



ONE HUNDRED SEVENTY-THIRD BACCALAUREATE SERVICE

*Lord God, You have called your servants to ventures
of which we cannot see the ending, by paths as yet
untrodden, through perils unknown. Give us faith to
go out with good courage, not knowing where we go,
but only that your hand is leading us and your love
supporting us, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.*

(Evangelical Lutheran Book of Worship, Morning Prayer)

Friday, May 11, 2018
2:15 p.m.
Weaver Chapel
Wittenberg University



Pre-service Music

Concerto in g minor
I. Allegro
Benjamin Knochel '18, bassoon Vivaldi

Valse Choro from *Deux Valses*, Op. 64
2 Barcarolles: no.1, Op. 60
Xavier Davenport '18, guitar Francis Kleynjans
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Ave Maria
Mareyuna Lukasak '18, violin Bach/Gounod

La Rejouissance
Keenan Buchanan '18, bass; Cayla Etter '18, viola; Mizuho Harada '18, violin;
Mareyuna Lukasak '18, violin; Zara Tickner '18, cello Handel

Prelude in C Major
Katie Andrulis '18, organ JS Bach

Welcome & Invocation

Pastor Rachel Sandum Tune
Matevia Endowed University Pastor

Greetings

Mecca Abdul-Aziz '18, Evan Wheeler '18, Mallory Kobler '18, Lucas George '18
Dr. Michael L. Frandsen, President

(Please stand.)

Opening Prayer – written and offered by Christopher Mills '18

L: Jesus, thank you for bringing us all here together one last time before we start our journeys after Wittenberg. We lift up this time of celebration to you and pray for you to bless your children as we are looking ahead to the future that you have laid out before us. Help us look to you for guidance, and comfort us in our times of uncertainty as we lean on you. Thank you so much for our four years at Wittenberg and we pray that all of us are able to take this knowledge you have given us and share it with everyone we interact with. Continue to bless our time in the rest of this service as we gather to worship your holy name, Jesus. Amen

Opening Hymn # 733

Great is Thy Faithfulness

FAITHFULNESS

A Prayer for the Easter Season

Offered by Abigail King '18

L: Let us pray. O God, form the minds of your faithful people into a single will. Make us love what you command and desire what you promise, that, amid all the changes of this world, our hearts may be fixed where true joy is found, your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen** (ELW prayer)

(Please be seated.)

A moment to remember – Candlelighting and Psalm 121

Introduced by Marie Ojo '18

Remembrance of Alina Simon by Adam Headlee '18

Psalm 121 read by John Kolberg '18; candlelighting by Brigid Morgan '18

Special Music

And So It Goes
Just Eve

Billy Joel

Poem

“How Will I Pass On My Light?”

written and read by Libby Bauman '18

First Reading

Ecclesiastes 3:1-8, 14

read by Madeline Bones '18

Reflection

Haruno Sakamoto '18

Special Music

Sing Your Way Home
Wittmen Crew

Joseph Martin

From Psalm 139 (Congregation reads bold verses)

led by Faith Mahnke '18 and Ray Delgado '18

Lord, you have searched me out;

O Lord, you have known me.

You know my sitting down and my rising up;

You discern my thoughts from afar.

You trace my journeys and my resting places

And are acquainted with all my ways.

Indeed there is not a word on my lips,

But you, O Lord, know it altogether.

You encompass me, behind and before,

And lay your hand upon me.

Such knowledge is too wonderful for me;

It is so high that I cannot attain to it.

Where can I go then from your Spirit?

Where can I flee from your presence?

If I climb up to heaven, you are there;

If I make the grave my bed, you are there also.

If I take the wings of the morning and dwell in the uttermost parts of the sea,

Even there your hand will lead me and your right hand hold me fast...

For you yourself created my inmost parts;

You knit me together in my mother's womb.

I will thank you because I am marvelously made;

Your works are wonderful, and I know it well...

How deep I find your thoughts, O God!

How great is the sum of them!

If I were to count them,

They would be more in number than the sand;

To count them all, my life span would need to be like yours.

Your works, O Lord, are wonderful, and I know it well!

Reflection

Kathryn Ophardt '18

(Please stand.)

Offertory/Doxology #883/884

OLD HUNDREDTH

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.

Closing Prayer – written and offered by Isabella Herman '18

L: God, we thank you for the opportunity to be gathered here today to treasure our last hours together as undergraduates here at Wittenberg. Throughout the past four years of change, the ups and the downs, you have guided us and set us upon the path we will begin in the coming days, weeks, and months. As a class, we have suffered loss, confronted and wrestled with big issues facing our generation, and forged lasting bonds both in the Springfield community and around the world. From this we have learned to put our trust not only in the loved ones who surround us but in you, O Lord, taking refuge in your strength and your love so that nothing may frighten or worry us. Because of your help, our endeavors have proved fruitful and our light is shining brighter than ever. As we leave this service, this campus, and this chapter of our lives, give us guidance and wisdom and help us to continue to embody your mercy and your grace. In your name we pray, Amen.

P: For this day, and all our days, we thank you, God in heaven, and we thank you for the Holy Spirit to guide us, and for your Son, Jesus, who taught us to pray:

All: **Our Father who art in heaven,
hallowed be Thy name,
Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done,
on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread,
and forgive us our trespasses,
as we forgive those who trespass against us.
And lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom, and the power,
and the glory, forever and ever. Amen.**

(Please be seated.)

Sending Word from Proverbs 2

read by Zara Tickner '18

Choral Benediction

Benediction

Nystedt

Any students, alumni, parents, or faculty and staff who have sung this version of the Benediction are welcome to come forward and sing with choir members.

(Please stand.)

Closing Hymn #840

Now Thank We All Our God

NUN DANKET ALLE GOTT

Dismissal

L: Go in peace to love and serve the Lord!
C: **THANKS BE TO GOD!**

Postlude

Toccata on "In Thee Is Gladness"

Johann Sebastian Bach

Following the service - President's Reception for Graduates and Families

This marks the final presidential reception for the class of 2018. It will be held at the President's residence, the Benjamin Prince House, down the hill from the chapel. Please join President Mike Frandsen and Sharon Frandsen at the reception following the service today.

A warm welcome to all to Weaver Chapel this afternoon!

Guests may be interested to know the story behind the streamers from the cross. They have been used for many years by the Weaver Chapel student community during the Easter season to symbolize the joy and hope of the resurrection. We hope you will return to campus, and especially to Weaver Chapel, soon and often!

Participants in the Service

The Baccalaureate service is planned by members of the Senior Class with Matevia Endowed University Pastor Rachel Tune. A special thank you to all those who read lessons, offered prayers, presented music, or shared a message with us today, as indicated in the bulletin, as well as those seniors who helped to plan the service.

Dr. Michael L. Frandsen, 15th President of Wittenberg University

Rev. Rachel Sandum Tune, Preacher, Matevia Endowed University Pastor

Trudy Faber, Professor Emerita of Music, Organist

Diane Slagle, Piano Accompanist

Senior Class Welcome:

Mecca Abdul-Aziz '18, Senior Class President and Alma Mater;
Mallory Kobler '18, Senior Class Public Relations Chair; Evan Wheeler '18, Secretary;
Lucas George '18, Senior Class Alma Lux

Lessons, Prayers, Reflections, and Music by members of the Senior Class,
as indicated in the bulletin

Head Ushers

Megan Mong '19; Grace Mullen '19

Just Eve

Caitlin Cahoon '18, Samantha DiGiacomo '18, Julia Ross '18, Becca Wells '18,
Rachel Danahy '19, Kamilla Jensen '19, Claudia Scully '19, Sarah Kent '20, Maggie Kesig '20,
Kat Lebo '20, Ally Peebles '20, Anna Lebold '21, Avonna Nooks '21, Elena Dumm '21

The Wittmen Crew

Levi Goble '18, Zach Hoyer '18, Jack David Smith '18, Sean Doyle '19, Seamus Dunphy '19,
Alex Hallauer '19, Kalen O'Daniel '19, Elijah Runk '19, Nathan Schwartz '20,
Nicholas Wanamaker '19, Caleb Beck '20, Joshua Goble '20, Andrew Kathman '21

Senior members of the Wittenberg Choir and the Wittenberg Singers

Morgan Beechey '18, Samantha DiGiacomo '18, Amy Gilligan '18, Levi Goble '18,
Emma Macklin '18, Morgan Mitchell '18, Micah Sattler '18, Kat Wright '18,

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“Yesterday I aided in the survey of the college grounds. I walked so much that my weariness amounts to suffering. This is a lovely spot for the location of a literary institution. It requires some faith to believe that in after years it will be an academic grove, to which hundreds will resort to drink at the pure fountains of knowledge, and then go forth into the world to do good, to bless mankind. And yet I have faith to believe that this will all be realized. If my eyes shall not be permitted to behold these blessed results, yet when they shall be closed in death, others will see them, and rejoice and bless the Lord for what he has done, in rearing such an instrumentality of blessings.”

– Ezra Keller, founder and first President of Wittenberg College,
April 1845