



OPENING SERVICE

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College Seal

The college seal, which appears on the cover of this program, was made official by a resolution of the Board of Regents in 1932. The idea of the college seal originated with Ruth Seidel, who was an instructor at Bethany, and her artist brother, Wilbur Seidel of Chicago, who furnished the detailed drawing.

The seal is distinctive and most appropriate. The inscription “ΕΝΟΣ ΕΣΤΙΝ ΧΡΕΙΑ” is Greek and means “One Thing Is Needful,” the words of Christ spoken to Martha at that first Bethany. The “One Thing Needful” is the Gospel of the crucified Savior, expressed by the cross upon which the inscription is placed. For Bethany Lutheran College we thereby declare that there is no true education, even as there is no salvation, without the Gospel of Christ, Son of God and Savior of the world from sin. That Gospel is, and must remain, the heart and soul of every educational effort at our beloved institution. The cross is encircled by a star with twelve points, upon which are shown rays of light extending from the cross. As the twelve apostles were commissioned to be bearers of the light from the cross, so the goal of our training at Bethany must not be our own advancement, but the spread of the Gospel.

Mace

The college mace is a symbol of power or authority. Its origins can be traced to early medieval times when it was literally an instrument of power as a war club. It eventually evolved into the ceremonial scepter of monarchs. For colleges and universities it symbolizes the authority to grant degrees given to the faculty by the state or church. The mace is carried by the chair of the faculty assembly.

The mace was designed and carved by Eric Ouren. The wooden cross at the top of the mace is carved from one of the “Koshkonong Oaks.” The first Norwegian Lutheran worship service in America was conducted under the oak trees by Lake Koshkonong near Madison, Wisconsin, in 1844. The shaft of the mace has three bands over what looks to be “roots” connecting the top to the bottom. This is reminiscent of Scandinavian/Viking carving, something that connects Bethany to the old world and its Norwegian-American cultural origins. At the base of the shaft is a small piece of the old Bethany gates. These gates had been part of the foundation of a planned conservatory next to Old Main that was never finished. Inset in the top of the mace is a bronze casting of the college seal.

Medallion

The presidential medallion signifies the authority of the college’s chief executive. The college president wears the medallion at commencement, opening service, and other times when academic apparel are appropriate. The medallion is hand tooled, cast in oxidized bronze and hand polished. It measures 3-5/8 inches in diameter with a decorative bezel around the three-inch medallion. The presidential medallion hangs on a bronze chain individually listing the past presidents of the college on a small metal banner. The current president’s banner is in the center above the medallion, and is separated from those of past presidents by leaf clusters. The seal of Bethany Lutheran College is engraved on the front side of the medallion.

A Brief History of Bethany

In 1911, Bethany Ladies College opened with forty-four students, four faculty members, and a mission to educate young women. In 1927, the Norwegian Synod, later known as the Evangelical Lutheran Synod (ELS), purchased the college. The ELS operated the school as a co-educational high school and junior college until 1969, when the high school department was closed. Bethany Lutheran Theological Seminary began in 1946 as a department of the college; in 1975 it became a separate institution.

In May 1996, the Board of Regents resolved to move Bethany from an associate to a baccalaureate degree-granting institution. In the spring of 2001, Bethany awarded its first baccalaureate degrees.

Opening of the Academic Year

*Indicates all may stand

Prelude

*Procession of the Faculty and Opening Hymn:

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

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

The musical score consists of four systems of music, each with a vocal line and a piano accompaniment line. The first system is in C major and 4/4 time. The second system is also in C major and 4/4 time. The third and fourth systems are in D major and 4/4 time. The lyrics are: 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. All / Choir: High amid... | **2. All /** Choir: When we leave... | **3. All**

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 of Bethany*

Installation of New Faculty and Staff: Rev. Don Moldstad, *Director of Campus Spiritual Life*

Megan Bezdicek, Director of Career Services
Kris Bruckerhoff, Associate Professor – Business Administration
Cheryl Clendenin, Assistant Professor – Nursing
Karina Clennon, Assistant Professor – Clinical Mental Health Counseling
Jason Jaspersen, Associate Professor – Studio Art
Emily Kimball, Assistant Professor – Theatre
Shawn Stafford, Assistant Professor – Religious Studies

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

S. C. Ylvisaker Scholarship Recipients:

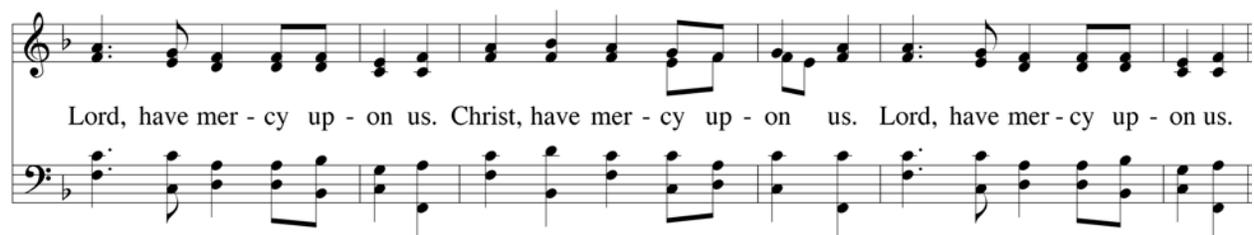
Caroline Gernander – Princeton, Minnesota
Josiah Hoppe – Lewiston, Minnesota
Colin Jaeger – Watertown, South Dakota
Elyse Vannieuwenhoven – Watertown, Wisconsin

Marvin G. Meyer Scholarship Recipient:

Lydia Hartwig – Mankato, Minnesota

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

***Kyrie Eleison**



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.

C: A - - - - - men.

***Opening of the Academic Year**

P: I now declare the Bethany Lutheran College Academic year of 2021–2022 to be in session, in the name of the Father, and of the Son, (+) and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

***Benedicamus and Benediction**

The musical score is written for two staves, Treble and Bass clef. The first system contains the lyrics: "P: Let us bless the Lord. C: Thanks be to God." The second system contains the lyrics: "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. C: A - men." The score includes various musical notations such as notes, rests, and bar lines.

Welcome to the Students: Julia Abreu Siufi, *Student Senate President*

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

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

Participants

Liturgist: Chaplain Don Moldstad

Crucifer: Gabe Smith

Choir Director: Rev. Prof. Dennis Marzolf

Organists: Rev. Prof. Mark DeGarmeaux, Nathan Wildauer

Mission

Bethany Lutheran College provides Christian higher education in a challenging academic environment where personal mentoring guides students to pursue knowledge, truth, and discernment for productive and fulfilling lives.

Purpose

Bethany Lutheran College engages students with the saving knowledge of Christ and assists them in developing their God-given talents and abilities for meaningful lives of service in the family, church, and society. A program of study grounded in the liberal arts and taught through the discerning lens of a Christian worldview equips students with knowledge, understanding, and adaptable skills.

Vision

Bethany Lutheran College aspires to produce compassionate graduates firmly grounded in Christian faith and teaching who REFLECT CHRIST'S LOVE with integrity, character, and unshakable values;

- to be a center for EXCELLENCE IN ACADEMIC SCHOLARSHIP and in all aspects of higher education;
- to place a priority on PERSONAL MENTORING from faculty and staff to students;
- to provide OPPORTUNITIES for students to identify and develop their God-given talents and abilities; and
- to positively impact the lives of students, faculty, staff, alumni, and supporters through a CARING CHRISTIAN ACADEMIC COMMUNITY.

Core Values

COMMITMENT TO THE GOSPEL – Because God's Son, Jesus Christ, has lived perfectly in our place and paid for all sins, God declares all people to be innocent in His sight, an innocence received by faith. Bethany therefore proclaims this Good News to students that they may believe, and grow in faith and in the knowledge of Jesus as their sure hope for eternal life.

PURSUIT OF THE TRUTH – Grounded in the liberal arts, the curriculum promotes a search for knowledge and wisdom by fostering independent critical thinking through the discerning lens of the Bible as the ultimate source of truth in order to support students' spiritual development, intellectual and creative growth, self-understanding, responsible citizenship, and lifelong learning.

FOCUS ON THE STUDENT – The College places the spiritual, intellectual, physical, social, and emotional needs of the student first in all decisions, policies, and procedures.

Statement of Faith

Bethany Lutheran College is a Christian liberal arts college. The College and the Evangelical Lutheran Synod are committed to the teachings of the Bible as the inerrant Word of God – the only authority for faith and life. The statements of faith known as the Lutheran Confessions are accepted as the correct understanding of the teachings of the Bible.

This commitment to the Confessions is summarized by the principles of the Lutheran Reformation: Grace Alone, Faith Alone, and Scripture Alone. Specifically, the College confesses that salvation is a free gift from God's grace alone, not dependent upon our works. We receive forgiveness for our sins through faith in Christ alone, which is produced in the individual's heart by the Holy Spirit through the Word of God and the Sacraments. Scripture alone is the standard by which all teachings and practices ultimately are evaluated.

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