

SIXTY-SECOND HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATION

May 19-20, 1989



Concordia College Edmonton

Schedule of Events

Friday, May 19, 1989

Baccalaureate Worship Service

7:30 p.m.
Concordia Lutheran Church
5420 - 19A Avenue

Saturday, May 20, 1989

Commencement Exercises

11:00 a.m.
Front Lawn
Concordia College

If weather inclement:

11:30 a.m.
Concordia Lutheran Church
5420 - 19A Avenue

Graduation Banquet

6:00 p.m.
Hilton International Hotel
10235 - 101 Street
(please bring ticket for entrance)

The Order of Worship

PRELUDE

PROCESSIONAL HYMN

LW 311
(Stand)

Lift High the Cross

Refrain: Lift high the cross,
the love of Christ proclaim
Till all the world adore
his sacred name.

1. Come, Christians, follow where our captain trod,
Our king victorious, Christ, the Son of God.

Refrain

2. Led on their way by this triumphant sign,
The hosts of God in conqu'ring ranks combine.

Refrain

3. All newborn soldiers of the crucified
Bear on their brows the seal of him who died.

Refrain

4. O Lord, once lifted on the glorious tree,
Raise us, and let your cross the magnet be.

Refrain

5. So shall our song of triumph ever be:
Praise to the Crucified for victory!

Refrain

OPENING VERSICLE (responsively)

Jesus Christ is the Light of the World
The light no darkness can overcome.

Stay with us, Lord, for it is evening,
As you have guarded us during the light of this day.

Let your light scatter the darkness,
And illumine our hearts.

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

EVENING PRAYER

FIRST LESSON

Isaiah 40:27-31

PSALM 103 (responsively)

Praise the Lord, O my soul;
all my inmost being, praise his holy name.

*Praise the Lord, O my soul,
and forget not all his benefits.*

He forgives all my sins
and heals all my diseases;

*he redeems my life from the pit
and crowns me with love and compassion.*

He satisfies my desires with good things,
so that my youth is renewed like the eagle's.

*The Lord works righteousness
and justice for all the oppressed.*

He made known his ways to Moses,
his deeds to the people of Israel:

*The Lord is compassionate and gracious,
slow to anger, abounding in love.*

He will not always accuse,
nor will he harbor his anger forever;

*he does not treat us as our sins deserve
or repay us according to our iniquities.*

For as high as the heavens are above the earth,
so great is his love for those who fear him;

*as far as the east is from the west,
so far has he removed our transgressions from us.*

As a father has compassion on his children,
so the Lord has compassion on those who fear him;

*for he knows how we are formed,
he remembers that we are dust.*

As for man, his days are like grass,
he flourishes like a flower of the field;

*the wind blows over it and it is gone,
and its place remembers it no more.*

But from everlasting to everlasting
the Lord's love is with those who fear him,
and his righteousness with their children's
children —

*with those who keep his covenant
and remember to obey his precepts.*

The Lord has established his throne in heaven,
and his kingdom rules over all.

*Praise the Lord, you his angels,
you mighty ones who do his bidding, who
obey his word.*

Praise the Lord, all his heavenly hosts,
you his servants who do his will.

*Praise the Lord, all his works
everywhere in his dominion.
Praise the Lord, O my soul.*

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

SECOND LESSON

2 Corinthians 5:16-18

HYMN

Seek Ye First

1. Seek ye first the Kingdom of God,
and His righteousness;
And all these things shall be added unto you.
Allelu, alleluia.
2. Ask, and it shall be given unto you,
seek, and ye shall find,
knock, and the door shall be opened unto you.
Allelu, alleluia.
3. Man does not live by bread alone,
but by ev'ry word
that proceeds from the mouth of the Lord.
Allelu, alleluia.

THE HOLY GOSPEL

Matthew 28:16-20

SERMON HYMN

LBW 552

In Thee Is Gladness

1. In thee is gladness Amid all sadness,
Jesus, sunshine of my heart.
By thee are given The gifts of heaven,
Thou the true redeemer art.
Our souls thou wakest; Our bonds thou
bakest.
Who trusts thee surely Has built securely
And stands forever; Alleluia!
Our hearts are pining To see thy shining,
Dying or living, To thee are cleaving;
Naught us can sever: Alleluia!

2. If he is ours, . . . We fear no powers,
Not of earth or sin or death.
He sees and blesses In worst distresses;
He can change them with a breath.
Wherefore the story Tell of his glory
With heart and voices; All heav'n rejoices
In him forever: Alleluia!
We shout for gladness, Triumph o'er sadness,
Love him and praise him, And still shall raise him
Glad hymns forever: Alleluia!

SERMON

"Forever Young"
Text: Psalm 103:1-5

OFFERING

BACCALAUREATE PRAYER

THE LORD'S PRAYER

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.

THE BLESSING

RECESSIONAL HYMN

LW 328

Thy Strong Word

1. Thy strong Word did cleave the darkness;
At thy speaking it was done.
For created light we thank thee,
While thine ordered seasons run.
Alleluia, alleluia!
Praise to thee, who light dost send!
Alleluia, alleluia!
Alleluia without end!
2. Lo, on those who dwelt in darkness,
Dark as night and deep as death,
Broke the light of thy salvation,
Breathed thine own life-giving breath.
Alleluia, alleluia!
Praise to thee who light dost send!
Alleluia, alleluia!
Alleluia without end!
3. Thy strong Word bespeaks us righteous;
Bright with thine own holiness,
Glorious now, we press toward glory,
And our lives our hopes confess.
Alleluia, alleluia!
Praise to thee who light dost send!
Alleluia, alleluia!
Alleluia without end!
4. From the cross thy wisdom shining
Breaketh forth in conqu'ring might;
From the cross forever beameth
All thy bright redeeming light.
Alleluia, alleluia!
Praise to thee who light dost send!
Alleluia, alleluia!
Alleluia without end!

5. Give us lips to sing thy glory,
Tongues thy mercy to proclaim,
Throats that shout the hope that fills us,
Mouths to speak thy holy name.
Alleluia, alleluia!
May the light which thou dost send
Fill our songs with alleluias
Alleluias without end.
6. God the Father, light-creator,
To thee laud and honor be.
To thee, Light of Light begotten,
Praise be sung eternally.
Holy Spirit, light-revealer,
Glory, glory be to thee.
Mortals, angels, now and ever
Praise the holy Trinity!

A reception follows in the Church Hall. ALL ARE WELCOME!

THE PARTICIPANTS

PRESIDING MINISTER Rev. Richard Kraemer

ASSISTING MINISTER Rev. Mark Sallach
Concordia Lutheran Church

PREACHER Rev. Wayne Stuhlmiller
Dean of Student Affairs

READERS Robert Zalitach
Allan Turner

CRUCIFER Mark Olson

CANDLE BEARERS Jodiene Frunchak
Kimberly Kuik

ORGANIST Prof. Gordon Hafso

This evening's offering has been designated for the ongoing needs of Concordia College.

Please save this program for tomorrow morning's Commencement Exercises.

The Sixty-Second Graduation

PROCESSIONAL (Stand)

NATIONAL ANTHEM

O Canada! Our home and native land!
True patriot love in all thy sons command
With glowing hearts we see thee rise
The true north, strong and free!
From far and wide, O Canada,
We stand on guard for thee.

God keep our land glorious and free!
O Canada, we stand on guard for thee,
O Canada, we stand on guard for thee.

INVOCATION Rev. Wayne Stuhlmiller
Dean of Students

SALUTATORY ADDRESS Robert Zalitach

HYMN LW 398

God of Grace and God of Glory

1. God of grace and God of glory,
On your people pour your pow'r;
Crown your ancient church's story;
Bring its bud to glorious flow'r.
Grant us wisdom, grant us courage
For the facing of this hour,
For the facing of this hour.

2. Lo, the hosts of evil round us
Scorn the Christ, assail his ways!
From the fears that long have bound us
Free our hearts to faith and praise.
Grant us wisdom, grant us courage
For the living of these days,
For the living of these days.

3. Cure your children's warring madness;
Bend our pride to your control;
Shame our wanton, selfish gladness,
Rich in things and poor in soul.
Grant us wisdom, grant us courage
Lest we miss your kingdom's goal,
Lest we miss your kingdom's goal.

4. Save us from weak resignation
To the evils we deplore;
Let the gift of your salvation
Be our glory evermore.
Grant us wisdom, grant us courage
Serving you whom we adore,
Serving you whom we adore.

INTRODUCTION OF THE COMMENCEMENT SPEAKER

Dr. Judith C. Meier
Dean of Academic Affairs

COMMENCEMENT ADDRESS *"No More Teachers!?"*

Rev. Warren Steckelberg, Pastor
St. Peter's Lutheran Church, Edmonton

AWARDING OF THE DIPLOMAS

Mr. Neil Fenske, High School Principal
Rev. Richard Kraemer, Acting President

VALEDICTORY ADDRESS

Kimberly Kuik

CHRISTO ET ECCLESIAE AWARD

Presented to Rev. Lester H. Gierach by
Rev. Richard Kraemer, Acting President

ALUMNI ASSOCIATION WELCOME

Rev. Larry MacKay

ALMA MATER

Far above Saskatchewan's waters
with its waves of blue,
Stands our noble Alma Mater,
Glorious to view.

Lift the chorus, speed it onward.
Loud her praises tell;
Hail to thee! Our Alma Mater,
Hail, Concordia, hail!

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Rev. Richard Kraemer

PRAYER AND BENEDICTION

RECESSIONAL

*Lunch will be served in the Cafeteria following the
Commencement Exercises. EVERYONE IS WELCOME!*

The Class of 1989

AMICHAND, Clayton Paul	Edmonton, AB	LEE, Cathleen Sze Man	Hong Kong
BEACH, Christopher John Wesley	Burns Lake, BC	LEE, Christina Ellen	Hong Kong
BREAULT, Natalie Therese	Edmonton, AB	LEETI, Gregory Peter	Sherwood Park, AB
BURDEN, Ryan Spencer	St. Albert, AB	LEUNG, Doris	Hong Kong
CAMERON, Christopher Evan	Edmonton, AB	McARA, Denny James	Sherwood Park, AB
CARDINAL, Reginald James	Glenevis, AB	NILSSON, Jeffry Dean	Stony Plain, AB
CHENG, Joshua Yan Chiu	Hong Kong	NOBLE, Christopher Robert	Fort Saskatchewan, AB
CURRIE, Hiroki James	Edmonton, AB	OLSON, Mark Christopher	Whitecourt, AB
FISHER, Sherlyn Elizabeth	Edmonton, AB	ONYSKIW, Jason Eric Lloyd	St. Albert, AB
FRUNCHAK, Jodiene Jeanette	Stony Plain, AB	PATON, Michelle Sabina	Olds, AB
GOERZ, Kevin James	Swan Hills, AB	PILLAY, Karina	Slave Lake, AB
GOH, Douglas	Brunei, AB	PLUNZ, Darren Allan	La Ronge, SK
GRAHAM, Christopher Scott	Edmonton, AB	POOL, Nadine	Edmonton, AB
GUNDERMANN, Mark	Edmonton, AB	RENTZ, Jeffrey Douglas	Edmonton, AB
HENNIG, Susan Claire	Calgary, AB	ROUSU, Matthew Christopher	Edmonton, AB
JACOBSON, Theresa Marie	Edmonton, AB	SCHNEIDER, Tobias Gebhardt	Edmonton, AB
JESCHKE, Scott Bradley	Edmonton, AB	SHEPHERD, Lorna Ann	Edmonton, AB
JESSOME, Jacqueline Lee	Rainbow Lake, AB	STUHLMILLER, Keir Noelle	Edmonton, AB
KEHLER, David Carl	Edmonton, AB	SULLIVAN, Cassandra Alexandra	Edmonton, AB
KELSCH, Serena Amber	Edmonton, AB	TEMKE, Catharine Dawn	Sherwood Park, AB
KOLMATYCKI, Trevor Myron	Edmonton, AB	TOPPING, Carl Robert	Spruce Grove, AB
KONDLA, Stacey Ruth	Calgary, AB	TORSTENSEN, Leanne Mae	Edmonton, AB
KOPPÉ, Kim-Rebecca	St. Albert, AB	TURNER, William Allan	Edmonton, AB
KOPPÉ, Kristiena Laura	St. Albert, AB	WICHMANN, Leanne Natalie	Sherwood Park, AB
KUHN, Tracy Lynette Valene	Mundare, AB	WONG, Lisa Lai Shan	Hong Kong
KUIK, Kimberly Dawn	Edmonton, AB	YIP, Chi Leung Sammy	Edmonton, AB
KUYPERS, Martina Maria	Sherwood Park, AB	ZALITACH, Robert Thomas	Fort Saskatchewan, AB
LATHAM, Jocelyn Diane	Spruce Grove, AB	ZAWITKOSKI, Duane Edward	Edmonton, AB
LAWS, Jennifer Dawn	Edmonton, AB		

Christo Et Ecclesiae Award

The Christo Et Ecclesiae Award is presented annually by the Board of Regents of Concordia College to an individual whose life has exemplified commitment to Christ and His Church. This year's recipient is Rev. Lester H.E. Gierach of Edmonton, who retired in 1987 following twenty years of service to the Alberta-British Columbia District as its Executive Secretary.

Pastor Gierach was born in Thiensville, Wisconsin, and received his post-secondary education at Concordia College, Milwaukee, Wisconsin, and Concordia Seminary, St. Louis, graduating in 1946. Following a vicarage in Janesville, Wisconsin, he began his ministry at the Fairview-Hines Creek Parish in Alberta. He then accepted calls to congregations in Victoria and Cloverdale, B.C., before joining the District Office staff as Executive Secretary in 1967. Zion Lutheran School in Cloverdale was founded during Pastor Gierach's ministry.

Les Gierach consistently provided leadership to Alberta-British Columbia District congregations, both to new ones being established and older parishes experiencing difficulties of one sort or another. He was instrumental in assisting congregations to become financially self-supporting, especially through his teaching of the "David Plan." Though retired, Pastor Gierach continues to serve the Church as a vacancy pastor for Bethany Lutheran congregation in Fort Saskatchewan.

There are five Gierach children: Lester (Beijing, China); Gloria McQueen (Chicago); Leonard (Edmonton); Raymond (Detroit); Lynette Willie (Edmonton).