A New Heaven and a New Earth
(Revelation 21:1a)
+ COMMENCEMENT +

162nd Academic Year of the Lutheran School of Theology at Chicago

Baccalaureate Service
The Augustana Chapel at LSTC
Saturday, May 14, 2022 + 4:00 p.m.

Commencement
St. Thomas the Apostle Catholic Church
Sunday, May 15, 2022 + 2:30 p.m.
GATHERING
The Holy Spirit calls us together as the people of God.

GATHERING SONG
God of Grace by Paul Manz

THANKSGIVING FOR BAPTISM
The assembly stands. All may make the sign of the cross, the sign marked at baptism, as the presiding minister begins.

Alleluia! Christ is risen.
Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia!
Response after the prayer: Amen.

The service continues with gathering song. As a reminder of the gift of baptism, the assembly may be sprinkled with water during the singing.

GATHERING SONG
God Welcomes All

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Music: AMEN THEMBA, South African traditional; transcr. and arr. John L. Bell
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GREETING
The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.
And also with you.
CANTICLE OF PRAISE

This is the feast of victory for our God.

Alleluiia, alleluiia.

1 Worthy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose
   blood set us free to be people of God.

Powers, riches, wisdom, and strength, and
   honor, blessing, and glory are his.

2 Sing with all the people of God, and
   join in the hymn of all creation:

Blessing, honor, glory, and might be to
PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray.
Alpha and Omega, First and Last, glory outshining all the lights of heaven: pour out upon us your Spirit of faithful love and abundant compassion, so that we may rejoice in the splendor of your works while we wait in expectation for the new heaven and the new earth you promise when Christ shall come again.
Amen.
The assembly is seated.
FIRST READING

A reading from Acts.

Now the apostles and the believers who were in Judea heard that the Gentiles had also accepted the word of God. So when Peter went up to Jerusalem, the circumcised believers criticized him, saying, “Why did you go to uncircumcised men and eat with them?” Then Peter began to explain it to them, step by step, saying, “I was in the city of Joppa praying, and in a trance I saw a vision. There was something like a large sheet coming down from heaven, being lowered by its four corners; and it came close to me. As I looked at it closely I saw four-footed animals, beasts of prey, reptiles, and birds of the air. I also heard a voice saying to me, ‘Get up, Peter; kill and eat.’

But I replied, ‘By no means, Lord; for nothing profane or unclean has ever entered my mouth.’ But a second time the voice answered from heaven, ‘What God has made clean, you must not call profane.’ This happened three times; then everything was pulled up again to heaven.

At that very moment three men, sent to me from Caesarea, arrived at the house where we were. The Spirit told me to go with them and not to make a distinction between them and us. These six brothers also accompanied me, and we entered the man’s house. He told us how he had seen the angel standing in his house and saying, ‘Send to Joppa and bring Simon, who is called Peter; he will give you a message by which you and your entire household will be saved.’ And as I began to speak, the Holy Spirit fell upon them just as it had upon us at the beginning.

And I remembered the word of the Lord, how he had said, ‘John baptized with water, but you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit.’ If then God gave them the same gift that God gave us when we believed in the Lord Jesus Christ, who was I that I could hinder God?”

When they heard this, they were silenced. And they praised God, saying, “Then God has given even to the Gentiles the repentance that leads to life.”

Word of God, word of life.
Thanks be to God.

PSALMODY

Hallelujah! Sing Praise to Your Creator

1 Hal - le - lu - jah! Sing praise to your Cre - a - tor, sun, moon, and stars and an - gels a - bove. Praise the Lord, whose word es -
2 Praise the Lord, all moun - tains and o - ceans, roll - ing thun - der and wind and storm clouds on high. Praise the Lord, your Mak - er, heights let prais - es re - sound to the Lord, the source of
SECOND READING

Revelation 21:1–6

A reading from Revelation.

1 I saw a new heaven and a new earth; for the first heaven and the first earth had passed away, and the sea was no more. 2 And I saw the holy city, the new Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband. 3 And I heard a loud voice from the throne saying, “See, the home of God is among mortals. God will dwell with them as their God; they will be God’s people, and that very God will be with them, 4 and will wipe every tear from their eyes. Death will be no more; mourning and crying and pain will be no more, for the first things have passed away.”

5 And the one who was seated on the throne said, “See, I am making all things new,” and also said, “Write this, for these words are trustworthy and true.” 6 Then the one seated on the throne said to me, “It is done! I am the Alpha and the Omega, the beginning and the end. To the thirsty I will give water as a gift from the spring of the water of life.”

Word of God, word of life.
Thanks be to God.
GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

The assembly stands to welcome the gospel.

GOSPEL

John 13:31-35

The holy gospel according to John.
Glory to you, O Lord.

31 When Judas had gone out, Jesus said, “Now the Son-of-Humanity has been glorified, and God has been glorified in him. 32 If God has been glorified in him, God will also glorify him in God’s own self and will glorify him at once. 33 Little children, I am with you only a little longer. You will look for me; and as I said to the Judeans so now I say to you, ‘Where I am going, you cannot come.’ 34 I give you a new commandment, that you love one another. Just as I have loved you, you also should love one another. 35 By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another.”

The gospel of the Lord.
Praise to you, O Christ.

The assembly is seated.

SERMON

The Rev. Dr. Benjamin M. Stewart
Gordon A. Braatz Associate Professor of Worship Director, Zygon Center for Religion and Science

Silence for reflection follows the sermon.

The assembly stands to proclaim the word of God in song.
Day of Delight and Beauty Unbounded

1 Day of delight and beauty unbounded, tell the news, the gospel spread!
2 Day of delight and beauty unbounded, tell the news, the gospel spread!
    Day of all wonder, day of all splendor, praise Christ risen from the dead!
    Day of all wonder, day of all splendor, praise Christ risen from the dead!
    Sing of the sun from darkness appearing; sing of the seed from barren earth greening;
    Sing of mourning turned into dancing; sing now the mystery, hope of our glory;
    Sing of creation, alleluia! Sing the song with thanksgiving, alleluia! Sing now of stream from Jesus’ side flowing; sing of the saints in fasting turned into feasting; sing the Lord’s favor water made holy; sing of salvation, alleluia! lasting forever; sing, all things living, alleluia!

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NICENE CREED

We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen. We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father; through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven, was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the virgin Mary and became truly human. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end. We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets. We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

The assisting minister leads the assembly in prayer, concluding each petition, “God, in your mercy,” to which the assembly responds, “Receive our prayer.”

PEACE

The peace of Christ be with you always. And also with you.

The people may greet one another with a sign of Christ’s peace, and may say, “Peace be with you,” or similar words. The assembly is then seated.
An offering is gathered for the mission of the church, including the care of those in need. Today’s offering will go to support the ongoing work of the Lutheran World Federation as it responds to humanitarian crises around the globe.

CHORAL OFFERING

*Anthem of Dedication* by Warren Martin
Teniya Mackey, soloist

The assembly stands.

OFFERING PRAYER

Response after the prayer: Amen.

GREAT THANKSGIVING

The Lord be with you.
And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.
We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
It is right to give our thanks and praise.
The thanksgiving continues with the preface for the day; the assembly responds:

San-to, san-to, san-to Dios de glo-ria y po-der,
Ho-ly, ho-ly, ho-ly God of pow-er and might,

cie-los y tie-rra pro-cla-man tu glo-ria.
heav-en and earth ... are full of your glo-ry.

Ho-san-na, ho-san-na, ho-san-na in the high-est.

Ben-di-to a-quel que vie-ne en el nom-bre de Dios.
Bless-ed is the one who comes in the name of our God.

Ho-san-na, ho-san-na, ho-san-na in the high-est.

The great thanksgiving concludes. Response after the prayer: Amen.
LORD’S PRAYER

Gathered into one by the holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us, in the many languages and traditions by which we have been blessed:

Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name,
your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven.
Give us today our daily bread.
Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us.
Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours,
now and forever. Amen.

The presiding minister invites the assembly to communion. The assembly is then seated.

COMMUNION SONG

All Who Are Thirsty

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COMMUNION HYMN  Where Charity and Love Are Shown: Donde hay caridad y amor

Don-de hay ca - ri - dad y a - mor, a - lli es -
Where charity and love are shown, our God is

tá, el Se - ñor, a - lli está, el Se - ñor.
there made known, our God is there made known.

1 U - na sa - la y u - na me - sa, u - na co - pa,
One assembly at one table; one the cup, the
2 At the ta - ble we are wel - comed to the ban - quet
3 This, the bread of life e - ter - nal; this, the sav - ing

vi - no y pan, los her - ma - nos com - par -
bread, the wine; in one love we are com -
from a - bove. We re - call the Lord’s com -
cup we claim, draw us close with - in one

tien - do en a - mor y en u - ni - dad.
and in uni - ty we dine.
mand - ment that we live and grow in love.
fam - ily, make us one in Jesus’ name.

Nos re - ú - ne la pre - sen - cia y el re - cuer - do
Brought to - geth - er by the pres - ence and the prom - ise
As the gifts of God are giv - en, Jesus’ bod - y
Let us tell the liv - ing sto - ry of his suf - f’ring

del Se - ñor; ce - le - bra - mos su me -
of God’s Word, here in joy and in re -
and his blood, so we give our - selves to -
and his pain, and pro - claim the ho - ly
2. Invitados a la mesa
del banquete del Señor,
recordamos su mandato
de vivir en el amor.
Comulgamos en el cuerpo
y en la sangre que él nos da,
y también en el hermano
si lo amamos de verdad. Estribillo

3. Este pan que da la vida
y este cálice de salud
nos reúnen a los hermanos
en el nombre de Jesús.
Anunciamos su memoria,
celebramos su pasión,
el misterio de su muerte
y de su resurrección. Estribillo

**COMMUNION HYMN**

**Beloved, God’s Chosen (ANDREW’S SONG)**

1. **Beloved, God’s chosen, put on as a garment**
2. **Within, call forth Wisdom, to dwell in you richly;**
3. **Beloved, God’s chosen, put on as a garment**

**Compassion, forgiveness, and goodness of heart.**
**Compassion, forgiveness, and goodness of heart.**

**Above all, before all, let love be your raiment**
**And from the heart’s chamber, beloved and holy,**
**Above all, before all, let love be your raiment**

**That binds into one every dissonant part.**
**Let singing thanks giving to God ever rise.**

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Response after the table blessing: Amen.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Response after the prayer: Amen.

SENDING
God blesses us and sends us in mission to the world.

BLESSING
God, the Author of life,
Christ, the living Cornerstone,
and the life-giving Spirit of adoption,
bless you now and forever.
Amen.

SENDING SONG

Christ Is Risen! Shout Hosanna! (TURNBULL)

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DISMISSAL

Alleluia! Christ is risen.
Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia!
Go in peace. Tell what God has done.
Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

Ein Feste Burg Ist Unser Gott by Johann Pachelbel
Hallelujah! Sing Praise to Your Creator

1 Hallelujah! Sing praise to your Creator, sun, moon, and stars and angels above. Praise the Lord, whose word establishes the heavens, who upholds all the earth in power and love. God reigns on high, let the heavens rejoice! (Oh,)

2 Praise the Lord, all mountains and oceans, rolling thunder and wind and storm clouds on high. Praise the Lord, your Maker, heights let praises resound to the Lord, the source of sky. Both young and old, come and join in the song! (Oh,)

3 Give to God all glory and honor. From the depths to the tab - lished the heav - ens, who up - holds all the earth in pow - er and all liv - ing crea - tures, all the beasts in the fields and birds in the strength and sal - va - tion for all people on whom God’s favor is found. Praise God, you saints who are claimed as God’s own! (Oh,)

Both young and old, come and join in the song! Praise God, you saints who are claimed as God’s own!
ACADEMIC PROCESSION

LSTC Festival Procession

GATHERING SONG

Hallelujah! Sing Praise to Your Creator (see facing page)

PRAYER OF INVOCATION

Response after the prayer: Amen

The assembly is seated

WELCOME AND INTRODUCTIONS

James Nieman, President

Dr. Paul C. Pribbenow

President, Augsburg University

Anne Krentz Organ

THE COMMENCEMENT ADDRESS: “From You No Secrets Are Hid: The Call to Public Discipleship”

MUSIC SELECTION: “Love One Another”

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Response after the prayer: Amen.

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PRESENTATION OF THE SENIOR CLASS GIFT

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BLESSING

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Paul C. Pribbenow, the 10th president of Augsburg University, a private liberal arts university associated with the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America and located in Minneapolis, is recognized as one of the country’s most engaging commentators and teachers on ethics, philanthropy, and American public life.

Before coming to Augsburg, Pribbenow served as president of Rockford College (now Rockford University) in Rockford, Illinois. He also has served as a research fellow for the Center of Inquiry in the Liberal Arts at Wabash College (Indiana), dean for College Advancement and secretary of the Board of Trustees at Wabash College, vice president of the School of the Art Institute of Chicago, and associate dean of the Divinity School of the University of Chicago.

Pribbenow was honored to be named the 2019 Outstanding Fundraising Professional by the Association of Fundraising Professionals. The award recognizes effective, creative, and stimulating fundraising leadership as well as the practice and promotion of ethical fundraising.

Pribbenow received the William Burke Award for Presidential Leadership in Experiential Education from the National Society for Experiential Education in 2012. He was named a McCormick Presidential Civic Leader Fellow for 2003–04 and 2005–06. And, under Pribbenow’s leadership, Augsburg University became the first higher education institution in Minnesota to earn the prestigious Presidential Award for Community Service, the highest honor possible for service work.

Pribbenow is the author of numerous articles on philanthropy, ethics, and not-for-profit management. He publishes a bimonthly email newsletter titled, “Notes for the Reflective Practitioner.”

Pribbenow holds a bachelor’s degree (1978) from Luther College (Iowa) and a master’s degree (1979) and doctorate (1993) in social ethics from the University of Chicago. He received the Distinguished Service Award from Luther College in 2008.
Jan Boden has been telling LSTC’s story for nearly 25 years. She joined LSTC in 1997 as assistant to the president. In 2004, she was appointed director of communications and marketing, a position she stepped back from in 2020. On May 1, Boden retired from her most recent role, public relations manager.

Boden has faithfully told LSTC’s story through the stories of students and alumni, faculty and staff, supporters and friends—all with a goal to draw students and donors to LSTC. “My favorite part of the job was to listen to and share those stories,” she said.

Among her many responsibilities, Boden oversaw the website, edited and produced the alumni/donor magazine (50 issues), produced materials for admissions and advancement (including seven catalogs), wrote and edited the monthly e-news, and served as unofficial LSTC photographer.

Two of her biggest accomplishments were helping to guide both the process for adopting a mission statement that has stood the test of time (she claims she can recite it in her sleep), and the seminary website redesign after the rebranding process.

She served on the executive cabinet, and attended more than 40 board of directors meetings. Boden helped plan 24 commencement ceremonies and was part of many strategic planning committees.

As a faithful worshiper at daily chapel, it’s no wonder her two greatest joys are these: “being part of a small group that worked with the stained glass artists on the windows for the Augustana Chapel, and getting to watch and photograph the Manz Organ installation in the chapel.”

To the LSTC staff, students, faculty, alumni, board members, and donors, Boden says, “It was a profound joy to be part of the formation of so many fine pastors and scholars, and I am grateful to have had the privilege of knowing and working with so many devoted and faithful people.”
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“A new heaven and a new earth.” (Revelation 21:1a)

This year’s commencement takes place on the 5th Sunday in Easter, a day on which many congregations will hear these words from the 21st chapter of Revelation in worship. As we celebrate our students’ great achievements, we are mindful that many have said we are living in apocalyptic times. For Christians, apocalyptic literature like this passage from Revelation is a source of hope through the assurance of God’s power at work, bringing God’s promised future into our uncertain present. Our graduates are beginning the next chapter of their vocations as leaders in times of tumult. Today we send them out with confidence that God is present with them and with us all, working to bring about “a new heaven and a new earth.”

The cover design depicts a sacred space of open invitation between a starry sky and a lake’s reflection. We are surrounded by God’s powerful light and love, made known from generation to generation. Our hope lies in God’s wide invitation and constant awesome power that will carry us into all our tomorrows.

The artist commissioned to produce materials for this year’s program is Ann Gerondelis AIA, IDSA. Ann is the Head of the Design Department in Drexel University’s Westphal College of Media Arts & Design. A passionate design evangelist and inclusive leader, she draws on her broad range of experiences in educational innovation and design in multiple disciplines.