

WELCOME!

All of us at Concordia feel privileged and proud to be part of your life story, and we encourage you to take a moment to reflect and rejoice. You have done it, and what you have done is a big deal! We are eager to celebrate your accomplishments. Commencement ceremonies are a cherished academic tradition that celebrate a milestone accomplishment for graduates and their families. Welcome to the Concordia University commencement ceremonies!



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COMMENCEMENT EXERCISES

CLASS OF 2023

Saturday, December 16th, 2023

The Prelude

“Rondeau”
J.J. Mouret

Please Stand

The Processional

“Prelude” to *Te Deum*
Marc-Antoine Charpentier

[Gentlemen please remove caps now and throughout the Service]

The Invocation

The Responsive Reading

from Luke 1

P: Mary said, “My soul magnifies the Lord

C: and my spirit rejoices in God my Savior,

P: for He has looked on the humble estate of His servant.

C: For behold, from now on all generations will call me blessed;

P: for He who is mighty has done great things for me,

C: and holy is His name.

P: And his mercy is for those who fear Him

C: from generation to generation.

P: He has shown strength with His arm;

C: He has scattered the proud in the thoughts of their hearts;

P: He has brought down the mighty from their thrones

C: and exalted those of humble estate;

P: He has filled the hungry with good things,

C: and the rich He has sent away empty.

P: He has helped his servant Israel,

C: in remembrance of His mercy;

P: as He spoke to our fathers,

C: to Abraham and to His offspring forever.”

All: 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.

The Hymn of Praise

“Savior of the Nations, Come”
Lutheran Service Book (LSB) 332, selected stanzas

1. Savior of the nations, come; Virgin’s Son, here make Your home!
Marvel now, O heav’n and earth, That the Lord chose such a birth.
3. Here a maid was found with child, Yet remained a virgin mild.
In her womb this truth was shown: God was there upon His throne.

5. God the Father was His source, Back to God He ran His course.
Into hell His road went down, Back then to His throne and crown.
8. Glory to the Father sing, Glory to the Son, our king,
Glory to the Spirit be Now and through eternity.

Please be seated

The Welcome

Erik P. Ankerberg, PhD
President

The Commencement Address

Rev. Dr. Daniel Paavola
Professor of Theology, CUW

The Presentation of Special Awards

Master Educator Award - Elementary Education

Kathy Adams
Trinity Lutheran School, Freistadt, WI

Master Educator Award - Secondary Education

David Black
Lutheran High School, Parker, CO

The Presentation of the Candidates

The Conferring of Degrees

The Student Address

Ms. Sandra Quaintance
*Master of Science in Education
Professional Counseling
Twin Lakes, WI*

Please stand

The Hymn

“Lord, Take My Hand and Lead Me”
LSB 722

1. Lord, take my hand and lead me Upon life’s way;
Direct, protect and feed me From day to day.
Without your grace and favor I go astray;
So take my hand, O Savior, And lead the way.
2. Lord, when the tempest rages, I need not fear;
For you, the Rock of Ages, Are always near.
Close by your side abiding, I fear no foe,
For when your hand is guiding, In peace I go.
3. Lord, when the shadows lengthen And night has come,
I know that you will strengthen My steps toward home,
And nothing can impede me, O blessed Friend!
So take my hand and lead me Unto the end.

The Prayers

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 Benediction

*[Gentlemen put on their caps for the Recessional of faculty and officials.
Students will NOT recess, but are free to meet with family and friends AFTER
the recessional passes by them and out of the Field House.]*

The Recessional

“Trumpet Tune”
H. Purcell

The Postlude

“Die Bankelsangerlieder”
Anonymous

ASSISTING WITH TODAY'S SERVICE

The President

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The Commencement Speaker

Rev. Dr. Daniel Paavola
Professor of Theology, CUW

The Student Speaker

Ms. Sandra Quaintance
Master of Science in Education
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Professor Aaron Moldenhauer, PhD
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Professor Michael Uden, PhD
Professor Jeffrey Walz, PhD

The Concordia Faculty Brass Quintet

Professor Louis A. Menchaca, PhD

THE CANDIDATES FOR GRADUATE DEGREES DECEMBER 2023

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Doctor of Education

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Leadership in Innovation and Continuous Improvement

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Jeffrey Franck

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Shauna Green

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Matthew Moore

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Global Management

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Family Primary Care Nurse
Practitioner

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THE CANDIDATES FOR UNDERGRADUATE DEGREES DECEMBER 2023

Graduation Honors

An undergraduate candidate who achieves a cumulative grade point average of 3.90 or better will graduate *SUMMA CUM LAUDE*; one who achieves a cumulative grade point average of 3.80 or better will graduate *MAGNA CUM LAUDE*; and one who achieves a cumulative grade point average of 3.60 or better will graduate *CUM LAUDE*.

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🇺🇸 = United States Military Veteran ✝ = Church Work Graduate

Bachelor of Arts

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Human Resource Management

Mikayla Amack*
Mass Communication

Stephanie Anderson**
Business Management

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Early Childhood & Elementary Education

Janneke Bannink*
Spanish

Shawn Clermont
Communication & Leadership

Gerald Dohr***
Communication & Leadership

Amelia Domke*** ✝
Elementary Education

Sandra Ellis*
Business Management

Mara Fredrick**
Elementary Education

Latoyia Gibson
Human Resource Management

Alexandra Giemza
Public Service-Management of Criminal Justice

Kevin Hofkens* 🇺🇸
Business Management

Andrew Hopfensperger*
Parish Music

Myra Jackson
Individualized-Early Childhood

Ashley Johnson
Health Care Management

Tiara Joyner
Business Management

Sarah Langlitz***
Health Care Management

Aaron Larson***
Business Management

Kelsey Leaf*** ✝
Early Childhood & Elementary Education

Evan Leden
Secondary Education-Broad Field Social Studies

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Carissa Martinez
Human Resource Management

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Director of Church Ministries

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Business Management

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Business Management

Melissa Schnorr***
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Jerdian Smith
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Pheandro Welsh
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Natalie Borst
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Darcy Bossler
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Biomedical Sciences

Jackson Kral

Computer Science-Information Systems

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Rehabilitation Science

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Rehabilitation Science

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Sarah Pettigrew*

Accounting

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Health Care Management

Joseph Rawlings

Accounting

Lincoln Reichl***

Rehabilitation Science

James Schleider

Environmental Studies

Savannah Schweiger**

Rehabilitation Science

Allison Semenak***

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Alison Senkbeil

Finance

Adelyn Smith***

Rehabilitation Science

Madelaine Specht***

Rehabilitation Science

Sophia Stanke**

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Nancy Gerber

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Vannesa Martinez

Nursing

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Chelsea Olday

Nursing

Sapana Paudel*

Nursing

Erin Rasch

Nursing

Morgan Richards

Nursing

Emily Silveira

Nursing

Jennifer Smith***

Nursing

Hayley Wetzel

Nursing

Emma Zimdars*

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Bachelor of Social Work**Kayla Snapp***

Social Work

THE CHAPEL OF CHRIST TRIUMPHANT

BACCALAUREATE SERVICE

Saturday, December 16th, 2023

In Every Way, God's Path • Proverbs 3:5-6

How is a Baccalaureate different from a graduation exercise? Quite simply the graduation or commencement exercise celebrates the fact that a student has completed all the academic work required in order to earn a certain degree. A baccalaureate service celebrates the calling of God in that person's life into a specific vocation. During our service today, the hymns and the Scripture readings celebrate the fact that God in His grace is calling these women and men into his service as Teachers, Directors of Church Ministries, Directors of Parish Music, and our Pre-Seminary students ultimately to serve as Pastors. We also celebrate many students entering vocations that aren't professional church vocations. They are, however, all Christian vocations. Our prayer of thanksgiving is that they joyfully heard God's call in their life, confident that His plans for them are good plans.

The Prelude

"Savior of the Nations, Come"

Johann Sebastian Bach

I. Ornamented Chorale (BWV 659) • II. Trio (BWV 660) • III. Fugue (BWV 661)

Please stand as the Processional begins

The Processional Hymn

"Lift Up Your Heads, Ye Mighty Gates"

Lutheran Service Book (LSB) 341

1. Lift up your heads, ye mighty gates! Behold, the King of glory waits.
The King of kings is drawing near; the Savior of the world is here.
Life and salvation He doth bring; therefore rejoice and gladly sing.
To God the Father raise your joyful songs of praise.
2. A righteous Helper comes to thee; His chariot is humility,
His kingly crown is holiness, His scepter, pity in distress.
The end of all our woe He brings; therefore the earth is glad and sings:
To Christ the Savior raise your grateful hymns of praise.
3. How blest the land, the city blest, where Christ the Ruler is confessed!
O peaceful hearts and happy homes to whom this King in triumph comes!
The cloudless sun of joy is He who comes to set His people free.
To God the Spirit raise your happy shouts of praise.
4. Fling wide the portals of your heart; make it a temple set apart
From earthly use for heav'n's employ, adorned with prayer and love and joy.
So shall your Sov'reign enter in and new and nobler life begin.
To God alone be praise for word and deed and grace!
5. Redeemer, come and open wide my heart to Thee; here, Lord, abide!
O enter with Thy grace divine; thy face of mercy on me shine.
Thy Holy Spirit guide us on until our glorious goal is won.
Eternal praise and fame we offer to Thy name.

[Gentlemen please remove caps now and throughout the Service]

The Invocation

The Prayer

The Psalmody

Psalm 126

P: When the LORD brought back the captives to Zion,

C: we were like men who dreamed.

P: Our mouths were filled with laughter,

C: our tongues with songs of joy.

P: Then it was said among the nations,

C: “The Lord has done great things for them.”

P: The Lord has done great things for us,

C: and we are filled with joy.

P: Restore our fortunes, O Lord,

C: like streams in the Negev.

P: Those who sow in tears

C: will reap with songs of joy.

P: He who goes out weeping, carrying seed to sow,

C: will return with songs of joy, carrying sheaves with him.

All: 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.

The Hymn of Praise

“O Come, O Come, Emmanuel”

LSB 357 [stanzas 1, 2, 5, 7]

1. O come, o come, Emmanuel, And ransom captive Israel,
That mourns in lonely exile here Until the Son of God appear.

Refrain: Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to thee, O Israel!

2. O come, Thou Wisdom from on high, Who ord’rest all things mightily;
To us the path of knowledge show, And teach us in her ways to go. *Refrain*
5. O come, Thou Key of David, come, And open wide our heav’nly home;
Make safe the way that leads on high, And close the path to misery. *Refrain*
7. O come, Desire of nations, bind In one the hearts of all mankind;
Bid Thou our sad divisions cease, And be Thyself our King of Peace. *Refrain*

Please be seated

The Old Testament Reading [Theme verse]

Proverbs 3:1-6

L: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

The Epistle Reading [for the 3rd Week of Advent]

1 Thessalonians 5:16-24

L: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

The Hymn of the Word

“Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus”
LSB 338

1. Come, Thou long-expected Jesus, born to set Thy people free;
From our fears and sins release us; Let us find our rest in Thee.
Israel’s strength and consolation, hope of all the earth Thou art,
Dear desire of ev’ry nation, joy of ev’ry longing heart.
2. Born Thy people to deliver, born a child and yet a king!
Born to reign in us forever, now Thy gracious kingdom bring.
By Thine own eternal Spirit rule in all our hearts alone;
By Thine all-sufficient merit raise us to Thy glorious throne.

Please stand

The Gospel Reading [for the 3rd Week of Advent]

John 1:6-8, 19-28

L: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C: **Praise be to you, O Christ.**

The Canticle

“We Praise You and Acknowledge You, O God”
LSB 941

~ a versification of the Te Deum laudamus ~

1. We praise You and acknowledge You, O God, to be the Lord,
The Father everlasting, by all the earth adored.
To you all angel powers cry aloud, the heavens sing,
The cherubim and seraphim their praises to You bring:
“O holy, holy, holy Lord God of Sabaoth;
Your majesty and glory fill the heavens and the earth!”
2. The band of the apostles in glory sing Your praise;
The fellowship of prophets their deathless voices raise.
The martyrs of your kingdom, a great and noble throng,
Sing with the holy Church throughout all the world this song
“O all majestic Father, Your true and only Son,
And Holy Spirit, Comforter—forever Three in One!”
3. You, Christ, are King of glory, the everlasting Son,
Yet You, with boundless love, sought to rescue ev’ry one:
You laid aside Your glory, were born of virgin’s womb,
Were crucified for us and were placed into a tomb;
Then by Your resurrection You won for us reprieve—
You opened heaven’s kingdom to all who would believe.
4. You sit in splendid glory, enthroned at God’s right hand,
Upholding earth and heaven by forces You command.
We know that You will come as our Judge that final day,
So help Your servants You have redeemed by blood, we pray;
May we with saints be numbered where praises never end,
In glory everlasting. Amen, O Lord, Amen!

Please be seated

The Sermon

Rev. Eric Nelson
*Pastor, St. Paul Evangelical Lutheran Church
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The Recognition of Students Completing the Pre-Seminary Program

Rev. Dr. Jason Lane
Director of Pre-Seminary Program

The Presentation of Academic Awards

Dr. Leah Dvorak
Vice President for Academics

Please stand

The Prayers

Included in our thanksgivings and petitions are prayers prepared by the following students in programs recognized in this service:

Lutheran Education – Amelia Domke
Director of Church Ministries – Zachary Mulso
Director of Parish Music – Andrew Hopfensperger
Pre-Seminary Program – Alexander Nelson

*(At the conclusion of each petition the pastor will say “Lord, in Your mercy,” to which the congregation will respond “**Hear our 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 Benediction

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

C: **Amen.**

[Gentlemen put on their caps for the Recessional]

The Recessional Hymn

“Of the Father’s Love Begotten”
LSB 384

1. Of the Father’s love begotten ere the worlds began to be,
He is Alpha and Omega, He the source, the ending He,
Of the things that are, that have been,
And that future years shall see evermore and evermore.
2. Oh, that birth forever blessed, when the virgin, full of grace,
By the Holy Ghost conceiving, bore the Savior of our race,
And the babe, the world’s redeemer,
First revealed His sacred face evermore and evermore.
3. This is He whom seers in old time chanted of with one accord,
Whom the voices of the prophets promised in their faithful word.
Now He shines, the long expected;
Let creation praise its Lord evermore and evermore.
4. O ye heights of heav’n, adore him; angel hosts, His praises sing.
Pow’rs, dominions, bow before Him and extol our God and King.
Let no tongue on earth be silent,
Ev’ry voice in concert ring evermore and evermore.
5. Christ, to Thee, with God the Father, and, O Holy Ghost, to Thee
Hymn and chant and high thanksgiving and unending praises be,
Honor, glory, and dominion,
And eternal victory evermore and evermore.

The Postlude

“O Come, O Come, Emmanuel”
Andrew Carter

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**It is our custom to have the father of a graduating student who is a pastor as our preacher for Baccalaureate. Pastor Nelson is the father of graduating student Alex Nelson.*

Academic Apparel

Caps and gowns have been in use in the United States since colonial times, but it was not until 1895 that an Intercollegiate code was prepared, regulating the design or pattern of the gowns and hoods and the colors and materials to be used.

The three types of gowns generally worn are made of black material. The bachelor's gown has long, pointed sleeves; the master's is made with a long, closed sleeve and a slit for the arm. The doctor's gown has a full, round, open sleeve. It is faced with velvet and has three bars of velvet on each sleeve. The black mortarboard style cap is worn for all degrees, but only doctors or presidents of institutions may wear a gold tassel.

The hood is the most important and distinctive feature of the academic costume. It enables anyone to distinguish at a glance the various ranks and at the same time recognize the university which has given the degree.

The doctor's hood, of black cloth matching the gown, is four feet in length and made with a wide panel. The master's and bachelor's hoods are three and one-half and three feet in length, respectively. The hoods for all the degrees are lined with silk in the official academic color or colors of the institution which has conferred the degree. The colors are not necessarily the same as the school's athletic colors, although in many cases they are. Many schools that use the same colors distinguish themselves by using different shades of that color. Where there is more than one official color, the chevron is used. Concordia's colors are blue and white, so hoods will include those colors as well as the color of the major.

The binding or trim of all the hoods is velvet; two, three, and five inches wide for the bachelor's, master's, doctor's degrees respectively. The color of this velvet trim indicates the department of learning or faculty to which the degree pertains.

Commencement Symbols

The mace served as a war club in medieval times, and later came to represent the protection and preservation of knowledge as universities explored ideas within and across many disciplines. CUW's mace displays our four core values and the University seal. At CUW, we typically entrust the mace with the faculty chair, although at many institutions it is carried by the senior faculty member who represents the authority of the faculty to approve the granting of degrees.




















Finally, the academic banners represent CUW's six schools: Arts and Sciences, Business Administration, Education, Health Professions, Nursing and Pharmacy. Each banner is carried by a faculty member or a student from that school.

Ceremony Information












Photography: Empire Photography will be taking photos of your graduate several times today. If you'd like to snap a photo of your graduate, you are asked to remain in your seat while doing so. We ask that you do not occupy the aisles for any reason during the ceremony. Each graduate is photographed as they receive their diploma. Commencement is a once-in-a-lifetime moment so don't miss out! If you have any questions, please email Empire Photography at customerservice@empirephotos.com.

Safe exit: Campus Safety is committed to ensuring the safety and security of our guests who will be leaving graduation and walking to their vehicles. The roadway in front of the Field House will be closed to vehicular traffic for one hour after graduation. Guests with limited mobility can be picked up on the north end of the roadway or directly west of the Field House entrance in the adjacent parking lot. They can also be picked up at the Administration Building entrance. It is the experience of the staff that the roadways outside of campus will become gridlocked for an hour and a half after graduation ends. This is due to the major construction taking place near campus at this time. Please be patient. Thank you!

Velvet Colors

 Apricot – nursing	 Light blue – education
 Brown – art	 Olive – pharmacy
 Citron – social work	 Orange – engineering
 Crimson – communications	 Pink – music
 Dark blue – philosophy	 Peacock – physical therapy
 Drab – business, management communications	 Purple – paralegal
 Gold – computer science, healthcare administration, justice and public policy/criminal justice, radiologic technology, science	 Sage – athletic training, exercise physiology, occupational therapy, physical education
 Grey – speech language pathology	 Scarlet – theology
 Kelly green – physician assistant	 White – counseling, history, humanities, liberal arts, mathematics, psychology, student personnel administration
 Lemon – library science	

Cord meanings

-  **Blue + Green** – members of the Concordia Undergraduate Academic Honor Society – Alpha Chi.
-  **Green + Gold** – members of the Sigma Beta Delta Honor Society of business, management, and administration.
-  **Orchid + White** – members of the Nursing Honor Society – Sigma Theta Tau International Honor Society.
-  **Gold + Blue** – members of the Pi Theta (Delta Nu Chapter) Occupational Therapy Honor Society.
-  **Purple + White** – members of the Pharmacy Honor Society – Rho Chi Pharmaceutical Honor Society.
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-  **Scarlet + Grey** – members of the Kappa Psi Professional Pharmacy Fraternity.
-  **Red + White** – members of the Kappa Epsilon Professional Pharmacy Fraternity.
-  **Green + Blue** – members of the Physician Assistant National Honor Society - Pi Alpha Honor Society.
-  **Blue + Gold** – members of the Phi Alpha (Phi Pi Chapter) Honor Society for Social Work.
-  **Red, White + Blue** – U. S. military veterans.

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