



Opening Service

August 21, 2023 | Mankato, Minnesota



Opening of the Academic Year

*Indicates all may stand

Prelude

***Procession of the Faculty and Opening Hymn:**

(ALL) Come Holy Ghost, God and Lord – ELH 2 (Evangelical Lutheran Hymnary)

1. Come, Holy Ghost, God and Lord!

Be all Thy graces now outpoured
On each believer's mind and heart;
Thy fervent love to them impart.
Lord, by the brightness of Thy light
Thou in the faith dost men unite
Of ev'ry land and ev'ry tongue;
This to Thy praise, O Lord, our God, be sung.
Alleluia! Alleluia!

2. Thou holy Light, Guide Divine,

Oh, cause the Word of life to shine.
Teach us to know our God aright
And call Him Father with delight.
From ev'ry error keep us free;
Let none but Christ our Master be
That we in living faith abide,
In Him, our Lord, with all our might confide.
Alleluia! Alleluia!

3. Thou holy Fire, Comfort true,

Grant us the will Thy work to do
And in Thy service to abide;
Let trials turn us not aside.
Lord, by Thy power prepare each heart,
And to our weakness strength impart
That bravely here we may contend,
Through life and death to Thee,
our Lord, ascend.
Alleluia! Alleluia!

***Versicles (Psalm 51:15 and Psalm 70:1) and Gloria Patri**

P: O Lord, o - pen my lips. C: And my mouth shall show forth Your praise.

P: Make haste, O God, to de - liv - er me. C: Make haste to help me, O Lord.

Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Ho-ly Ghost. As it was in the beginning, is

now, and ev- er shall be: for- ev- er- more. A- men. Al- le- lu- ia!

Hymn (Choir): All Those Who Trust in Christ (Jerusalem) H. Parry, 1916

All those who trust in Christ are blest
 And find in Him eternal rest;
 This world's allurements we despise
 And fix on Christ alone our eyes.
 Through Him we heirs of heav'n are made;
 O Brother, Christ, extend Thine aid
 That we may firmly trust in Thee,
 And through Thee live eternally.

O Christ, our Savior, Helper Friend,
 Be with us till our journey's end.
 In mercy guide us by Thy grace
 Till we behold Thy glorious face.
 Though Satan rage, His pow'r is gone
 His thundering roar can harm us none
 Our strong Defender hurls him down,
 And wins for us a heav'nly crown.

Author unknown, 1607; 2. K. Stolshagen, 1550-94

Lesson: Colossians 2:6-10

As you therefore have received Christ Jesus the Lord, so walk in Him, rooted and built up in Him and established in the faith, as you have been taught, abounding in it with thanksgiving. Beware lest anyone cheat you through philosophy and empty deceit, according to the tradition of men, according to the basic principles of the world, and not according to Christ. For in Him dwells all the fullness of the Godhead bodily; and you are complete in Him, who is the head of all principality and power.

Hymn: Lord, Open Thou My Heart – ELH 24

**1. Lord, open Thou my heart to hear
And through Thy Word to me draw near;
Let me Thy Word e'er pure retain;
Let me Thy child and heir remain.**

Choir: High Amid...

**2. Thy Word doth deeply move the heart,
Thy Word doth perfect health impart,
Thy Word my soul with joy doth bless,
The Word brings peace and happiness.**

Choir: When we leave...

**3. To God the Father, God the son,
And God the Spirit, Three in One,
Shall glory, praise, and honor be
Now and throughout eternity.**

Choir: The Bethany Song by S.C. Ylvisaker
High amid the trees you stand,
Bethany, O guide of youth,
Pointing up with kindly hand,
Filling heart and mind with truth.
When we leave your sheltered side,
May we all your hopes fulfill
May your lessons e'er abide,
May your hand point upward still.

President's Address: Dr. Gene Pfeifer, *President*

Installation of New Faculty and Staff: Rev. Don Moldstad, *Director of Campus Spiritual Life*
David Paulson – Assistant Professor, Music
Emma Purfeerst – Head Coach, Women's Basketball

Presentation of Scholarships: Dr. Jason Lowrey, *Vice President of Academic Affairs*

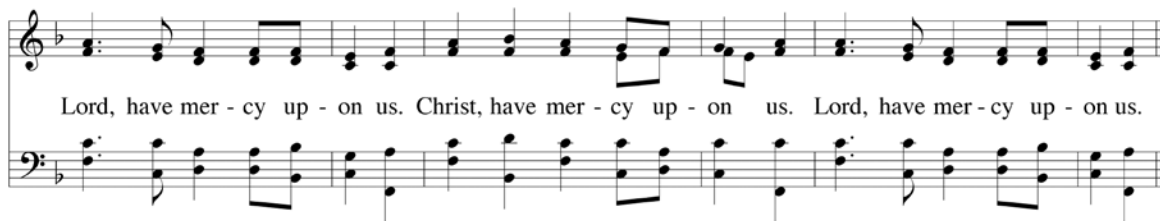
Marvin G. Meyer and S. C. Ylvisaker Scholarship Recipients:

- Sophia Bittorf – Lake Mills, Wisconsin
- Jack DePrey – Sun Prairie,, Wisconsin
- Natalie Hennig – New Ulm, Minnesota
- Allison Rygh – Lake Mills, Iowa
- Aaron Stewart – Eagle Lake, Minnesota

***Canticle:** All Glory Be to God on High – ELH 35:1

**1. All glory be to God on high,
Who hath our race befriended!
To us no harm shall now come nigh,
The strife at last is ended.
God showeth His good will to men,
And peace shall reign on earth again;
O thank Him for His goodness!**

***Kyrie Eleison**



Lord, have mer - cy up - on us. Christ, have mer - cy up - on us. Lord, have mer - cy up - on us.

The image shows a musical score for the Kyrie Eleison. It consists of two staves: a treble clef staff on top and a bass clef staff on the bottom. The key signature is one flat (B-flat). The melody is written in the treble staff, and the bass line is in the bass staff. The lyrics are written below the treble staff, aligned with the notes. The lyrics are: "Lord, have mer - cy up - on us. Christ, have mer - cy up - on us. Lord, have mer - cy up - on us."

*Lord's Prayer

Our Fa-ther who art in heav-en; Hal-low-ed be Thy name; Thy king-dom come
Thy will be done on earth, as it is in heav-en; Give us this day our dai-ly bread;
and for-give us our tres-pass-es, as we for-give those who tres-pass a-gainst us;
And lead us not in-to temp-ta-tion; But de-liv-er us from e-vil;
For Thine is the king-dom, and the pow-er and the glo-ry for-ev-er and ev-er.

A - - - - - men.

*Collect for the Opening of the Academic Year

P: Lord God, heavenly Father, We thank you that by Your grace You have given us Your holy and blessed Word, by which You also among us gather Your Holy Christian Church.

We humbly thank You for providing us with an institution of higher learning, where the precious knowledge of Christ our Savior can be confessed and taught. As we begin this academic year, we ask that Your hand of blessing would rest upon teacher and student, that all learning may give glory to Your name, for the edification of Your people and the welfare of our fellow man.

Help us, O God, by Your Holy Spirit, to keep Your Word in pure hearts, that we may be strengthened in Christian faith, perfected in holiness, and comforted in life and in death.

All: Amen.

*Opening of the Academic Year

P: I now declare the Bethany Lutheran College Academic year of 2023–2024 to be in session, in the name of the Father, and of the Son, (+) and of the Holy Spirit.

All: Amen.

*Benedicamus and Benediction

The musical score is written for two voices (Soprano and Bass) and piano accompaniment. It consists of two systems. The first system has a Soprano line with the lyrics "P: Let us bless the Lord. C: Thanks be to God." and a Bass line with a whole rest. The piano accompaniment features a simple harmonic progression. The second system continues the Soprano line with "P: The grace of our Lord Je - sus Christ and the love of God and the com-mun-ion of the Ho - ly Spir - it be with you all." and the Bass line with "men." The piano accompaniment includes a key signature change to C major and a time signature change to 8/8.

*Hymn of Departure: With the Lord Begin Thy Task – ELH 82

1. With the Lord begin thy task;
Jesus will direct it.
For His aid and counsel ask;
Jesus will perfect it.
Ev'ry morn with Jesus rise,
And when day is ended,
In His name then close thine eyes;
Be to Him commended.

2. Let each day begin with prayer,
Praise and adoration.
On the Lord cast ev'ry care;
He is thy salvation.
Morning, evening, and at night
Jesus will be near thee,
Save thee from the Tempters might,
With His presence cheer thee.

3. With the Savior at thy side
Foes need not alarm thee;
In His promised confide,
And no ill can harm thee.
All thy trust do thou repose
In the mighty Master,
Who in wisdom truly knows
How to stem disaster.

4. If thy task by thus begun
With the Savior's blessing,
Safely then thy course will run,
Naught thy soul distressing.
Good will follow everywhere
While thou here must wander.
Thou at last the joy wilt share
In the mansions yonder.

5. Thus, Lord Jesus, ev'ry task
Be to Thee commended;
May Thy will be done, I ask,
Until life is ended.
Jesus, in Thy name begun
Be the day's endeavor.
Grant that it may well be done
To Thy praise forever.

***The Postlude** *(all may remain standing as the faculty process)*

Participants

Liturgist: Chaplain Don Moldstad

Crucifer: Job Wosmek

Choir Director: Prof. David Paulson

Organists: Rev. Prof. Mark DeGarmeaux, Kaleb Schmidt