

The Festival Service
Commemorating The



ANNIVERSARY

of

Concordia Lutheran College

and

Concordia High School

Edmonton

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Alberta

1921- -1971

**Reformation Sunday, October 31st, 1971
3:00 p.m.**

"LEARNING BEYOND KNOWLEDGE"

THE ANNIVERSARY SERVICE

OF

THANKSGIVING AND PRAISE

(The Service is an adaptation of the Order of the Office of Compline, which dates back many centuries. It is used today in this service of thanksgiving and praise, commemorating the close of Concordia's first fifty years of service and our Lord's generous blessings on His church in western Canada.)

THE SERVICE PRELUDE

"A Mighty Fortress" Martin Luther

THE PROCESSIONAL PRELUDE

"O Bless Our God, Ye People" Schroth
(The Assembly rises for the processional)

THE CALL TO WORSHIP

THE ANNIVERSARY HYMN

"In This Time of Celebration" Stocker

1. In this time of celebration
Can we raise a banner small?
Must our love and dedication
Not demand we give our all?

Refrain: Sing, God's people! Songs of always;
Let the earth bud forth in praise.
For His past love and His present,
Joy until the peaceful days!

2. In this time of celebration
Can we doubt Him, souls afraid?
Must we not exist in trusting,
Free to live the debt He paid?

Refrain:

3. Though our labour and our vision
Falter and fail as in the night,
Our Protector guides our footsteps,
Granting His ne'er failing Light.

Refrain:

4. To the all-creating Father,
To the condescending Son,
And the sanctifying Presence,
Let our songs of love be sung.

Refrain:

THE PSALM **Psalm 134**

OFFICIANT: Have mercy upon us, O God, and hearken unto our prayer.

CONGREGATION: Behold, bless ye the Lord, all ye servants of the Lord; which by night stand in the house of the Lord. Lift up your hands in the sanctuary; and bless the Lord. The Lord that made heaven and earth; bless thee out of Zion.
Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost; as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

OFFICIANT: Have mercy upon us, O God, and hearken unto our prayer.

THE SCRIPTURE LESSON **Ephesians 1, 3-12**

THE ANTHEM

"Blessing, Glory, Wisdom" G. G. Wagner

THE OFFICE OF COMPLINE

OFFICIANT: The Lord Almighty grant us peaceful days and a perfect end.

CONGREGATION: Amen.

THE SHORT LESSON

I am the Light of the world; he that followeth Me shall not walk in darkness, but shall have the Light of Life.

OFFICIANT: But Thou, O Lord, have mercy upon us.

CONGREGATION: Thanks be to God.

OFFICIANT: Our help is in the name of the Lord.

CONGREGATION: Who made heaven and earth.

OFFICIANT: Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost.

CONGREGATION: As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

THE OFFICE HYMN

"God the Father, Son, and Spirit" W. G. Polack

1. God, the Father, Son, and Spirit
Ever blessed Trinity,
Humbly now our thanks we offer,
All unworthy tho' we be.
Freely Thou hast showered blessings,
Countless as the ocean's sands,
Blessings rich and overflowing,
On the labors of our hands.
2. Grant that we Thy Word may cherish
And its purity retain.
Lord, unless Thou art the Builder,
All our labor is in vain.
Keep us from all pride and boasting,
Vanity and foolish trust,
Knowing that our work without Thee
Soon will crumble into dust.
3. God of grace and love and blessing,
Thine alone shall be the praise;
Give us hearts to trust Thee truly,
Hands to serve Thee all our days.
Lord, bestow Thy future blessing
Till we join the heav'nly host,
There to praise and serve Thee ever,
Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

THE SERMON

THE LITTLE CHAPTER

OFFICIANT: Thou, O Lord, art in the midst of us, and we are called by Thy Name; leave us not, O Lord, our God.

CONGREGATION: Thanks be to God.

OFFICIANT: Into Thy hands, O Lord, I commend my spirit.

CONGREGATION: Into Thy hands, O Lord.

OFFICIANT: Keep me, O Lord, as the Apple of Thine eye.

CONGREGATION: Hide me under the shadow of Thy wings.

THE NUNC DIMITTIS

ANTIPHON BY OFFICIANT: And I heard the voice of a great multitude, saying, ALLELUIA: for the Lord God omnipotent reigneth.

CHORAL RESPONSE: "Alleluia" R. Thompson

CONGREGATION: Lord, now lettest Thou Thy servant depart in peace, according to Thy Word. For mine eyes have seen Thy Salvation, which Thou hast prepared before the face of all people, a Light to lighten the Gentiles and the Glory of Thy people Israel. Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost; as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

OFFICIANT: And I heard the voice of a great multitude, saying, Alleluia: For the Lord God omnipotent reigneth.

CONGREGATION: Lord, have mercy upon us.
Christ, have mercy upon us.
Lord, have mercy upon us.
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. Amen.

THE CONFESSION

CONGREGATION: I confess to God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Ghost, and before all the company of heaven, that I have sinned in thought, word and deed, through my fault, my own fault, my own most grievous fault; wherefore I pray Almighty God to have mercy upon me, to forgive me all my sins, and to make clean my heart within me.

OFFICIANT: May the almighty and merciful Lord grant pardon and forgiveness of all our sins, grace for true repentance, amendment of life, and the comfort of the Holy Spirit.

CONGREGATION: Amen.

THE HYMN

"Now Thank We All Our God" Rinckart

1. Now thank we all our God
With heart and hands and voices,
Who wondrous things hath done,
In Whom His world rejoices;
Who from our mother's arms
Hath blessed us on our way
With countless gifts of love,
And still is ours today.
2. Oh, may this bounteous God
Thro' all our life be near us,
With ever joyful hearts
And blessed peace to cheer us
And keep us in His grace
And guide us when perplexed
And free us from all ills
In this world and the next!
3. All praise and thanks to God
The Father now be given,
The Son, and Him who reigns
With them in highest heaven;
The one eternal God,
Whom earth and heav'n adore!
For thus it was, is now,
And shall be evermore. Amen.

THE SUFFRAGES

OFFICIANT: Blessed art Thou, O Lord God of our fathers.

CONGREGATION: And greatly to be praised and glorified forever.

OFFICIANT: Bless we the Father and the Son and the Holy Ghost.

CONGREGATION: We praise and magnify Him forever.

OFFICIANT: For the years that we have spent at this school.

CONGREGATION: O Lord, we thank Thee.

OFFICIANT: For the blessings of Thy grace in our spiritual lives, for renewed joy in our salvation, for the continued strengthening of our faith, for the opportunities of coming before Thy throne together, and for the blessings received through this worship.

CONGREGATION: O Lord, we thank Thee.

OFFICIANT: For the abundant temporal blessings which we have received from Thy bountiful hand.

CONGREGATION: O Lord, we thank Thee.

OFFICIANT: For providing this school, where we can learn to feed Thy lambs, for the professors, and the opportunities to prepare ourselves for more effective service, for the friendship and love of brothers and sisters in Christ, for Thy protecting hand in our travels while we have been at school, for the food and shelter that we have received, for the care and concern of the administration, for all blessings, including even those of which we are unaware.

CONGREGATION: O Lord, we thank Thee.

OFFICIANT: Let us pray . . .

We thank Thee, Lord, for calling us to do the work of Thy Church on earth. Grant us willing hearts and help us to continue our service in whatever place you lead us. Take our lives and let them be consecrated to Thee and to Thy work. May the Holy Spirit guide our ways that, though separated from one another, we may be conscious of the unity which binds us to one another and to all Christians in Jesus Christ, our Savior, in whose name we pray.

CONGREGATION: Amen.

OFFICIANT: Let us bless the Lord.

CONGREGATION: Thanks be to God.

OFFICIANT: May the almighty and merciful Lord, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, bless and preserve us this day and forevermore.

CONGREGATION: Amen.

OFFICIANT: The divine help remain with us always.

CONGREGATION: And with our absent brethren. Amen.

THE CHORAL BENEDICTION

"The Lord Bless You And Keep You" Lutkin

THE ANNIVERSARY OFFERING

ANNIVERSARY GREETINGS and ANNOUNCEMENTS

THE RECESSIONAL

THE PARTICIPANTS

THE PREACHER: The Rev. Dr. Harold A. Merklinger, D.D.
President, Lutheran Church — Canada

THE OFFICIANT: The Rev. Roland A. Frantz
President, Concordia Lutheran College

THE LECTOR: The Rev. Arthur Gehring
Pastor, St. Matthew Lutheran Church,
Stony Plain, Alberta

THE CHOIR: Concordia College Choir, directed by David Stocker,
Ph.D., Assistant Professor of Music

THE ORGANIST: Miss Marvelyn Schwermann, Music Director at
St. Peter's Lutheran Church, Edmonton, Alberta

THE CALL TO WORSHIP: The Rev. Dr. A. H. Schwermann, President
of Concordia College from 1921 - 1953

HISTORICAL HIGHLIGHTS

- 1921—Concordia College was founded with two buildings in the 98th St. and 110th Ave. area. The opening service was held on October 31, 1921. Concordia's first president was Dr. A. H. Schwermann.
- 1924—The present campus was purchased.
- 1925—Co-education was introduced at Concordia.
- 1926—The former administration building and men's dormitory were dedicated on January 10.
- 1939—The provincial course of studies was introduced and high school accreditation was achieved.
- 1953—The gymnasium-auditorium was dedicated on April 12.
- 1954—Rev. Walter Wangerin was installed as Concordia's second president.
- 1956—The women's dormitory was dedicated on April 29.
- 1959—Guild Hall, named in honor of the Concordia Women's Guild, was dedicated on April 19.
- 1960—Rev. Roland Frantz was installed as Concordia's third president.
- 1963—The president's house, built in 1957, was remodeled into the women's dormitory annex.
—Dr. Schwermann retired from Concordia's faculty after 42 years of service.
- 1965—Concordia's chapel was remodeled and furnished by the Concordia Guild.
- 1966—Prof. John Herreilers retired from Concordia's faculty after 44 years of service.
- 1967—A new cafeteria was built, and the dining hall was enlarged.
- 1968—Concordia College became the fifth junior college in the province of Alberta to become affiliated with the University of Alberta.
- 1969—The men's dormitory was completely remodeled and modernized.
- 1970—In its fiftieth academic year Concordia had a record enrolment of 192 students.
—In November Prof. Arnold Guebert was called to his eternal home after 42 years of service at Concordia.
- 1971—On this day, October 31, Concordia looks back on fifty years in which it has experienced God's grace and guidance and has served the church and the people of western Canada; hopefully, it is a day also on which we shall all rededicate ourselves to the opportunity and challenge for continued educational service in the future.

*The members of Aid Association for Lutherans
are pleased to share with you the joy of
this occasion as Concordia College, Edmonton,
completes 50 years of service to
The Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod
and Lutherans in western Canada.
God's richest blessings to each of you.*



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