodical Mission Unit, the Church Council of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America has issued Shauna Hannan a call to that office. I present this letter certifying the call.

THANKSGIVING Linda Thomas, *Dean and Vice President of Academic Affairs, LSTC*

We give thanks to God for Shauna and her response and commitment to this call. We rejoice now that this sibling in Christ will lead us in our common life and in our mutual mission as a seminary of the church. Let us together give voice to our joy [gesturing to assembly].

The assembly responds:

Thanks be to God

The assembly is seated.

ADDRESS TO THE PRESIDENT-ELECT

epresentatives from the staff, faculty and student body address the president-elect with key words from scripture.

ROMANS 12:4-8 Keisha Dyson and Richard Vivian

The apostle Paul writes: For as in one body we have many members, and not all the members have the same function, so we, who are many, are one body in Christ, and individually we are members one of another. We have gifts that differ according to the grace given to us: prophecy, in proportion to faith; ministry, in ministering, the teach, in teach; the exhorter, in exhortation; the giver, in generosity; the leader, in diligence; the compassionate, in cheerfulness.

2 CORINTHIANS 5:17-19 Karri Alldredge and Peter Vethanayagamony

And again Paul writes— So if anyone is in Christ, there is a new creation: everything old has passed away; see, everything has become new! All this is from God who reconciled us to himself through Christ and has given us the ministry of reconciliation; that is, in Christ God was reconciling the world to himself not counting their trespasses against them and entrusting the message of reconciliation to us.

And again the apostle writes—Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, Rejoice. Let your gentleness be known to everyone. The Lord is near. Do not worry about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.

QUESTIONS TO THE PRESIDENT-ELECT

Presiding Bishop Yehiel Curry

Shauna, in the presence of this assembly: Will you commit yourself to this new trust and responsibility, in the confidence that it comes from God through the call of the church?

Response: I will, and I ask God to help me.

Will you preach, teach and lead in accordance with the holy scriptures and with the confessions of the Lutheran church?

Response: I will, and I ask God to help me.

Will you carry out this ministry in harmony with the constitutions of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America and of this seminary, and in a spirit of communion with God’s people throughout the world?

Response: I will, and I ask God to help me.

Will you be diligent in your study of the holy scriptures and in your use of the means of grace? Will you love, serve, and pray for God’s people, nourish them with the word and sacraments, and lead them by your own example in faithful service and holy living?

Response: I will, and I ask God to help me.

Will you give faithful witness in the world, that God’s love may be known in all that you do?

Response: I will, and I ask God to help me.

Almighty God, who has given you the will to do these things, graciously give you the strength and the will to do these things.

Amen.

QUESTIONS TO THE FACULTY, STAFF, STUDENTS, AND BOARDS

I invite the faculty, staff, students, board of directors, foundation trustees and alumni board of the Lutheran School of Theology at Chicago to stand.

Friends in Christ, will you regard Shauna as a servant and messenger of Jesus Christ, sent to lead you in the mission of God? Will you in all things strive together in the peace and unity of Christ? Will you hold her dear in the faith we share in Christ Jesus?

Response: We will, and we ask God to help us.

QUESTIONS TO THE ASSEMBLY

I invite the assembly to stand.

People of God, will you regard Shauna as a servant of Christ and a steward of the mysteries of God? Will you pray for her, help and honor her for her work’s sake, and uphold the mission of God to which we are all called?

Response: We will, and we ask God to help us.

COMMITTAL OF OFFICE AND BLESSING

Shauna Hannan, the office of President of the Lutheran School of Theology at Chicago is now committed to you in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

Amen.

The newly installed president kneels as the presiding minister places his hand on the president’s head and proclaims God’s blessing.

The God of peace, who brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus, the great shepherd of the sheep, by the blood of the eternal covenant, make you complete in everything good so that you may do God’s will, working in you that which is pleasing in God’s sight; Through Jesus Christ, to whom be the glory forever and ever.

Amen.

TRANSFER OF THE PRESIDENTIAL MEDALLION

James Nieman,
President, *emeritus*

You have been called to be among us to lead this seminary in the service of God’s mission.

ACCLAMATION

People of God, I present to you the Rev. Dr. Shauna Kay Hannan, Eighth President of the Lutheran School of Theology at Chicago. Let us welcome her in the name of Christ.

GREETINGS

Shauna K. Hannan, President, LSTC

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

In between each petition, sing the refrain of Come Now, O Prince of Peace verse 1, ELW 247.

O - so - sŏ o - so - sŏ, pyong - hwa - ŭi - im - gŭm
 1 Come now, O Prince of peace, make us one bod - y.
 2 Come now, O God of love, make us one bod - y.
 3 Come now and set us free, O God, our Sav - ior.
 4 Come, Hope of u - ni - ty, make us one bod - y.

u - ri - ga han - mom i - ru - ge ha - so - sŏ.
 Come, O Lord Je - sus, rec - on - cile your peo - ple.
 Come, O Lord Je - sus, rec - on - cile your peo - ple.
 Come, O Lord Je - sus, rec - on - cile all na - tions.
 Come, O Lord Je - sus, rec - on - cile all na - tions.

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PEACE

The presiding minister and the assembly greet each other in the peace of the risen Christ.

PM:The peace of Christ be with you always.

Response: And also with you.

MEAL
 God feeds us with the presence of Jesus Christ.

OFFERING

Today’s offering will support Student Housing at LSTC. For on–line offering, scan the QR code.



OFFERING HYMN

United at the Table (ELW 498)

Refrain / Estribillo
U - ni - dos en la fies - ta, la a - le - grí - a
U - nit - ed at the ta - ble: all our joy is
se ha - ce can - ción. U - ni - dos en la fe,
joined in song. U - nit - ed in the faith:
la a - le - grí - a se ha - ce o - ra - ción.
all our joy to God be - longs.
 1 Can - ta - re - mos al Se - ñor
 1 We will praise God, we will sing
 2 We will praise God, we will feast
 3 We will praise God, we will play
a - le - lu - yas con him - nos y sal - mos,
al - le - lu - ias with hymns and with psalm - o - dy;
at the boun - ti - ful ta - ble of life and grace;
al - le - lu - ias with rhy - thm and in - stru - ments;
por - que gran - de es el a - mor
we will praise God for the love
we will praise God and give thanks
we will praise God for the love
Refrain / Estribillo
que en no - so - tros por siem - pre mos - tró.
that sus - tains us e - ter - nal - ly.
for com - mu - nion with ev - 'ry race.
that in - vites all cre - a - tion to dance.

- 2 Cantaremos la bondad del Señor que nos sienta a su mesa, y nos llama a comulgar como hermanos su vino y su pan.
- 3 Cantaremos al Señor aleluyas al son de instrumentos, y será nuestra canción la alabanza que ensalza su amor.

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GREAT THANKSGIVING

P: The Lord be with you.

A: **And also with you.**

P: Lift up your hearts.

A: **We lift them to the Lord.**

P: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

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

P: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

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

P: It is indeed right, our duty and our joy,
that we should at all times and in all places
give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God,
through our Savior Jesus Christ.
And so, with all the choirs of angels,
with the church on earth and the hosts of heaven,
we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

HOLY, HOLY, HOLY

San - to, san - to, san - to, mi co - ra - zón te a - do - ra.
Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly, my heart, my heart a - dores you.

Mi co - ra - zón te sa - be de - cir: San - to e - res Se - ñor.
My heart is glad to say the words: You are ho - ly, God.

Text: Argentine traditional. Music: ARGENTINE SANTO, Argentine traditional.

P: O God most mighty,
O God most merciful,
O God our rock and our salvation,
hear us as we praise,
call us to your table,
grant us your life.

When the earth was a formless void,
you formed order and beauty.
When Abraham and Sarah were barren,
you sent them a child;
When the Israelites were enslaved,
you led them to freedom.
Ruth faced starvation, David fought Goliath,
and the psalmists cried out for healing,
and full of compassion, you granted the people your life.

You entered our sorrows in Jesus our brother.
He was born among the poor,
he lived under oppression,
he wept over the city.
With infinite love, he granted the people your life.

In the night in which he was betrayed,
our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks;
broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying:
Take and eat; this is my body, given for you.
Do this for the remembrance of me.

Again, after supper, he took the cup,
gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink, saying:
This cup is the new covenant in my blood,
shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin.
Do this for the remembrance of me.

Remembering his death, we cry out Amen. **[Amen.]**
Celebrating his resurrection, we shout Amen. **[Amen.]**
Trusting his presence in every time and place, we plead Amen. **[Amen.]**

O God, you are Breath: send your Spirit on this meal.
O God, you are Bread: feed us with yourself.
O God, you are Wine: warm our hearts and make us one.
O God, you are Fire: transform us with hope.

O God most majestic, O God most motherly,
O God our strength and our song,
you show us a vision of a tree of life
with fruits for all and leaves that heal the nations.
Grant us such life,
the life of the Father to the Son,
the life of the Spirit of our risen Savior,
life in you, now and forever.

Amen.

THE LORD’S PRAYER

P: Let us pray as our Lord taught us in the many ways and languages we know by heart.

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

At LSTC, all are welcome to receive Holy Communion. The bread is vegan and gluten free, and the cup is grape juice. As you come forward at the direction of an usher, who will offer you an individual cup if you'd prefer. If you do not wish to receive communion, you are welcome to remain at your seat or to come forward for a blessing.

Fraction: Come to the feast of love!

COMMUNION

LAMB OF GOD

Musical notation for the Lamb of God hymn, featuring a single melodic line in G major. The lyrics are: Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world; have mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world; have mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world; grant us peace, grant us peace.

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Communion Hymn: TASTE AND SEE

Musical notation for the Communion Hymn: Taste and See, featuring a two-part setting (Soprano and Bass) in G major. The lyrics are: Taste and see, taste and see the good-ness of the Lord. Oh, taste and see, taste and see the good-ness of the Lord, of the Lord.

Musical notation for the Communion Hymn: Taste and See, featuring a single melodic line in G major. The lyrics are: 1 I will bless the Lord at all times. Praise shall al-ways be on my lips; my soul shall glo-ry in the Lord; for God has been so good to me. 2 Glo-ri - fy the Lord with me. To - geth-er let us all praise God's name. I called the Lord, who an - swered me; from all my trou-bles I was set free. 3 Wor-ship the Lord, all you peo - ple. You'll want for noth-ing if you ask. Taste and see that the Lord is good; in God we need put all our trust.

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Communion Hymn: LORD JESUS, YOU SHALL BE MY SONG

1 *Jé - sus, je vou - drais te chan - ter sur ma rou - te;*
1 Lord Je - sus, you shall be my song as I jour - ney;
2 Lord Je - sus, I'll praise you as long as I jour - ney.
3 As long as I live, Je - sus, make me your ser - vant,
4 I fear in the dark and the doubt of my jour - ney;

Jé - sus, je vou - drais t'an-non-cer à mes voi - sins par - tout,
I'll tell ev - 'ry - bod - y a - bout you wher - ev - er I go:
May all of my joy be a faith - ful re - flec - tion of you.
to car - ry your cross and to share all your bur - dens and tears.
but cour - age will come with the sound of your steps by my side.

car toi seul es la vie et la paix et l'a - mour:
you a - lone are our life and our peace and our love.
May the earth and the sea and the sky join my song.
For you saved me by giv - ing your bod - y and blood.
And with all of the fam - 'ly you saved by your love,

Jé - sus, je vou - drais te chan - ter sur ma rou - te.
Lord Je - sus, you shall be my song as I jour - ney.
Lord Je - sus, I'll praise you as long as I jour - ney.
As long as I live, Je - sus, make me your ser - vant.
we'll sing to your dawn at the end of our jour - ney.

Text: Les Pwtites Souers de Jésus and L'Arche Community; tr. Stephen Somerville, b. 1931. Music: LES PETITES SOEURS, Les Petites Soeurs de Jésus and L'Arche Community. Text and music ©1987 Les Petites Soeurs de Jésus, admin. Augsburg Fortress. Tr. © 1970 Stephen Somerville, admin. Augsburg Fortress.

Communion Hymn: IN THE LORD I'LL BE EVER THANKFUL

In the Lord I'll be ev - er thank - ful, in the Lord I will re -

joice! Look to God, do not be a - fraid. Lift up your

voic - es, the Lord is near. Lift up your voic - es, the Lord is near.

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Communion Hymn: NOW THANK WE ALL OUR GOD

1 Now thank we all our God with hearts and hands and voic - es,
2 Oh, may this boun - teous God through all our life be near us,
3 All praise and thanks to God the Fa - ther now be giv - en,

who won - drous things has done, in whom this world re - joic - es;
with ev - er joy - ful hearts and bless - ed peace to cheer us,
the Son, and Spir - it blest, who reign in high - est heav - en,

who, from our moth - ers' arms, has blest us on our way
and keep us all in grace, and guide us when per - plexed,
the one e - ter - nal God, whom earth and heav'n a - dore;

with count - less gifts of love, and still is ours to - day.
and free us from all harm in this world and the next.
for thus it was, is now, and shall be ev - er - more.

Text: Martin Rinkhart, 1586–1649; tr. Catherine Winkworth, 1827–1878. Music: NUN DANKET ALLE GOTT, Johann Crüger, 1598–1662.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

AM: Let us pray.

God of wisdom,
with the bread of life and cup of salvation
you unite us with Christ,
and make us one with all your people.
Now send us forth in the power of your Spirit,
that we may proclaim your redeeming love to the world
and continue forever in the risen life
of Jesus Christ, our Lord.

Amen.

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

BLESSING

PM: Almighty God, + Holy One, Holy Three,
bless you now and forever.

Amen.

DISMISSAL

AM: Go in peace. Bear witness to the good news of Jesus Christ!

Thanks be to God.

SENDING SONG

Canticle of the Turning (ELW 723)

1 My soul cries out with a joy - ful shout that the
2 Though I am small, my . . . God, my all, you . . .
3 From the halls of pow'r to the for - tress tow'r, not a
4 Though the na - tions rage from . . age to age, we re -

God of my heart is great, and my spir - it sings of the
work great . . things in me, and your mer - cy will last from the
stone will be left on stone. Let the king be - ware for your
mem - ber who holds us fast: God's mer - cy must de -

won - drous things that you bring to the ones who wait.
depths of the past to the end of the age to be.
jus - tice tears ev - 'ry ty - rant . . . from his throne.
liv - er us from the con - quer - or's crush - ing grasp.

You fixed your sight on your ser - vant's plight, and my
Your ver - y name puts the proud to shame, and to
The hun - gry poor shall . . weep no more, for the
This sav - ing word that our fore - bears heard is the

weak - ness you did not spurn, so from east to west shall my
those who would for you yearn, you will show your might, put the
food they can nev - er earn; there are ta - bles spread, ev - 'ry
prom - ise which holds us bound, till the spear and rod can be

name be blest. Could the world be a - bout to turn?
strong to flight, for the world is a - bout to turn.
mouth be fed, for the world is a - bout to turn.
crushed by God, who is turn - ing the world a - round.

Refrain

My heart shall sing of the day you bring. Let the fires of your jus - tice burn.

Wipe a - way all tears, for the dawn draws near, and the world is a - bout to turn.

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POSTLUDE

Celebrate (Keith Hampton)

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The Rev. Yehiel Curry was installed as the presiding bishop of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America (ELCA) on Oct. 4, 2025.

Prior to his role as Presiding Bishop, he served as bishop of the ELCA Metropolitan Chicago Synod, where he led a synod staff and 160 congregations by providing pastoral care, preaching, teaching, administering sacraments, and overseeing ordinations and installations. Curry was the recipient of LSTC’s Distinguished Alumni Emerging Voice Award in 2017 and the Distinguished Service Award in 2022. He was elected synod bishop in 2019 and reelected in spring 2025. Curry chaired the ELCA Conference of Bishops, fostering ecumenical relationships and theological engagement across the Lutheran communion.

Curry also served as the mission developer (2007–2012) and pastor (2013–2019) of Shekinah Chapel Lutheran Church in Riverdale, Ill. He earned a Bachelor of Arts from Lewis University in Romeoville, Ill., and a Master of Divinity from the Lutheran School of Theology at Chicago. He and his wife, LaShonda, are the proud parents of three daughters.

◇ ACADEMIC DRESS ◇

The academic gown comes from the 12th century. While it originally may have been worn as a protection against the cold of unheated buildings, today it has become a symbol of the democracy of scholarship, for it covers any dress of rank or social standing. The gowns and hoods worn by the faculty indicate the degree held, the subject in which it is held, and the institution granting it. Pointed hoods indicate a master’s degree; longer, rounded hoods the doctor’s degree. The velvet trim indicates the field of study: red (theology), violet (European theology), dark blue (philosophy), pink (music), lemon (library science), and white (arts and letters). The lining indicates the school granting the degree. Gowns also represent the degree. Doctor’s gowns are most often black with velvet bands on the front and three on the sleeves, though some universities have distinctive gowns: Harvard, crimson; Yale, blue, Chicago, rust, etc. Caps often differ. Traditional mortarboards indicate a master’s degree (red tassel for theology) or a doctor’s degree (gold tassel).

◇ THE PRESIDENTIAL MEDALLION ◇

As a sign of the office of the president, the Presidential Medallion is worn by the president at official academic events. Such occasions include the opening of the school year, graduation, and academic convocations.

◇ THE SIGNIFICANCE OF THE MACE ◇

The mace carried by the marshal is a symbol of the faculty’s right to teach. The phoenix arising from the broken crown of thorns, surmounted by a silver cross, represents the central Christian confession: the cross and resurrection of Jesus as the primary basis of all hope and authority. The mace, a gift from Christ Seminary–Seminex, was first carried at the commencement in 1975.

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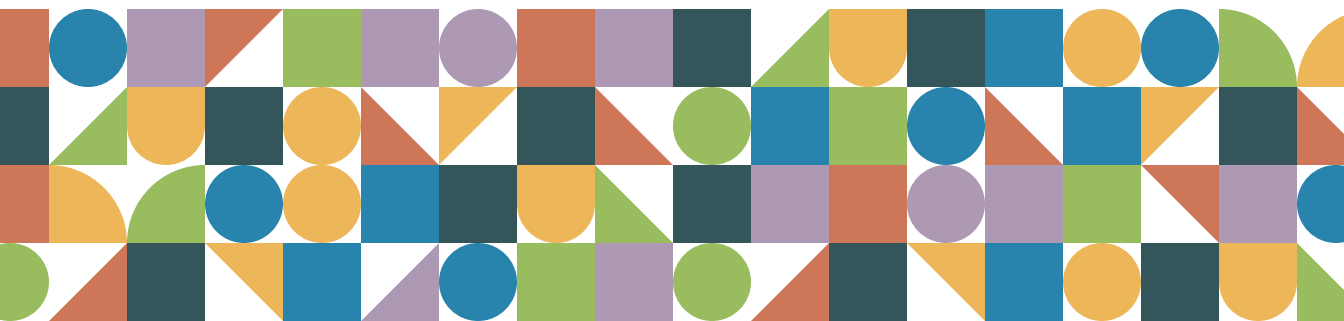
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Please plan to join us tomorrow, November 15, 2025, 9 am–noon, for

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