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PRE-COMMENCEMENT MUSIC

Bless the Lord, O My Soul

Benjamin Culli

Commissioned by the Wind Symphony of Concordia University, Nebraska and conductor Robert D. Cody in joyful celebration of the ensemble's inaugural season and in thankfulness to God for his Grace and providence.

PROCESSIONAL

Pomp and Circumstance

Edward Elgar, arr. James Ployhar

- Marshals of the Faculty
- Candidates for Graduation
- Professional/Technical Staff of the University
- Faculty of the University
- Regents of the University
- Pastoral Leader of St. John Lutheran Church, School and Child Development Center
- University Registrar
- Recipients of Honorary Degree and Awards
- Dean of the College of Arts and Sciences
- Dean of the College of Business and Technology
- Dean of the College of Education, Health and Human Sciences
- 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

Debbie Kay Burma

PRESENTATION OF THE CANDIDATES

CONFERRAL OF DEGREES AND AWARDING OF DIPLOMAS

ANTHEM

Do Not Be Afraid

Philip W. J. Stopford

RECOGNITION OF HONORARY DEGREE AND AWARDS

DOCTOR OF LAW DEGREE

Major General K. Luke Reiner

MASTER EDUCATOR AWARD

Mark and Debbie Baacke

CREST OF CHRIST AWARD

Jeff and Celeste Craemer

DISTINGUISHED SERVICE AWARD

Debbie Kay Burma

OUTSTANDING TEACHING AWARD

Joel W. Helmer, Ph.D., Professor of Geography, Chair of Department of History, Geography, Intercultural Studies and Modern Languages

CHARGE TO GRADUATES AND CLOSING

THE CONCORDIA TOWER SONG

W.E. Mueller and Theodore Beck

University Chamber Choir

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.

POST-COMMENCEMENT MUSIC

Doxology

William Himes

POSTLUDE

Nettleton

arr. Johnnie Vinson

OFFICIANTS

Bernard D. Bull, Ed.D., President

Lisa Ashby, Ph.D., Dean of the College of Arts and Sciences

Todd Johnson, MBA, Interim Dean of the College of Business and Technology

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

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

Sarah Jurchen, M.S., University Registrar

FACULTY MARSHALS

Kristy Jurchen, Ph.D., Professor of Chemistry

Mark Meehl, Ph.D., Professor of Theology

DEPUTY MARSHALS

Marcus Gubanyi, M.A., Assistant Professor of Computer Science

Beth Pester, Ph.D., Associate Professor of Education

Brian Gauthier, Ph.D., Assistant Professor of Theology

MUSIC

UNIVERSITY WIND SYMPHONY

Robert D. Cody, M.M., Conductor

UNIVERSITY CHAMBER CHOIR

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

MAJOR GENERAL K. LUKE REINER 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.

Retired Major General K. Luke Reiner '86 currently volunteers in support of the National Disaster Resilience Council, a national organization dedicated to protecting critical United States infrastructure and the American people. Reiner retired in 2024 after 40 years of service to his state and nation. Prior to his retirement, he served as the director of the Wyoming Department of Transportation, as the Adjutant General of the State of Wyoming and as a certified public accountant.

As director of the Wyoming Department of Transportation, he was responsible for the health, safety and welfare of about 2,000 people spread across the state in approximately 60 locations. He oversaw the maintenance, repair and real-time operations of about 7,000 miles of roads and 2,000 bridges and was responsible for the efficient and reliable operations of the Wyoming Highway Patrol, state driver's licensing, state emergency communications and the state aeronautics division.

As the Adjutant General of the State of Wyoming, he served as the commanding general for the Wyoming Military Department, responsible for formulating, developing and coordinating all policies, plans and programs that impacted more than 3,000 men and women in the Wyoming Air and Army National Guard.

He began his military career in 1982 as an enlisted soldier in the Nebraska Army National



Guard, relocating to Casper in 1987 and then Cheyenne in 1998. He assumed command of the Wyoming National Guard on April 1, 2011, and attained the rank of Major General in May 2013. He retired from the U.S. Army in March 2019.

Reiner is a member of the Association of the United States Army, the United States Field Artillery Association, the Wyoming Field Artillery Association, the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants, the Wyoming Association of Certified Public Accountants and the Cheyenne Chamber of Commerce.

He chose to attend Concordia Nebraska because his great grandfather William R. Roth '10, grandmother Clara (Roth) Harley, father Kenneth Loyd Reiner '60 and mother Darlene V. (Harley) Reiner '62 all attended the university. The family tradition continued as his sister, Sharon (Reiner) Oetting '86, joined him at the university. When he chose Concordia, the university was launching a newly-developed business department, which piqued his interest. He said supportive professors fostered a culture of mentorship, encouraging students to explore their purpose and potential career options. The consistent message of service to others resonated deeply with Reiner and amplified the key values he grew up with, including Christian character, Christian morals and Christian

faith. While at the university, a fellow student introduced him to the Nebraska National Guard, a seemingly-small action that significantly impacted the rest of his life and career.

Reiner and his wife Devonna (Buesing) Reiner '87 have two daughters, Holly Flanscha and Heather O'Donnell. The Reiners are members of Our Savior Lutheran Church in Cheyenne, Wyoming, where Reiner has served as an elder for 14 years and held various offices and served on multiple committees.

In conferring this degree to Major General K. Luke Reiner, Concordia University, Nebraska praises God for those who use their gifts in dedicated service in their field. We are pleased to confer upon Luke Reiner the Doctor of Laws degree, honoris causa.

MARK AND DEBBIE BAACKE MASTER EDUCATOR AWARD

The Concordia University, Nebraska 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.

Mark Baacke '73 and Deborah (Snyder) Baacke '73 have had careers in Lutheran education that span multiple states and many decades. The duo met in college and were married shortly after their graduation from Concordia University, Nebraska. The university was called Concordia Teachers College at the time of their graduation.

Mark earned an associate of arts degree from St. Paul's College in Concordia, Missouri, a bachelor's degree in secondary education from Concordia Teachers College with a major in biology and minor in math and a master's degree in secondary science education from the University of Houston in Houston, Texas.

In 2020, Mark retired following 45 years of service at Lutheran South Academy - which was also at various points called Lutheran High School and Lutheran High South - in Houston, Texas. Prior to his service there, he served at Our Saviour Lutheran School in Bronx, New York. At both schools, he taught biology, honors biology and biology 2 along with a variety of other science and math classes. At Lutheran South, he was the science department chair for about 20 years. At both schools, he also coached baseball, basketball, soccer, softball and golf, and also served as faculty advisor for National Honor Society and Student Council.



Passionate about serving schools, the church and his community, Mark is known for carpooling students across Houston to attend Lutheran South, planning class retreats for high school students and serving on a Texas District of The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod committee to write the first set of accreditation documents for Texas Lutheran schools to become accredited. From 2010 to 2022 he planned and chaperoned trips for Lutheran South seniors to Passion Conference in Atlanta, Georgia, an annual gathering of Christian students who are 18 to 25 years old. He has hosted weekend student Bible studies and astronomy nights for high school students and summer Bible studies for college students, painted a variety of murals at Lutheran High South and painted the school logo in the Lutheran South school gym. He served on the board of education and was the stewardship chairman at Our Savior Lutheran Church in Houston, Texas. Although officially retired, he still monitors AP high school exams each spring and serves as a substitute teacher at Lutheran South as needed.

He is a member of the Lutheran Education Association, the National Science Teachers Association and the National Association of Biology Teachers. Mark's parents, LeVerne

Baacke HS '42 CO '45 and Phyllis (Marohn) Baacke HS '42 CO '45, also attended Concordia Nebraska.

Debbie earned an associate of arts degree from St. Paul's College in Concordia, Missouri, a bachelor's degree in elementary education with a focus in literature and a minor in physical education from Concordia Teachers College and a master's degree in educational administration from the University of Houston in Houston, Texas.

She served at Lutheran South Academy for 22 years and was one of the six original teachers to start the lower school from the ground up as a new addition to the academy. She taught first grade and kindergarten. In addition to teaching, she coached girls fifth and sixth grade basketball, girls seventh and eighth grade basketball and served as middle school principal and lower school principal during her tenure there. Prior to that, she served for 23 years at Our Savior Lutheran School in Houston in a variety of positions including teaching pre-kindergarten, first grade, third grade, seventh grade and eighth grade. She also coached basketball, sponsored the school yearbook, served as interim principal and assistant principal, coordinated student teachers and served as early childhood director at different times during her service there. At the beginning of her teaching career, she taught at Grace Lutheran School in Bronx, New York, teaching third and fourth grade combination classes and coaching girls varsity volleyball.

An experienced writer and speaker, Debbie has authored papers and spoken on more than 20 topics at Texas District of The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod educator's conferences, early childhood education conferences and Sunday school teacher's conferences, addressing topics including discipline, parent-teacher relationships, technology and more.

Active in the church and in her community, Debbie has volunteered as Sunday school superintendent and on various church boards.

She is a ministry partner on the comfort dog team at Gloria Dei Lutheran Church in Houston, Texas. She is chair of the Houston area commissioners of The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod Texas District Accreditation Commission and volunteers for a community organization called Anchor Point and their House of Hope, which cares for pregnant young women.

She said the culture and atmosphere of Concordia Nebraska is very intentional in supporting faith formation. Class teaching, formal and informal discussions with professors, daily chapel and church worship all contribute to the unique and supportive campus culture. She said the office of Christian teacher class was very well taught at the university, and after a fantastic experience at Concordia Nebraska, she sought to bring that intentional faith support to her classroom and teaching positions.

Debbie is a member of the Association for Supervision and Curriculum, the Lutheran Education Association, the Association for Middle Level Education, the National Association for Education of Young Children and the Texas Association of Education to Young Children.

The Baackes attend Gloria Dei Lutheran Church in Houston, Texas, where Debbie serves on the board of directors, and Mark has served as an adult Bible class instructor off and on since 1999. They have one daughter, Taryn, a medical illustrator who lives in Florida with her husband, Ron, and their four children.

In recognizing Mark and Debbie Baacke as master educators, Concordia University, Nebraska praises God for providing all who dedicate themselves to education. We are pleased to bestow upon Mark and Debbie Baacke the Master Educator Award.

**JEFF AND
CELESTE CRAEMER**
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.

Active in their community and dedicated to supporting the work of Concordia Nebraska, Jeff and Celeste CO '66 GR '73 Craemer have quietly but generously supported the mission of Concordia Nebraska for more than 40 years.

In their community Jeff provides a leadership role expressed primarily through his dedicated work with the Marin History Museum, the San Rafael Fire Foundation, and the San Quentin (Prison) Museum. He was recognized as the San Rafael Citizen of the Year in 2019 for his civic and community involvement.

Celeste grew up in Detroit, Michigan, was blessed with Christian parents and attended both public and Lutheran schools. She attended Concordia Nebraska and taught in Lutheran schools in Missouri, Ohio and California.

Jeff grew up in San Rafael attending public schools including Laney College and San Francisco State. Led by his parents and grandfather, Jeff became a life-long member of Trinity Lutheran Church in San Rafael where he now leads in maintaining the church and school property and buildings. Celeste joined Trinity in 1981 and has served primarily in areas of education, music and nursing home ministries. They support God's work beyond the congregation including sponsoring children through Compassion International and Christ's Care for Children: Kenya.

"We are sinners, saved by the grace of God through the sacrifice of Jesus Christ His Son, living ordinary lives in His world and His church," said Jeff and Celeste.

In recognizing Jeff and Celeste Craemer 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 Jeff and Celeste Craemer the Crest of Christ Award.

DEBBIE KAY BURMA
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.

Deb Burma is a sought-after author and speaker. She appears frequently at women's retreats, conferences and other ministry events. A contracted author for Concordia Publishing House, she has authored a number of Bible study books, Christian living books, retreat kits and devotion books. She has also authored numerous articles and Bible studies published in Lutheran Woman's Quarterly and Today's Christian Living, and she currently cohosts a ministry podcast with fellow CPH authors.

A well-known speaker, Burma has delivered keynote presentations for the Lutheran Women in Mission national convention and multiple district conventions. She has served as a speaker for Lutheran Hour Ministries at national and regional conferences, was a keynote speaker for the Known Women's Conference and served as a speaker for the Concordia Nebraska Women in Business Lunch and the Concordia University System Beautiful Feet Conference as well as the Nebraska District Lutheran Educators Association conference. She has given more than 200 presentations for retreats, conferences and other special ministry events in the United States and Canada.

Previously, Burma served as director of women's, children's and family ministries at St. Paul's Lutheran Church in Janesville, Wisconsin, and as director of the Mother's Day Out program at Timothy Lutheran Church in St. Louis, Missouri, where she taught as well as created and oversaw new programs.

Active in her community, Burma serves on the GracePoint Institute for Relational Health board of directors, the Nebraska District of The Lutheran Church - Missouri Synod Wives of Pastors Care Team, the Women's Leadership Institute board as an ambassador, the Columbus Community Women's Ministry event planning team and in various other capacities.

Burma graduated from the University of Texas at Dallas in 1993 with a bachelor of science degree in economics and finance.

She and her husband Rev. Cory Burma have three married children: Christopher and Megan (Sparling) '17 Burma, Aaron '13 and Courtney (Burma) Limmer '16, and Cameron and Katherine Burma. Rev. Burma serves at Peace Lutheran Church in Columbus, Nebraska, where Deb has served as women's ministry and adult Bible study leader, youth mission trip leader and youth small group leader.

In recognizing Deb Burma 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 Debbie Kay Burma the Distinguished Service Award.

College of Arts and Sciences

BACHELOR OF ARTS DEGREE

Katherine Margaret Bauer	Magdalene M. Hall	Jacob Ernest Morse*	Lukas Troy Stapek
Abigail Lynn Bimler**^	Arcullous Anthony Heard III	Philip Luke Norton^	Mattie Helene Marie Stillahn
Emily Elizabeth Black	Anna Y. Herl	Rachel Rose Otten*	Brooke M. Townsend
Daisy L. Cody	Nathan Christopher Hoft	Alyssa Ryleigh Owens	Julia Terri Van Wey
Carson R. Core	Rachel Elizabeth Johnson*	Erin Jene Marie Painter	Thomas James Welch
Lauren Elizabeth Dawson***	Claire K. Kee	Adam James Prince	Caleb S. Zeckzer*
Nathaniel Carl Demlow*	Kayla Marie Kisker	Victoria J. Race	
Larissa Faith Embree	Clayton John Laabs	Joel O. Rathe	
Aaron T. Fosse	Christina Grace Lee	Jacob Riley Riggs	
Gwendolyn Jael Gaunt^	Christoph Marsh	Nicole Anne Rodriguez^	
Anna Elaine Royuk Grass^	Creighton J. Martinez-	Lydia J. Schultz	
Jonathan Thomas Grass	Burt-Baughman	Halley Elyse Shade	

BACHELOR OF FINE ARTS DEGREE

Matthew Gregory Hawes

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Amanda Michelle Munzert	Andrew James Schroeder	Isaac John Weander

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Jessica May Ciezki	Gideon A. Luehr	Carson Jayce Rathje	Alex Thomas Vieselmeyer
Gabe I. Ellis	Karsten Lee McCarter	Kellie Dayle Rhodes	Madeline Irene Wittstruck
Jordan Ray Fasnacht**	Lance R. McKay	Jerzi Rene Rowe	Christopher A. Gilmer-Wren
Lydia R. Flachsbart	Garrett Ray Nokelby	Sydney Michelle Schildt	Zachary G. Zohner**
Sara Kristine Huss**	Kaden C. Peters	Haley Brooke Schmutzer	
Luke David Johnson*	Jenna Marie Potratz	Ty Corbin Swanson	
Gabriel James Knisley	Sadie Louise Powell	Alexis Samantha Tachovsky	

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College of Business and Technology

BACHELOR OF ARTS DEGREE

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Emily Christel Arp	Taylor Collin Johnson	Dorian McMillian	Jayla Helen Policky
Alyssa Natalia Butler*	Christopher Charles Kandt	Charles Nshimiyimana	Nicholas John Szama
Isiaha Conner	Ayden J. King	Andrew M. Pfeiffer*	Noah John Schutte

BACHELOR OF SCIENCE DEGREE

Tracy James Allen	Olivia Carol Dunklau	Jordan Lee Kavulak	Braden M. Spath
Ames Russell Andelt	Christian J. Dyhrkopp	Rody Ross Lyon*	Casey Alan Stegeman**
Joel Ryan Baker*	Mason D. Edwards	Benjamin Daly Martin	Melanie Ann Vanness
Aubrey Elizabeth Baumann**	Jenna N. Esch	Caleb Allen Matlock	Sydni Anne Watson**
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Andrew K. Brandt	Ashtynne E. Frahm	Nathaniel Edwin Mueller	Micah Schoen Willweber^
Kendal Nicole Brigham*	Jennifer Kaylee Gillotti	Jack Robert Nelson	Isaac J. Wilson
Caden Aaron Bugarske	Tobias William Hager	Amy Maxine Richert	Ryan M. Wokutch
Jose A. Cevallos	Kyle E. Hoffman	Cory N. Ruybalid	Jacob Hayes Woodmancy**
Michael Douglas Doiel	Austin Charles Jablonski	Bria Lynn Schulz	Devin D'Juan Dupree Zeigler
Lydia R. Dose	Alexander Evan Johnston*	Gemma Faith SeEVERS	

MASTER OF SCIENCE

Tanner Richard Farmer

MASTER OF BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION DEGREE

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Lukas Edward Coe	Katherine Grace Hintz	Michael Patrick McIntyre	Daniel Delvon Rivera
Wyatt Steven Eriksen	Benjamin C. Hulett	Zachary Dwain Miller	Vivien Christin Sandberg
Ashley Kayleen Evans	Kurtis D'Mon Irby	John David Nordin	Madeleine Gwen Wachowski
Tanner Richard Farmer	Stephanie Anne Janda	Carlos Ivan Orquiz Escapita	
Malia J. Frerking	Lori A. Johnson	Adam M. Pinn	
Wyatt James Hamblly	Tanner Nathan Knorr	Cora Elizabeth Rhode	

MASTER OF HEALTHCARE ADMINISTRATION DEGREE

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Angela Kay Barber	Jessie A. Harken	Kendall Paige Meyer	Andrew Thomas Vidaurreta
Gunner Belz	Holly Leann Helman	Robert Eugene Pierret	

College of Education, Health and Human Sciences

BACHELOR OF ARTS DEGREE

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Trevor Eric Brei	Emily Kathryn Klemp	Mya M. Nurse	Rachel Elizabeth Smith
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Ethan J. Cronin	Skylar J. Kreifels	Bradi Leigh Ore	Shelby Susan Stark*
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Matthew C. Gebauer	Caleb S. Lemon	Kamryn E. Pokorney	Abigail Faith Van Velson
Sean R. Gildersleeve	Michael David-	Elayne Poppe	Lainey Jo Werts*
Taylor Michelle Glause	Porter Lindberg	Annabelle Joy Rehmer	Bradyn G. Whittington
Joey W. Grabanski	Annaline Olivia McCoy	Devon Wesley Reitz**	April Cristina Williams
Hannah Lee Haas	Julie A. McIntyre	Faith Margaret Riggle	Anna Grace Zimmerman*

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Michael James Grindley	Tristin Kinderknecht	Javeen S. Scdoris	

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Caleb John Beasley	Kayla Eileen Johnson	Grace Eleanor Pennekamp	Anna Elizabeth Sommerer
Blake A. Benson	Jacob A. Jurchen	Anthony Alexander Perez	Brady R.J. Soukup
Nicole Marilyn Brandmire	Jaxon August Kant	Josie Lee Puelz**	Kathryn Elizabeth Taylor
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Lauren Elizabeth Dawson***	Lexie Louise Kreizel*	Devin Dale Rathman	Shelby A. Timmerman
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Hannah Ruth Fasnacht*	Stephanie Renae Mashuga	Sydney D. Reichert	Brianna Lynn Van Bibber
Anah Cecile Fuller	McKenna Carolan McSpadden	Carly Jane Rodaway	Hailey Nicole Wilson*
Macy Rose Gebhardt*	Wayne Simon Moore	Olivia Claire Rogers	Skyler Lawrence Woita
Peyton Michelle Gissler	Nathaniel Edwin Mueller	Trey John Scheef*	
Susan Elizabeth Goehmann	Ben George Myers	Christian R. Schlepp	

MASTER OF ARTS

Jana L. Andersen	Alexander James Klenz	Rachel Beth Peterson	Nicole Dawn Wurtele
Yessica Andrea Cardona	Pamela Gayle Knott	Bailey Smejkal	Rachel Elizabeth York
Lisa Marie Coleman	Jennifer A. Magnus-Duitsman	Kendall Colette Surratt	
Julia Pauline Ellis	Hannah Rae Mayo	Cierra Maye Weatherfield	
Shelby Johnson	Alyssa Jo Olson	LaShawn T. Wigfall	

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MASTER OF EDUCATION DEGREE

Mary Katlyn Aerts	Holly L. French	Shawna Patrice Loniello	Hannah Rene Sandoz
Amy Christine Allgood	Anne LaRae Fuelberth	Libby Ranae Lotter	Tuyet-Van Virginia
Shari Ann Ambrose	Amina Ganic	Rachel Maria Lowe	Sasone-Wilcox
Taylor James Armstrong	Maurice LaTrell Garrett	Adrianna Caroline Lubner	Jacob Mitchell Schuller
Michelle Anne Austin	Megan Carissa Genens	Gavin F. Maas	Audrey Lynne Schutte
Amy Marclyn Bahr	Rebecca J. Gill	Carling Marie Main	Matthew C. Seaman
Ananda Christina Baron	Chelsea Beth Ann Gurusaiya	Wadiamu	Erin Rebeccah Seitz
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Jennifer Lynn Brauch	Taylor May Hansen	Marsh-Walters	Jennifer Morgan Smith
Anna M. Briggs	Andrea Nicole Happel	Carol Alice Maser	Adam Eugene Sterup
Ross R. Briggs	Kimberli J. Harmon	Laura Rachelle McGrew	Sydney Elizabeth
Margaret Ann Brown	Rachel Marie Harold	Sean Daniel McLaughlin	Frances Stockton
Molly Lucille Brown	Paula Nelson Harrell	Marica L. Meins	Diana Flory Strand
Crystal Dawn Burgess	Leanne Renae Hauder	Jordan Kay Metzger	Taylor Elaine Kay Strickland
Stephanie Anne	Heather Dawn Haug	Alex Andrea Meyer	Tannor Styren
Burwell-Guzik	David Charles Haynes	Athina Mihaliadis	Lori D. Supernaw
Michelle K. Busch	Lauren Nicole Hazel	Milinda Miller	Brittany Nichole Taylor
Julie C. Bush	Kayla Hicks	Gabrielle Kathleen Morin	Haley N. Taylor
Amber Renae Conner	Lindsey Jo Himmelberg	Abbegail Kaylynn Myers	Jamie Lynne Thurin
Logan James Cunningham	Keri M. Housholder	Amy M. Nelson	Tracey Lynne Trampe
Shannon Claire Cunningham	Riley Hubach	Lindsey Jo Newton	Ashley Regan Vacura
McKenna Hope Cutler	Amber Nicole Ingalls	Alexander John Nielsen	Kaitlin Rose VanOrmer
Haley Dahlgard	Tricia Natania Jarrett	Heather Lenae Nielsen	Timothy M. Vogel
Benjamin M. Davis	Angela Kay Jindra	Katie M. Norris	Stephen Eric Vosberg
Amy Elizabeth Davis	Ashley Nicole Johnson	Samuel James Otte	Susan R. Ward
Berit Anne Delaney	Ashley Nicole Jones	Keri LeeAnne Overland	Maura Anne Weaver
Anella Valentina DiCostanzo	Alexandra Rose Kane	Rudi Abriannah Palomo	Bethany Adele Weiss
Megan Elizabeth Dodson	Amanda M. Kellen	Lee Martin Perez	Emily Joy Wendland
Faith Rene' Doerr	Seth A. Kirkegaard	Rebecca Ashley Phillips	Veronique Irene
Alyssa Marie Dye	Austin Jackson Lahmon	Hayley Lynn Platt	Antoine Willemen
Cheyenne Alexis Efferding	Elizabeth Jamie	Janna Brynn Pohlmann	Jessica Williams
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Angela R. Embretson	Rachel Ann Larson	Kara L. Reimers	Tamar Baronian Yap
Sara Fahleson	Lisa L. Larson	Emily Laree Ryan	
Matthew D. Fick	Alexandria Nicole Linnerson	Jerry F. Samuels	

MASTER OF PUBLIC HEALTH

Elizabeth V. Baldwin	Maren K. Hjortnaes	Audelia Yasmin Martinez	Kassi K. Reisbeck
Samantha Lee Benton	Kalie Jan Jeremiason	Faydra Corine Morgenstern	Rebecca La Thao
Nicole Jolene Chromy	Rachel Erin Johanson	KyLee K. Nutsch	Lena M. Thompson
Jessica L. DeMarinis	Niema Branton Knight	Cliff Ejike Opara	Salena Yang

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.

Makayla Grace Adams	Kayla Eileen Johnson	Amanda Michelle Munzert	Andrew James Schroeder
Jaelyn Noel Adler	Jacob A. Jurchen	Emily Grace Otten	Addison Ruth Smith
Caleb John Beasley	Jaxson August Kant	Mary Pauline Pennekamp	Mphatso M. K. Smith
Eleanor Louise Clausing	Lexie Louise Kreizel	Grace Eleanor Pennekamp	Anna Elizabeth Sommerer
Lauren Elizabeth Dawson	Elizabeth G. Leapley	Josie Lee Puelz	Kathryn Elizabeth Taylor
Hannah Ruth Fasnacht	Stephanie Renae Mashuga	Devin Dale Rathman	Sarah Mae Tompkins
Macy Rose Gebhardt	Grace Evelyn Miller	Blaire Michelle Rebber	Brianna Lynn Van Bibber
Susan Elizabeth Goehmann	Nathaniel Edwin Mueller	Calvin L. Rohde	Isaac John Weander

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.

Makayla Grace Adams	Lydia Grace Berry	Daniel Kenneth Oberdieck
Caleb John Beasley	Chloe Nicole Dahn	

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.

Thomas Hunter Schulteis

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.

McKenna Carolan McSpadden

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.

Nathaniel Carl Demlow	Nathan Christopher Hoft	Devon Wesley Reitz	Thomas James Welch
Matthew C. Gebauer	Philip Luke Norton	Lukas Troy Stapek	Caleb S. Zeckzer

PRE-DEACONESS STUDIES

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

Daisy L. Cody	Christina Grace Lee	Lydia J. Schultz
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BACCALAUREATE DEGREES

Concordia University 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 grants the Master of Arts, Master of Business Administration, Master of Education, Master of Healthcare Administration, Master of Human Services, 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.*

GRADUATION HONORS

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, Business	Lemon Green	Library Science	Salmon Pink	Public Health
Copper	Economics	Pink	Medicine	Golden Yellow	Science
Light Blue	Education	Apricot	Nursing	Citron	Social Work
				Scarlet	Theology

EMERGENCY INFORMATION

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