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PRE-COMMENCEMENT MUSIC

Conducted by Dr. Richard Fischer, D.M.A, Guest Conductor, Doctor of Letters Recipient

Fanfare and Hymn: A Mighty Fortress
God of Our Fathers

Jay Bocook
Claude T. Smith

Conducted by Professor Robert D. Cody, M.M, Wind Symphony Conductor

Built on a Rock
Shining Like the Sun

Fred M. Hubbell
Keith Andrews

Shining Like the Sun is dedicated to the memory of Theodore Beck, the original composer of the SEWARD tune, an emeritus music professor and conductor.

PROCESSIONAL

Pomp and Circumstance

Edward Elgar, arr. James Ployhar

- Marshals of the Faculty
- Candidates for Graduation
- Faculty and Instructional Staff of the University
- Regents of the University
- Pastoral Leaders
- University Registrar
- Recipients of Honorary Degrees and Awards
- Deans of the Colleges
- Provosts of the University
- Commencement Speaker
- President of the University

INVOCATION

THE NATIONAL ANTHEM

The Star-Spangled Banner

arr. Bill Moffit

HYMN

God of Grace and God of Glory

Lutheran Service Book 850

1 God of grace and God of glo - ry, On Your peo - ple
 2 Lo, the hosts of e - vil round us Scorn the Christ, as -
 Choir: *Cure Your chil - dren's war - ring mad - ness; Bend our pride to*
 4 Save us from weak res - ig - na - tion To the e - vils

pour Your pow'r; Crown Your an - cient Church's sto - ry;
 sail His ways! From the fears that long have bound us
 Your con - trol; Shame our wan - ton self - ish glad - ness,
 we de - plore; Let the gift of Your sal - va - tion

Bring its bud to glo - rious flow'r. Grant us wis - dom
 Free our hearts to faith and praise. Grant us wis - dom
 Rich in things and poor in soul. Grant us wis - dom
 Be our glo - ry ev - er - more. Grant us wis - dom

grant us cour - age For the fac - ing of this hour,
 grant us cour - age For the liv - ing of these days,
 grant us cour - age Lest we miss Your king - dom's goal,
 grant us cour - age, Serv - ing You whom we a - dore,

For the fac - ing of this hour.
 For the liv - ing of these days.
 Lest we miss Your king - dom's goal.
 Serv - ing You whom we a - dore.

COMMENCEMENT ADDRESS

The Rev. Ryan Matthias

PRESENTATION OF THE CANDIDATES

CONFERRAL OF DEGREES AND AWARDING OF DIPLOMAS

ANTHEM

The Morning Trumpet

arr. Michael Richardson

RECOGNITION OF HONORARY DEGREES AND AWARDS

DOCTOR OF LAWS DEGREE

Rev. Dr. Dale Meyer

DOCTOR OF LETTERS DEGREE

Dr. Richard Fischer

MASTER EDUCATOR AWARD

David Burgdorf

CREST OF CHRIST AWARD

Marcile Brehmer

DISTINGUISHED SERVICE AWARD

Dr. Alex B. Russell Jr.

OUTSTANDING TEACHING AWARD

Dr. Raegan Skelton, Assistant Professor of Biology

CHARGE TO GRADUATES AND CLOSING

THE CONCORDIA TOWER SONG

W.E. Mueller and Theodore Beck
University Chamber Choir

Dear old tow'r that shines above us,
Dear hearts that catch the gleam;
Tho' miles and years remove us,
Of you we'll always dream.
From Plum to Blue and yonder
We rise Concordia's own,
To praise as far we wander
The good that on us shone.

The audience is invited to join in singing on the repeat.

BENEDICTION

DOXOLOGY

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
Praise Him, all creatures here below;
Praise Him above, ye heav'nly host:
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen. (LSB 805)

RECESSIONAL

Attendees, please remain seated until all of the graduates have processed out. The recessional will conclude outside in the stadium area to the south of the building.

POSTLUDE

American Hymn Tune Sketches

John Prescott

OFFICIANTS

Bernard D. Bull, Ed.D., President

The Rev. Scott Bruick, Pastoral Leader, St. John Lutheran Church, School
and Child Development Center

Timothy Preuss, Ph.D., Provost

John Hink, Ph.D., Dean of the College of Arts and Sciences

Lisa Ashby, Ph.D., Associate Provost

Lorinda Sankey, Ph.D., Dean of the College of Education,
Health and Human Sciences

Sarah Jurchen, M.S., University Registrar

The Rev. Jonathan Bartels, Pastor, The Rock Lutheran Church

FACULTY MARSHALS

Kristy Jurchen, Ph.D., Professor of Chemistry

Mark Meehl, Ph.D., Professor of Theology

The Rev. Jon Rusnak, M.Div, S.T.M, Assistant Professor of Theology

DEPUTY MARSHALS

Marcus Gubanyi, Ph.D., Assistant Professor of Computer Science

Beth Pester, Ph.D., Professor of Education

MUSIC

UNIVERSITY WIND SYMPHONY

Robert D. Cody, M.M., Conductor

UNIVERSITY CHAMBER CHOIR

Kurt E. von Kampen, Ed.D., Conductor

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affiliated with The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod.

REV. DR. DALE MEYER

DOCTOR OF LAWS

The Concordia University, Nebraska Doctor of Laws degree is conferred upon individuals who have distinguished themselves through prolonged superior service in their field of endeavor.

Rev. Dr. Dale A. Meyer is president emeritus and professor emeritus of Concordia Seminary, St. Louis. Meyer retired in 2020 after 15 years as seminary president. He first joined the faculty as a guest instructor, serving from 1979 to 1981. He then served as an assistant professor from 1981 to 1984. In 2001, he rejoined the faculty and served as professor of practical theology in addition to his role as president. He previously served as the Gregg H. Benidt Memorial Chair in Homiletics and Literature (2001-05). He served as the interim president (2004-05) and became the 10th president of Concordia Seminary in 2005.

After earning a master of divinity from Concordia Seminary, Meyer earned a master of arts and doctor of philosophy in classical languages from Washington University in St. Louis. He completed his bachelor of arts at Concordia Senior College in Fort Wayne, Indiana. He also is the recipient of an honorary doctor of divinity from Concordia Theological Seminary, Fort Wayne and an honorary doctor of laws from Concordia Seminary, St. Louis.

Meyer's first call was as pastor of St. Salvator Lutheran Church in Venedy, Illinois and St. Peter Lutheran Church in New Memphis, Illinois, (1974-81). After his tenure as a guest instructor at Concordia Seminary (1979-81), he served as an assistant professor, teaching classes in New Testament and homiletics and as the director of resident field education (1981-84). He went on to become senior pastor at Holy Cross Lutheran Church in Collinsville, Illinois (1984-88).

Meyer was speaker of The Lutheran Hour radio program (1989 to 2001). Through 2003, he hosted the national television show On Main Street for



Lutheran Hour Ministries (LHM). In 2001, LHM received two prestigious Emmy awards from the National Academy of Television Arts & Sciences (NATAS) St. Louis/Mid-America Chapter for two On Main Street episodes.

Meyer has served The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod (LCMS) and the church at-large over the years in several capacities. He served as third vice-president of the LCMS from 1995 to 1998. He was a charter board member of the Association of Lutheran Older Adults (ALOA), has served as an honorary director of God's Word to the Nations Bible Society and as a member of the Standing Committee on Pastoral Ministry for the LCMS. He was pastoral adviser for the Southern Illinois District of the International Lutheran Laymen's League and has served as first vice president, second vice president, secretary and circuit counselor of the LCMS Southern Illinois District. He served on the board of trustees of the American Bible Society from 2001 to 2013.

Meyer has written numerous sermons and columns for Lutheran Hour Ministries. He co-authored The Crosses of Lent, in-depth Bible studies of Matthew and Prophecy in the LifeLight series and authored "The Place of the Sermon in the Order of Service" in Liturgical Preaching for Concordia Publishing House. He has contributed to Issues in Christian Education, Concordia Pulpit Resources and the Concordia Journal. In 2014, Meyer wrote Timely Reflections: A Minute a Day with Dale Meyer, a

compilation of 365 daily devotions from his long-running online series, The Meyer Minute. In 2018, a new volume of his sermons, Word Alive!, was published. The volume includes 52 sermons, spanning decades of his ministry. Meyer has been speaking and preaching for 50 years. His areas of interest and study include 1 Peter, the church in a changing culture and the Sabbath applied to life today.

He lives in Collinsville, Illinois, with his wife, Diane. They have two grown daughters, Elizabeth (Darren) Pittman and Catharine (Charles) Bailey and five grandsons: Christian, Connor and Nicholas Pittman, and Andrew and Jacob Bailey.

In conferring this degree to Rev. Dr. Dale Meyer, Concordia University, Nebraska praises God for those who use their gifts in dedicated service in their field. We are pleased to confer upon Rev. Dr. Dale Meyer the Doctor of Laws degree, honoris causa.

DR. RICHARD FISCHER

DOCTOR OF LETTERS

The Concordia University, Nebraska Doctor of Letters degree is conferred to people who have distinguished themselves through creative contributions to their field.

Dr. Richard Fischer, Distinguished Professor of Music and The Fred and Jane Wittlinger Endowed Chair for Music Performance, retired from Concordia University Chicago after serving for 51 1/2 years. He conducted the Wind Symphony and University Band and taught basic and advanced level conducting classes. He holds bachelor of music education and the master of music degrees from De Paul University, and a doctor of musical arts degree from Michigan State University where he studied under Eugene Corporon.

Fischer and the Wind Symphony have performed on 108 tours in almost every state (including Alaska), Canada, Europe, three tours to China and South Africa. The Wind Symphony has had the honor of performing at many music festivals and conferences including the College Band Directors National Association, the Illinois Music Educators Conference and numerous times at the Lutheran Education Association Conference. Having performed to multiple standing ovations as the Showcase Ensemble for the New York City Wind Band Festival at Carnegie Hall in 2014, the Wind Symphony was again honored to be invited as the Showcase Ensemble in 2019.

Under Fischer's direction, the Wind Symphony has commissioned, premiered and recorded numerous wind band compositions. They have recorded 16 compact discs (over 160 works) of sacred wind music that have been aired on NPR Radio, The Lutheran Hour, Moody Bible Network and many classical stations.

Fischer is in frequent demand as a speaker, guest conductor clinician and adjudicator in the United States, Canada, South Africa, Japan and Australia.



In 1994, he was named to the "A Team" of university professors by the Chicago Tribune. Fischer has been honored to be a guest conductor with his former Concordia student, Uichi Kajiyama, at the Nagoya University of Commerce and Business for their annual Christmas Concert in Downtown Nagoya since 2016. Since 2004 he has conducted the National Youth Gathering Wind Symphony. In May 2018, Fischer gave the keynote address at the national convention of the Association for Concert Bands in Buffalo, New York. In the fall of 2024, Fischer was presented Concordia Chicago's prestigious Spiritus Christi Award for his exceptional service to the church-at-large.

In his retirement, Fischer is an adjunct professor of music at Concordia Chicago, conducting the 70-member University Band (a community band he started in 1993 that includes many of his former students). He is also the French horn teacher. Currently, Fischer is writing a book called "Connecting the Head and the Heart - the Things that REALLY Matter in the Making of Music."

In conferring this degree to Dr. Richard Fischer, Concordia University, Nebraska praises God for those who have distinguished themselves through their creative contributions to their field. We are pleased to confer upon Dr. Richard Fischer the Doctor of Letters degree, honoris causa.

DAVID BURGDORF

MASTER EDUCATOR AWARD

The Master Educator Award is presented to teachers, Directors of Christian Education, school administrators or deaconesses who have distinguished themselves through prolonged superior service in Lutheran educational ministry.

Born into Lutheransim, David Burgdorf's family is filled with lifelong Lutherans including four consecutive generations of pastors: his great grandfather, grandfather, father and brother. David '66 and his brother Dale '68 are both alumni of Concordia University, Nebraska. David attended Lutheran schools from kindergarten through college and began his 50-year career in education as a Lutheran high school teacher and finished as a Concordia University Irvine professor and administrator.

The many outstanding Lutheran educators in Burgdorf's life inspired him to attend Concordia University, Nebraska. He studied theology and earned a bachelor of arts degree in education from the university as well as a master of arts and certificate of advancement study degree from Northern Illinois University. He has completed additional graduate coursework at Loyola University of Chicago and at the University of La Verne.

After serving as a teacher at two Lutheran schools - St. Peter's in Arlington Heights, Illinois, and Luther North High School in Chicago - he became a public school teacher and administrator in Illinois. Later, he worked in school districts and county offices of education in Southern and Northern California. This included service in the counties of Los Angeles, Orange, San Bernardino, Santa Clara and Sonoma as a principal, chief business officer, chief human resource officer and superintendent of schools. He has published many articles and research papers in education and is a well-known teacher and presenter at educational events and forums. He has also served in leadership positions with a variety



of professional organizations and chaired the committee that created "Ed Join," the pre-eminent technological recruitment tool for educators seeking employment in the State of California.

After retirement from public school administration, Burgdorf served as professor and graduate school administrator at Concordia University Irvine, participated in international mission work in Haiti and the Lutheran International School Tokyo, and collaborated in providing creative approaches to urban ministry for young seminary students. He has traveled to more than 80 countries.

Burgdorf and his wife Teresa have three children: Lance, Noel and Shawn. For recreation, he twice competed in the Ironman World Triathlon Championship in Kona, Hawaii, as well as in numerous international long-distance triathlons, including a triathlon that required him to swim from Alcatraz Island to San Francisco. Active in their community, the Burgdorfs also conduct a weekly devotional group for couples.

In recognizing David Burgdorf as a master educator, Concordia University, Nebraska praises God for providing all who dedicate themselves to education. We are pleased to bestow upon David Burgdorf the Master Educator Award.

MARCILE BREHMER
CREST OF CHRIST AWARD



The Concordia University, Nebraska Crest of Christ Award honors individuals who humbly share and demonstrate the love and grace of Jesus Christ in their lives while serving public ministries and the work of the church at large.

In January 2024, Marcile Brehmer retired after more than 53 years and seven months of service to Concordia University, Nebraska.

Brehmer began her work for the university shortly after finishing high school and has served as admissions secretary (1970-1973), admissions secretary and word processing center (1973-1976), word processing clerk secretary (1976-1981), assistant secretary to the registrar and word processing (1981-1984), development secretary and word processing (1984), data processing supervisor (1984-1989), and as operations manager of the computing center (1989-2010). From 2010 to 2024, she worked full-time as the computing services operations manager, then worked part time at the university until June 2024 as she transitioned out of her role and fully retired.

Following high school graduation, Brehmer said she originally intended to work at the university for just a few years and move on to other opportunities. She quickly discovered she had no desire to work elsewhere, and Concordia Nebraska became her second home.

Brehmer said her time at Concordia Nebraska connected her with Christ-centered people and allowed her to build priceless friendships. She said she was blessed to work with many who live their Christian faith daily and to serve students and their families from all over the world.

A long-time Seward resident, Brehmer is active with Seward's St. John Lutheran Church, serving on the church's worship board and altar guild. Many have commended her for her ever-present smile, faithful and diligent assistance with worship preparations, a

quiet and steady dedication to serve, and a humble yet willing determination to help however is needed.

In recognizing Marcile Brehmer with the Crest of Christ Award, Concordia University, Nebraska praises God for providing all who dedicate themselves to serving the public ministries and work of the church at large. We are pleased to bestow upon Marcile Brehmer the Crest of Christ Award.

DR. ALEX B. RUSSELL JR.
DISTINGUISHED SERVICE AWARD



The Concordia University, Nebraska Distinguished Service Award is given to individuals who have demonstrated the use of God's gifts in outstanding public service.

Dr. Alex B. Russell Jr. attended Emory University in Atlanta, Georgia, and has a bachelor of science in pre-medical studies from the University of Georgia in Athens. After earning his doctor of medicine degree from Medical College of Georgia in Augusta, he served three years of active duty in the United States Navy beginning with rotating internships at Portsmouth Naval Hospital in Portsmouth, Virginia. Subsequently, he served as a medical officer on the Ship-EAG 154 for experimental guided missiles and then as a general medical officer for the Marine Corps based in Albany, Georgia. Afterwards, he completed his residency with the Emory University Medical Program at Grady Memorial Hospital in Georgia, became a Fellow of American Academy of Pediatrics and established his private practice in Anchorage, Alaska, in 1971.

Russell earned his private pilot's license while in college and went on to achieve commercial and instrument instructor's certificates, float rating and DC3, DC6 and Lear Jet ratings. In 1975, he flew Lear Jets for Jet Alaska for one year, often on medivac flights as captain on one leg and as physician on the other leg. He was instrumental in establishing the Medivac Program in Alaska. After establishing his private practice in Alaska, he began flying as a volunteer for Missionary Aviation Repair Center (MARC), which provided transportation to and from native villages. This included countless trips taking native children in remote villages to Bible camps and transporting ill villagers to receive medical care.

He served as president of the MARC board for five years and as president of the Alaska Health Foundation for five years. In 1990, he received a letter from President George H. W. Bush

commending him for his heroic efforts in saving the lives of the victims of a float plane crash in Lake Illiamna. The story was later featured in a book entitled "Alaska's Heroes; A Call to Courage".

In 2017, Russell and his wife Judy received the Pioneer Award from the Soldotna Chamber of Commerce. In 2021, he received the Wright Brother's Master Pilot Award in recognition of 50 years of exemplary flight experience, distinguished professionalism and steadfast commitment to aviation safety. In 2024, he received the Patron Award from Central Peninsula Hospital.

Russell retired in 2025 at the age of 87. He was given a retirement party by the Central Peninsula Hospital and presented with a wooden plaque award reading "Dr. Alex Russell, World's Greatest Pediatrician," signed "Thank you, Your Kenai Peninsula Fan Club."

The Russells have two children: Temple Russell Christiansen and Patience Russell Obermann. Four of their grandsons have graduated from Concordia University, Nebraska: Collin Christiansen '16, Cameron Christiansen '17, Adam Christiansen '19 and Aaron Christiansen '22.

In recognizing Dr. Alex B. Russell Jr. with the Distinguished Service Award, Concordia University, Nebraska praises God for providing all who dedicate themselves to public service. We are pleased to bestow upon Dr. Alex B. Russell Jr. the Distinguished Service Award.

College of Arts and Sciences

BACHELOR OF ARTS DEGREE

Lillian Eden Alwood	Travis Ivan Green	Alyssa Ann Marotz	Aaron Duvall Spivey
Lily AnnElizabeth Beck	Elijah Newman	Eliya Joy Mars^	Tayley Elizabeth Streeks
Keegan Grace Beisel^***	Spyder Grover	Elizabeth M. Marsh	Sadie Lynn Sunday
Nora Avery Betts^***	Kaylee Christine Hinton	Sydney R. McReynolds	Ashlee LaRae Trujillo
Simon Edward Blankenship	Molly Caroline Hjelm**	Joshua Robert Meyer*	Samantha Lynn Vojslavek
Meredith Joy Boster*	Josiah Horvath	Brooklyn M. Minnig	Harvey Preston Walter
Austin Taylor Boucher	Madeline Elizabeth	Henry Moore	Meghan Elizabeth Walter
Easton I. Cooper^	Hudson-Knowlton	Dylan Ashley Parker^***	Katelyn Beth Welker
Alida Mae Crockett	Allison Cleone Kelly	Adah Joanne Pflughoeft^***	Adam C. Widmann
Dax Michael Davis	Ethan Daniel Kirby	Emilee Kay Price	Faith Erin Williamson
Jacob Timothy Deines	Daniel C. Kuefner	Zachary David Price	Katie Lynn Wilson
Josiah Glen Edwards	Nathan Isaac Kurth	Hunter Forrest Remington	Abigail Ruth Yakimow*
Alison Marie Galchutt**	Rylee L. Ladd	Andrew Roger Ring	
Miriam R. Ganoung**	Alana Sofia López Pagán	Avery Elizabeth Rothert^	
Lars Josef Henry Gindler	Emily Lynn Loseke**	Savannah Rae Shelburne	

BACHELOR OF FINE ARTS DEGREE

Ava L. Bartels	Samuel Victor Matthias*	Hannah Katherine Schaefer**
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BACHELOR OF MUSIC DEGREE

Rachel Evelyn Brinkman^***	Jacob Martin Huber	Timothy E. Mars	Isabella R. M. Woodburn
Samuel C. Dunbar	Joshua Philip Jurchen	Logan G. Walgate	

BACHELOR OF SCIENCE DEGREE

Deleesi Brynn Bartling	Hugo Fuentes Gomez	Rylee L. Ladd	Mayson Dale Ostermeyer**
Jonah Gabriel Carter	Taryn Ayla Ganstrom**	Slade A. Leicht*	Justin Harold Otten
Sarah Anne Cluver	Gabrielle G. Heiser	Jack A. Martin	Adrianna Grace Rodencal
Autumn J. Deterding**	Evan Thomas Hill	Molli A. Martin	Kayla Maye Svoboda
Nora Marie Fingerlin*	Makayla Jean Kirchner	Hayley Morgan Miles^***	Tobi Anne Topp

*with distinction ** with high distinction ^Luke Scholar

College of Business and Technology

BACHELOR OF ARTS DEGREE

James E. Blumberg	Camryn Gene Higer	Cole J. Price	Brent Ward
Aleksa Grace Chambers	Ashley Marie Keck	Parker Goah Reece	Gatlin Craig Wilson
Nathan D. Feusse	Matthew Kruse	Alexa Richert	
Miarosa Peralta Gyllenswan	Bronx Lewis	Carson Daniel Saathoff	

BACHELOR OF SCIENCE DEGREE

Santiago Abadia	Tyler N. Harre	Madeline Grace Lewis	Kyla Marie Schleusener^
Caitlyn Jeanette Adams	Adrian Hernandez	Landrey M. Mars*	Jaden B. Seier
Caleb Matthew Babisak	Cylee M. Jameson*	Ara Elizabeth Maxwell	Gideon Thomas Stark
Michael Peter Bedrosian*	Carter K. Johnson	Ian M. Medeck	Wyatt John Swanson
Derek William Campbell	Emma Elizabeth	Paige Victoria Melohn*	Adam W. Van Cleave*
Cole J. Coffey	(VanTol) Kettelhake**	Mariana Molano	Jacob Dean Wagoner
Aaron Matthew Cumming*	Niah Grace Kirchner	Blake R. Mosenteen	Gavin Glenn Weichel
Jacob R. Dowd	Brooks Spencer Kissinger	Jake Nelms	Grant S. Wells
Ace Eckman	Matthew Henry Koenig	Jack Harold Nelson	Aubrey Belle Wright
Carson Jacob Fehlhafer	Zachary John Kulus	Hudson Martin Opp	Aaron Steven Wulff
Mason John Fortney	Trevor Dean KuncI	Collin Douglas Reetz	Thomas Arthur Zimmerman
Logan Domicic Fragomeni	Taylor Lynn Larsen*	Jacob Jeffrey Richmond	
Gage Everett Fries	Peyton Linley Larson	Brock Charles Rogers	
Andrew Dean Fynaardt	Eden Lehr	Myles Cooper Sadd	

MASTER OF BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION DEGREE

Gavin A. Buttshaw	Hannah Rae Helmer	Tyra Lynn Schardt	Devin Zeigler
Bradley Levon Evans	Harrison Austin Martin	Casey Alan Stegeman	
Holly Ann Gast	Thomas Dom Park	Cael Robert Washburn	
Derek Michael Heckman	Peter Fredrick Ruhl	Joshua Thomas York	

MASTER OF HEALTHCARE ADMINISTRATION DEGREE

Nikeshya Faye James	Allyn Komorowski	Dimitrinka Kostova Yancheff
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College of Education, Health and Human Sciences

BACHELOR OF ARTS DEGREE

Brittney Georgia Aitken	Jayden M. Fernau	Christina Grace Gronefeld	Shelby Jolyn Rugg
Abigail Rebecca Allen	Gracie Jane Flamig	Quinlan A. Hendrickson [^]	Elena Y. Ruiz
Delaney Baker*	Joseph Edward Follett	Grant Michael Huss	Josiah David Seabaugh
Hannah Rene Beintema	Jayden Elizabeth Foreman	Juliana E. Jones	Dylan J. Smith
Oliver Russell Penrod Benson	Molly Sue Frenzen**	Hannah Paige Kile*	Joel D. Smith
Arabella Maria Blakeley	Evan Gregg Fukuhara	Emma K. Kirby	Ernest William Snyder III
Evan S. Brott	Cadence Elizabeth Fulfs	Kayla Camille Korb	Sierra Marie Springer
HarleyJane Carter	Dane Garner	Luke David Lawrenz	Jeremiah J. Vasquez
David Harold Claridge**	Kierstynn Rose Garner	Joseph Lee McQueen	Kadence C. Velde
Autumn Ella Consier**	Abigail Garrison**	Francisco J. Mendez	Adrian Mumo Wambua
Emery Custer	Ella Jean Gilzean	Josephine C. Noble	Raleigh Patricia Watts
Zackery Robert Day	Alyson Nicole Gobin	Yaire Ramona Ojeda-Galindo	Qwin M. Zabokrtsky
Logan Scott DeCoste	Mia L. Golka	Pryce W. Ostermeier	
Westley Graham Determan	Brandon Alfredo Gonzalez	Cy C. Renney	

BACHELOR OF SCIENCE DEGREE

Carson Thomas Adams	Ryleigh Mae Flesner	Torrance David Keehn	Karson Alfred Sherman
Savannah Rose Andrews	Mya Rae Gawrych	Patrick Q. Mars*	Kristin Ann Vieselmeyer
Maxwell Lynn Bartels	Kate Marie Griess	Cameron Allan Pickens	Gabrielle Kay-Kristine
McKenzie L. Bohlen	Brittani Marie Gutz**	Hunter Jaymes Powers	Wagner
Talisa Buhr	Kelsie Ruth Heins	Lily Diana Psencik	Emma Grace Womboldt-
Inigo Chavarria Bezunartea	Aaron Thomas Jendro	Garrett Michael Reimche	Siemek
Seth Ryan Claybourne	Jaeden Lee Jordahl	Layton Rivas	Qwin M. Zabokrtsky
Liam Sean Fagan	Spencer B. Kaufman	Kya Scott	

BACHELOR OF SCIENCE IN EDUCATION DEGREE

Rachel Sue Ada**	Ian David Fiala	Alex Wayne Lorenz	Paige Irene Roiger
Emily Claire Amisano	Bethany Gebhardt**	Emily Lynn Loseke***	Hannah Katherine Schaefer*
LaCole Riann Anno	Laci Kamryn Havlat	Anna Christine Maxson	Hannah J. Schauer
Madison Marie Beachel	Trista Hemenway*	Karlee Ann McClellan	Lauryn Christine Stanley
Caroline S. Beck	Jesse Tyler Herndon	Teagan Ray Meyer	Kyle J. Sterup
Kyra Joy Becker	Kalynn Elizabeth Jeardoe	Carrie Ann Meyr*	Meghan R. Strater
Montgomery Ann Berner	Sydney Jean Jelinek	Kiera L. Moes	Bailey Elizabeth Suchy
Emma Ruth Borgschatz	Bryce Karlin	Mayra Esther Molina	Libby Dunn Troester**
Meredith Joy Boster [^] *	Ava Nicole King	Seth Edward Moore	Hannah Elizabeth Weaver
Delaney Lynn Carlson	Adeline Kirkegaard	Anthony M. Nauman	Hunter Lee Weimer
Ernest Glenn Clausing	Anna Jo Klopfenstein	Bryce J. Needham	Matthew Allen Weismann
Macully Jon Coffey	Katee Capree Korte	Brock Raymond Olson	Brianna Marie Wing
Brevin Damrow	Hannah Faith Kruse	Elise Noelle O'Neill*	Isabella Marie Wolter*
Mallory Jean Denner	Megan Nichole Lange	Anna Christine Reisen*	Emily Ann Wood
Hannah Rose Ethridge [^]	Alayna Allen Laughridge	Kylyn Rose Robbins	Grace Marie Zaugg
Leah Autumn Fett*	Ellie Anna Grace Lehr	Grant Frederick Rohde	

MASTER OF ARTS

Kylee Renee Borchers	Bridget Johnston	Ashlyn Wildman Novak	Tiffany Victoria Szura
Kimberly Dawn Dixon	Kendra Rae Kluck	Elena Celeste Phahongchanh	Paige Kaitlynn Vavra
Hannah Lee Haas	Kayli Jo Konrad-Sauer	Abigail Lynn Proudfoot	Ashley Ann Vlasin
Annah Kay Heck	Jenna Leigh Lordemann	Breanna Kay Romero	Madison L. Woodard
Anna Yawen Herl	Jessika Ileana Morales	Jessica Spilker-Kinning	
Brandie Hollingsworth	Emily Hunter Morris	Jocelyn Suing	
Mallory Ann Houdek	Shaylie Helen Murphy	Kimberly Synowiecki	

MASTER OF EDUCATION DEGREE

Sarah Marie Adams	Sabrina Halice Fant	Kenzie Grace Marie Lambert	Jessica Anne Robbins
Faith Anne Anderson	Kristine Diane Fisher	Heather Marie Larsen	Meredith R. Rohwer
Kelly Ann Asbury	Lindsey Mae Forsgren	Ben Yiu Bun Lee	Allison Ann Romero
John Timothy Aylward	Tara Jo Fouts	Tammy Kay Lee	Bailey Lynn Rosemann
Bailly Ballard	Amy Francisco	Nichole Lentino	Heather Lynn Russell
Ryan Harrison Baney	Emma Christine Francl	Nicklaus Ludwig	John Robert Salistean
Shareka Monique Battle	Abigail Leigh Fritch	Amanda Luedders	Rachel Marie Schnegelberger
Brooke Lynn Baugh	Sydney James Fulton	Scott Ayars Luedtke	Kelsey Marie Schnoor
Morgan Renee Beals	Gretchen M. Garrison	Erin Manthei	Michael Stephan Schumm
Brittani Nicole Beegle	Kendall Gill	Matthew Eugene Markowski	Sara Jo Anne Schwartz
Danielle Joy Bench	Lauren Gillingham	Jamie Johanna Marquardt	Matthew Edward Simpson
Cassidy Lee Benjamin	Katelyn Greene	Amie Nicole Martin	Megan Lea Sinks
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Morgyn Claire Christiansen	Sarah Jean Hubel	Cortney Cay Novak	Mataya Lynn Topil
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Jennifer Sue Cole	Shelby R. Jarzynka	Becky June Olsen	Emily Grace Trouba
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Suzanne Marie Dunkin	Katherine Ann Krause	Tracy Jo Pennington Pruitt	
Tonie Gabrielle Ebbers	Nicole Dianne Kueck	Keri Leigh Rasby	
Brittany Sue Epp	Daniela Kueper	Shelby Marie-Farrell Redding	

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Nathan Bahe	Tanner William Kuhn	Jake Myers	Mason Richard Vrbka
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Kevin David Busch	Dana Michael Long	Kendra L. Placke	Justin Young Bum Woo
Marc Anthony Delgado	Sarah Elizabeth Martin	Justin Schreiber	
Aaron Jesus Gallegos	Jordan Kenneth McBride	Braedon Joseph Thompson	

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Church Work Professional Programs

LUTHERAN TEACHER DIPLOMA

The Lutheran Teacher Diploma is awarded to graduates who intend to enter the teaching ministry of The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod.

Rachel Sue Ada	Leah Autumn Fett	Alex Wayne Lorenz	Hannah Katherine Schaefer
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Caroline S. Beck	Bethany Gebhardt	Anna Christine Maxson	Meghan R. Strater
Kyra Joy Becker	Trista Hemenway	Carrie Ann Meyr	Logan G. Walgate
Emma Ruth Borgschatz	Joshua Philip Jurchen	Mayra Esther Molina	Hannah Elizabeth Weaver
Meredith Joy Boster^	Hannah Faith Kruse	Brock Raymond Olson	Isabella Marie Wolter
Ernest Glenn Clausing	Megan Nichole Lange	Kylyn Rose Robbins	Isabella R. M. Woodburn
Samuel C. Dunbar	Alayna Allen Laughridge	Grant Frederick Rohde	
Hannah Rose Ethridge	Ellie Anna Grace Lehr	Paige Irene Roiger	

DIRECTOR OF CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

The DCE Certificate for graduates are awarded to those who intend to enter the DCE ministry of The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod.

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DIRECTOR OF PARISH MUSIC

The Director of Parish Music Diploma is awarded to graduates who intend to enter the music ministry of The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod.

Rachel Evelyn Brinkman^	Jacob Martin Huber	Timothy E. Mars
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PRE-SEMINARY STUDIES

Concordia's pre-seminary program prepares students for admission to select seminaries where they intend to complete their training to serve the church as pastors.

Caleb Matthew Babisak	David Harold Claridge	Hunter Forrest Remington
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CLASSICAL LUTHERAN EDUCATOR CERTIFICATION

The Classical Lutheran Educator Certification grants students the qualification to become rostered church workers in The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod through additional theology courses, a classical pedagogy class and a practicum at Trinity Academy on Concordia's campus.

Lars Josef Henry Gindler

CHRISTIAN TEACHER DIPLOMA

The Christian Teacher Diploma is granted to students who intend to serve as teachers in Christian schools that are not associated with The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod.

Emily Ann Wood

PRE-DEACONESS STUDIES

The pre-deaconess program prepares students for graduate education leading to certification as a deaconess.

Nora Avery Betts	Alison Marie Galchutt	Emma Elizabeth (Van Tol) Kettelhake
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BACCALAUREATE DEGREES

Concordia Nebraska confers the Bachelor of Arts, Bachelor of Fine Arts, Bachelor of Science, Bachelor of Music and Bachelor of Science in Education degrees upon students who have completed at least 120 semester hours of valid credit and have fulfilled all other obligations.*

GRADUATE DEGREES

Concordia Nebraska grants the Master of Arts, Master of Business Administration, Master of Education, Master of Public Health and Master of Science degrees to individuals who have completed a program of graduate studies and fulfilled all other graduate requirements.*

**Appearance of a name in this ceremony program is not official acknowledgement of completion of the degree, certificate or diploma indicated.*

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Up to 10 percent of the undergraduate class are graduated "with High Distinction," and an additional 15 percent of the class are graduated "with Distinction." A student must have completed at least 64 credit hours at Concordia to qualify for graduation honors.

ACADEMIC REGALIA

Academic costume has its origin in the schools of the 12th and 13th centuries when universities were most often administered by faculty and staff associated with the church. Concordia is represented by the royal blue and white chevrons in the lining of the hood. The colored strip around the border of the hood indicates the academic area in which the degree was earned. Following are the colors and their corresponding academic areas:

Maize	Agriculture	Brown	Fine Arts, Architecture	Dark Blue	Philosophy
White	Arts, Letters, the Humanities	Purple	Law	Sage Green	Physical Education
Drab	Commerce, Accountancy,	Lemon Green	Library Science	Salmon Pink	Public Health
	Business	Green	Medicine	Golden Yellow	Science
Copper	Economics	Pink	Music	Citron	Social Work
Light Blue	Education	Apricot	Nursing	Scarlet	Theology

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