

NINETY-FIFTH

# Commencement of Michigan Lutheran Seminary

May 24, 2008

CLASS MOTTO

Be strong and courageous.  
Do not be terrified; do not be discouraged,  
for the LORD your God will be with you  
wherever you go.

- Joshua 1:9

CLASS HYMN

*Lord, Take My Hand and Lead Me* CW 439

## CLASS OFFICERS

*President* . . . . .Dominic Chambers  
*Vice-President* . . . . .Julius Buelow  
*Secretary* . . . . .Mark Stevenson  
*Treasurer* . . . . .Eric Melso

## CLASS ADVISORS

Professors William E. Zeiger, David P. Lecker,  
Marcus P. Manthey

# Commencement Service

Processional                    *Sheep May Safely Graze*                    J.S. Bach  
   Pianist: Beth Schmugge  
   Organist: Brandon Reif  
Crucifer: Dominic Chambers    Banners: Jeremy Byers, Joshua Byers

Invocation and Opening Prayer . . . . . Pastor George A. Ferch  
   Chairman of the MLS Governing Board

Concert Choir . . . . . Prof. Leonard Proeber, Director  
*An Expression of Gratitude*. . . . . *David Schwoebel*  
   Accompanist: Rachel Sellnow  
*Make Me An Instrument of Your Peace*. . . . . *Dale Grotenhuis*

Commencement Address . . . . . The Rev. Gregory E. Ewald  
   Pastor of Good Shepherd, Burton, MI, and father of graduate Sarah  
   Joshua 1:9

Class Hymn        *Lord, Take My Hand and Lead Me*                    CW 439  
   Organist: Prof. Leonard Proeber  
   Student Director: Philip Gardner

stanza 3 (*assembly invited to stand and sing*)  
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.

Benediction . . . . . Pastor George A. Ferch

Seminary Hymn . . . . . CW 293

God's Word is our great heritage and shall be ours forever;  
To spread its light from age to age shall be our chief endeavor.  
Through life it guides our way; in death it is our stay.  
Lord, grant while worlds endure, we keep its teachings pure  
Throughout all generations.



**Michigan Lutheran Seminary  
Graduating Class of 1958**

\*=in attendance at Commencement 2008

Ralph Aukamp  
\*Lois Ayers Henderson  
Kathleen Backer Johnston  
Lois Bender Eckert  
Warren Bugbee  
Alice Court Troyke  
John Depner  
\*Carol Dittmar Krantz  
\*Marjorie Dommer Krass  
Mary Droegmueller Stelter  
†Kenneth Ebel  
\*Karen Emmett Phipps  
David Fein  
Jane Ann Fischer VanEss  
Norman Fischer  
\*Dee Ann Fischhaber  
Pawley  
Arnold Frank  
James Garlo  
Leonard Grams  
\*John Henderson  
†Joyce Heyer Rydecki  
\*Lawrence Hollenbeck  
\*Wayne Keller  
†Marcella Kemp Wurm  
Karen Krienen Ryder  
Richard Krueger  
†Jane LaBudda Strunk  
†George LaGrow  
\*Carolyn Leyrer Fein  
\*Loetta List Ruediger  
†Ronald List  
\*Gloria Litke Adickes  
\*Joyce Lorf Laupichler  
\*David Maaske  
Philip Maaske  
\*Sharon Marcotte Braun  
Walter Materna  
†Victor Mazade  
\*Judith Muehlenbeck Traub  
\*Karen Muehlenbeck Kelly  
\*Janet Oblender Majeske  
Richard Regentin  
\*Joanne Riethmeier Paluck  
\*Velma Roedel Besancon  
\*Paul Ruediger  
Dorothy Russell Sonntag  
Martin Scheele  
\*Eileen Schmidt Bublitz  
Lorenz Schmiege  
†Suzanne Schwartz Berg  
John Strunk  
\*Charles Tafel  
\*Stephen Valleskey  
\*Charles Weiss  
Julie Ann Zimmerman  
Nancy Zuellig Bukowski

## **Assistance Awards to Seniors Entering Martin Luther College**

### **James Frohmader Memorial Scholarship (Pastor and Teacher) -**

In memory of James R. Frohmader, who graduated from MLS in 1977 and was enrolled at Northwestern College (NWC), but was killed as the result of an accident at the state track meet. Given to the class speakers.

**OJR Hoenecke Memorial Scholarship** - In memory of Otto J. R. Hoenecke, first director (president) of MLS when it reopened as a preparatory school in 1910. Director Hoenecke was president until 1950 and taught for another decade before his retirement. Given to a student with high academic excellence.

**Conrad I. Frey Memorial Scholarship** - In memory of Conrad I. Frey, second president of MLS (1950-1966). He also served as president of Dr. Martin Luther College. Given to a student with high academic excellence.

**Martin R. Toepel Memorial Scholarship** - In memory of Martin R. Toepel, third president of MLS (1966-1978). President Toepel taught at MLS from 1945-1978. Given to a student with high academic excellence.

**William D. Keturakat Memorial Scholarship** - In memory of William D. Keturakat, pastor in the WELS 1910-1945, by his son Winifred, for students with a particular GPA.

**Harold and Agnes Lisius Ministry Grant** - From a fund established by the estate of Mr. and Mrs. Lisius, champions of ministerial education, and administered by St. Bartholomew Ev. Lutheran Church (WELS), Kawkawlin, MI.

**Emil E. Kasischke Distinguished Teacher Memorial Grant** - In the name of Emil E. Kasischke, pastor at Trinity, Bay City, MI, and chairman of the MLS Governing Board from 1951 to 1976. In memory of a different faculty member each year. This year in memory of **Professors William Arras and Ehrenfried Berg.**

**Adolf H. Sauer Memorial Grant** - In memory of Adolf H. Sauer, science and religion professor at MLS from 1911 to 1946.

**Lloyd and Edith Thompson Grant** - In honor of Coach Lloyd E. Thompson and his wife, Edith. Lloyd taught at MLS 1952-1968.

**Arthur G. Wacker Memorial Grant** - In memory of Pastor Arthur G. Wacker (MLS class of 1915), and served as pastor of Salem, Ann Arbor,

from 1936 to 1962. Pastor Wacker made our synod's first mission trip to Central Africa in 1949.

**Ray and Helene Vasold Grant** - In honor of Mr. and Mrs. Vasold, who have volunteered countless hours to MLS and other agencies of Lutheran education.

**Aunt Jane Grant** - In honor of Jane Larson, housemother at MLS from 1973 to 1993.

**MLS Guild and Booster Club Grants** - Donations from Guild & Booster Club projects.

**Cantate Deo Grants** - Given to students who intend to continue developing their musical gifts for use in the ministry. Donations come from the Saginaw Valley Lutheran Chorale.