Welcome

We welcome you to this ceremony of commencement at Bethany Lutheran College. We are proud of these graduates, confident that they have grown both intellectually and spiritually during their days here. Your presence at this milestone in their lives is another sign of your support and love, which has continued over many years, and which we know they deeply appreciate. It is our prayer that Bethany Lutheran College, and especially the lessons learned here, will remain in the lives of these young men and women on whichever paths they are led by the Lord.

Order of Procession

The commencement ceremony begins with the procession of participants. The chair of the faculty assembly leads carrying the college mace followed by the college president, the chaplain, the dean of academic affairs, and the marshall of ceremonies. The graduates continue the procession followed by faculty advisors, faculty emeriti, and the remaining faculty concludes the procession.

Academic Apparel

Today’s graduates and faculty members are wearing ceremonial regalia that conform to traditions and practices of the academy. The graduates are wearing black gowns with an open pointed sleeve. Ceremony participants with advanced or terminal degrees wear gowns that represent their earned degree. Those holding a master’s degree wear a gown with an oblong sleeve, open at the wrist. The oblong shape is square cut in the back, the front section tailored with an arc cut. Those who have earned a doctorate wear a gown distinguished by velvet trim on the front facings and three stripes on the sleeves. This trim may be black or may have color identifying the individual’s major field of academic achievement.

Ceremonial regalia also includes academic hoods. The size and cut of the academic hood indicates the level and type of degree an individual holds. The lining of the hood, in Bethany’s case red and white, indicates the school colors and the outer velvet trim indicates the bachelor of arts degree. As with the bachelor’s hood, the master’s and doctor’s hoods have the same color designations in the lining of the school where the degree was earned and velvet trim indicating the field in which the degree is held. Since wearing the hood indicates the attainment of the degree, the graduates’ advisors and the marshal of ceremonies will hood the graduates after the degrees are awarded.

Photography & Video

Professional photography and video will be taken at today’s ceremony. Bethany will be sending one 4” x 6” photograph taken with the president to each graduate. Candid photographs from the ceremony will be available to download and video link will be available online at: www.blc.edu/commencement.

A Brief History of Bethany

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

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

Dr. John Boubel was raised near Hayward, Wisconsin. He completed his bachelor of science in history with teaching licensure and a music minor at UW-Superior. He earned a master of science in counseling from the University of Wisconsin, Whitewater where he became very involved in campus ministry. He then attended Concordia University-Wisconsin for certification as a Lutheran lay minister in the Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod. His doctorate in philosophy and history of education was earned at Marquette University, and his master of arts in Medieval and Renaissance history. He then completed all course work for a second doctorate in early modern European history. While at Marquette, he was made a member of Phi Alpha Theta, the national history honor society. He also finished a bachelor of arts degree in Theology from Concordia.

Professor Boubel served fulltime in parish ministry for three years as a called lay minister, assisting with services and preaching, teaching Bible studies and confirmation, and making hospital visits. When he was called to teach at Concordia University, he began his career in higher education. While at Concordia he was the Associate Director of the Lay Ministry Program and taught philosophy, practical theology courses, church history, and senior seminar.

Dr. Boubel was hired in 1998 as professor of history at Bethany. Drawing on his broad experience at other colleges, he developed the history and broad field social studies majors. He was chair of the History Department, the Humanities Division, and chaired the Ceremonies Committee for many years. He served on the Faculty Development Committee, and was secretary for the Faculty Assembly. Professor Boubel was the historical consultant for two series of children's books. He worked with colleagues to develop a research conference on campus, oversaw students at Scholars at the Capitol, and arranged for history students to attend professional conferences. He developed a course on Egypt concluding with the students traveling there during spring break. While at Bethany, he was able to attend faculty seminars on three continents. The knowledge he brought back greatly enhanced his teaching of world history, most recently culminating in a course on Africa. After sixteen years at Bethany he will be retiring at the end of the fall semester. He married his wife Karen, in 1973; she is a music faculty member at Minnesota State University, Mankato, who is also retiring. They have one son, Gregory, a software engineer (with a history degree) in Boulder, Colorado.

MISSION STATEMENT

Bethany Lutheran College, owned and operated by the Evangelical Lutheran Synod, is a private, residential, liberal arts college committed to the teachings of the Bible as set forth in the Lutheran Confessions. Bethany provides studies culminating in a bachelor of arts degree. The college serves Lutherans and others by offering a challenging, student-centered approach to education that fosters spiritual development, intellectual and creative growth, self-understanding, and responsible citizenship. In keeping with its heritage, Bethany aspires to produce students with a clear understanding of Christian vocation, which encourages students to make the most of their God-given talents.
**COLLEGE SEAL**

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

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

**MACE**

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

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

**MEDALLION**

The presidential medallion signifies the authority of the college’s chief executive. The college president wears the medallion at commencement, opening service, and other times when academic apparel are appropriate. The medallion is hand tooled, cast in oxidized bronze and hand polished. It measures 3-5/8 inches in diameter with a decorative bezel around the three-inch medallion. The presidential medallion hangs on a bronze chain individually listing the past presidents of the college on a small metal banner. The current president’s banner is in the center above the medallion, and is separated from those of past presidents by leaf clusters. The seal of Bethany Lutheran College is engraved on the front side of the medallion.
COMMENCEMENT CEREMONY
DECEMBER 12, 2014 - 3:30 P.M.

PRE-CEREMONY MUSIC

PROCESIONAL*
Macht Hoch die Tür
*Please rise when the procession enters

INVOCATION
Chaplain Donald Moldstad
Director of Campus Spiritual Life

COLLEGE CHOIR
All Those Who Trust in Christ (Jerusalem) H. Parry, 1916
Directed by Dennis Marzolf; accompanied by Mark DeGarmeaux

All those who trust in Christ are blest
And find in Him eternal rest;
This world’s allurements we despise
And fix on Christ alone our eyes.
Through Him we heirs of heav’n are made;
O Brother, Christ, extend Thine aid
That we may firmly trust in Thee,
And through Thee live eternally.

O Christ, our Savior, Helper Friend,
Be with us till our journey’s end.
In mercy guide us by Thy grace
Till we behold Thy glorious face.
Though Satan rage, His pow’r is gone
His thundering roar can harm us none
Our strong Defender hurls him down,
And wins for us a heav’nly crown.

Author unknown, 1607; 2. K. Stolshagen, 1550-94
Welcome
Dan R. Bruss, Ph.D.
President

Address
John Boubel, Ph.D.
Professor of History

Conferring of Degrees and Honors
Eric K. Woller, Ph.D.
Vice President of Academic Affairs

College Choir
Nunc dimittis in B minor Setting by T.T. Noble
Lord, now lettest thou thy servant depart in peace according to thy word.
For mine eyes have seen thy salvation,
Which thou hast prepared before the face of all people;
To be a light to lighten the Gentiles and to be the glory of thy people Israel.
Glory be to the Father, and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost;
As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be world without end. Amen.

Benediction

Recessional
Toccata in F Major D. Buxtehude
Patrick Ernst, organ

The audience will be ushered out after the recessional.
A reception for the graduates will be held in Honsey Hall following the ceremony.
BACHELOR OF ARTS GRADUATES

Melissa Mary Bergemann
Mankato, Minn.
History
John Boubel, Professor - History

Amanna Mae Berthusen
Marshalltown, Iowa
Business Administration
Dean Shoop, Professor - Business Administration

Landon James Brands
Saint Petersburg, Fla.
Media Arts
Kurt Paulsen, Assistant Professor - Media Arts

Bret Allen Clancy
New Ulm, Minn.
Psychology
Mark Wiechmann, Associate Professor - Psychology

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Lake Crystal, Minn.
Business Administration
Dean Shoop, Professor - Business Administration

Joey A. Duflo
Fairmont, Minn.
Sociology
Mary Jo Starkson, Registrar

Cory Michael Ferm
Adel, Iowa
Business Administration
Dean Shoop, Professor - Business Administration

Jeremiah Paul Fogarty
Belle Plaine, Minn.
Mathematics
Kyle Jore, Assistant Professor - Mathematics

Emily Anna Franzen
Lewiston, Minn.
Exercise Science
Matt Kuster, Associate Professor - Exercise Science

Alyssa Fredrickson
Sanborn, Minn.
Sociology
Mary Jo Starkson, Registrar

Juan Angel Garcia
Arlington, Minn.
Exercise Science
Robert Papal, Assistant Professor - Health & Human Performance

Robert Matthew Gibbs
Norfolk, Neb.
Mathematics
Kyle Jore, Assistant Professor - Mathematics

Jake Andrew Gleason
Loretto, Minn.
History
Ryan MacPherson, Associate Professor - History

Diedrick Thomas Hansen
Saint Paul, Minn.
Communication
Angela Jahr, Associate Professor - Communication

Christina Haselerhansen
New Ulm, Minn.
History
Ryan MacPherson, Associate Professor - History

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Saint James, Minn.
Communication
Daniel Mundahl, Vice President of Finance and Administration

Chauncey Russell
Milwaukee, Wis.
Sociology
Mary Jo Starkson, Registrar

Emilie Nicole James
Aurora, Colo.
Chemistry
Eric Woller, Vice President of Academic Affairs

Nicole Joan Marie Kleinow
Mankato, Minn.
Business Administration
Dean Shoop, Professor - Business Administration

Stephanie Joy Koepp
Glencoe, Minn.
Exercise Science
Matt Kuster, Associate Professor - Exercise Science

Sarah Brittany Kruckeberg
Mankato, Minn.
Biology
Chad Heins, Assistant Professor - Biology

Leah Carolyn Kurth
Wausau, Wis.
Studio Art
William Bukowski, Professor - Studio Art

Lydia Floreen Langhorst
Kettle River, Minn.
Communication
Jonathan Loging, Assistant Professor - Communication

Caitlyn Renee Mahlum
Bay City, Mich.
Media Arts
Kurt Paulsen, Assistant Professor - Media Arts

Daniel Richard Markgraf
Maple Grove, Minn
Business Administration
Dean Shoop, Professor - Business Administration

David Daniel Reuter
Saint Clair, Minn.
Studio Art
Eric Ouren, Associate Professor - Studio Art

Amber Senecal
Lynchburg, Va.
English
Robert Hanna, Professor - English

Aaron Norman Wendorff
Winthrop, Minn.
Communication
Jonathan Loging, Assistant Professor - Communication
Honor Graduates
Honor graduates wear medallions and gold tassels.

Summa Cum Laude (GPA 3.9 - 4.0)
Leah Carolyn Kurth

Magna Cum Laude (GPA 3.67 - 3.89)
Melissa Mary Bergemann
Diedrick Thomas Hansen
Christina Haselerhansen
Caitlyn Renee Mahlum
Aaron Norman Wendorff

Cum Laude (GPA 3.33 - 3.66)
Amanna Mae Berthusen
Robert Matthew Gibbs
Jeremiah Paul Fogarty
Emily Anna Franzen
Emilie Nicole James
Sarah Brittany Kruckeberg
Landon James Brands
Christina Haselerhansen
Lydia Floreen Langhorst
Caitlyn Renee Mahlum

Graduation honors were calculated based on spring 2014 cumulative GPA. Publication in today's program is not official documentation of graduation or academic honors.

Scholastic Leadership Society
SLS members wear gold cords.

Christina Haselerhansen
Caitlyn Mahlum
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