

Order of Service

FOR THE

INAUGURATION OF

The Rev. J. Ray Houser,
M.A., D.D.

as President of

Waterloo Lutheran Seminary



SUNDAY, JANUARY 16, 1955

7 p.m.

ST. PETER'S LUTHERAN CHURCH

Kitchener, Ontario

THE REV. A. W. LOTZ, Pastor

ORDER OF SERVICE

ORGAN PRELUDES:

- (a) "Air from Suite in D" - - - - - J. S. Bach
(b) "Prelude and Fugue in E Minor" - - - - - J. S. Bach

PROCESSIONAL HYMN No. 420 — "Open Now Thy Gates of Beauty"

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| 1. Open now thy gates of beauty,
Zion, let me enter there,
Where my soul, in joyful duty,
Waits for Him Who answers prayer.
O how blessed is this place,
Filled with solace, light, and grace! | 3. Here Thy praise is gladly chanted,
Here Thy seed is duly sown;
Let my soul, where it is planted,
Bring forth precious sheaves alone.
So that all I hear may be
Fruitful unto life in me. |
| 2. Gracious God, I come before Thee,
Come Thou also down to me;
Where we find Thee and adore Thee,
There a heaven on earth must be.
To my heart O enter Thou,
Let it be Thy temple now. | 4. Thou my faith increase and quicken,
Let me keep Thy gift divine;
Howso'er temptations thicken,
May Thy Word still o'er me shine,
As my pole-star through my life,
As my comfort in my strife. |
| 5. Speak, O God, and I will hear Thee,
Let Thy will be done indeed;
May I undisturbed draw near Thee
While Thou dost Thy people feed.
Here of life the fountain flows,
Here is balm for all our woes. | |

VESPERS - - - - - Rev. A. W. Lotz, Pastor Loci

PSALM 119, Part V, with Gloria Patri

Teach me, O Lord, the way of Thy statutes: and I shall keep it unto the end.
Give me understanding, and I shall keep Thy law: yea, I shall observe it with my whole heart.
Make me to go in the path of Thy commandments: for therein do I delight.
Incline my heart unto Thy testimonies: and not to covetousness.
Turn away mine eyes from beholding vanity: and quicken Thou me in Thy way.
Stablish Thy Word unto Thy servant: who is devoted to Thy fear.
Turn away my reproach which I fear: for Thy judgments are good.
Behold, I have longed after Thy precepts: quicken me in Thy righteousness.

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON — Numbers 11: 24-29

Dr. H. N. Bream, Professor of Old Testament Theology

EPISTLE LESSON — Ephesians 4: 11-16

Dr. O. W. Heick, Professor of Systematic Theology

THE GOSPEL — Matthew 9: 35-38

Dr. U. S. Leupold, Professor of New Testament Theology

HYMN No. 492 — "Before Jehovah's Awful Throne"

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| <p>1. Before Jehovah's awful throne,
Ye nations bow with sacred joy:
Know that the Lord is God alone,
He can create, and He destroy.</p> <p>2. His sovereign power, without our aid,
Made us of clay, and formed us men;
And when like wandering sheep we
strayed,
He brought us to His fold again.</p> | <p>3. We are His people, we His care,
Our souls and all our mortal frame;
What lasting honours shall we rear,
Almighty Maker, to Thy Name?</p> <p>4. We'll crowd Thy gates with thankful
songs,
High as the heavens our voices raise,
And earth, with her ten thousand tongues,
Shall fill Thy courts with sounding praise.</p> <p>5. Wide as the world is Thy command,
Vast as eternity Thy love;
Firm as a rock Thy truth must stand,
When rolling years shall cease to move.</p> |
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THE INAUGURAL ADDRESS — "Labourers for the Harvest"

Dr. J. Ray Houser, President-elect

ANTHEM — "Bless the Lord, O My Soul" - - Ippolitof-Ivanos
St. Peter's Choir, Mrs. Meda Gunn, Director

OFFERTORY — "Larghetto from Organ Concerto #5" - - Handel

THE ORDER OF INSTALLATION

Dr. C. R. Cronmiller, President of the Board of Governors

GREETINGS —

Synodical Conference Representatives:

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| Kitchener - - - - - | The Rev. Alvin J. Baetz |
| Hamilton - - - - - | The Rev. Theo. A. Iseler |
| Stratford - - - - - | The Rev. O. T. C. Stockman |
| Hanover - - - - - | The Rev. Lloyd H. Kalbfleisch |
| Eastern - - - - - | The Rev. Arthur F. Conrad |
| Northern - - - - - | The Rev. Harold A. Gram |
| Waterloo College - - - - - | Mr. J. G. Hagey, President |

The University of Western Ontario:

Dr. Carl F. Klinck, Representative of the President of the University

THE PRAYERS AND BENEDICTION - - -

Dr. A. G. Jacobi
President of the Evangelical Lutheran Synod of Canada

HYMN No. 335 — "If God Himself be for Me"

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| <p>1. If God Himself be for me,
I may a host defy;
For when I pray, before me
My foes, confounded, fly.
If Christ, the Head, befriend me,
If God be my support,
The mischief they intend me
Shall quickly come to naught.</p> <p>2. I build on this foundation:
That Jesus and His Blood
Alone are my salvation,
The true eternal good;
Without Him all that pleases
Is valueless on earth;
The gifts I owe to Jesus
Alone my love are worth.</p> | <p>3. His holy Spirit dwelleth
Within my willing heart,
Tames it when it rebelleth,
And soothes the keenest smart.
He crowns His work with blessing,
And helpeth me to cry
"My Father!" without ceasing,
To Him Who reigns on high.</p> <p>4. To mine His Spirit speaketh
Sweet words of soothing power;
How God for him that seeketh
For rest, hath rest in store —
How God Himself prepareth
My heritage and lot,
And, though my body weareth,
My heaven shall fail me not.</p> |
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POSTLUDE — "Fugue in G" - - - - -

Handel



Rev. J. Ray Houser, M.A., D.D.

by the Seminary. He was called to St. Mark's Church, Williamsport, Pa., where over a period of twenty-five years he developed in mid-city a congregation with 2400 souls and a staff of eight persons. He has served on many Church Boards in two Pennsylvania Synods, on the Board of Social Missions of the United Lutheran Church, and on the Board of Directors of the Pennsylvania Council of Churches.

His brother, Dr. Donald L. Houser, Chicago, Illinois, is a Secretary of the Board of American Missions of the United Lutheran Church; his son, J. Ray, Jr., is a Mission Pastor at Ohio View in the Pittsburg Synod; his daughter, Ardath E., is a teacher in the Williamsport High School; another son, Luther D., is associated with Standard Oil of N. J. With him in Waterloo at 284 Albert St. N. are his wife, Gertrude D., whose brother is a Lutheran Pastor in the Maryland Synod, and his daughter, Della Marian, a student in MacGregor School.