

CONCORDIA THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY
Fort Wayne, Indiana
KRAMER CHAPEL

22 September 2006, 10 a.m.

+ In Nomine Jesu +

In Memoriam

✠ Kurt E. Marquart ✠

Born + June 20, 1934

Died + September 19, 2006

(stand if able)

PROCESSION

Crucifer
Torch Bearers
Assistant Marshals
Clergy
Seminary Ordained Staff

Crucifer
Torch Bearers
Faculty Marshal
Seminary Faculty
Academic Dean

INVOCATION

P In the name of the Father and of the (+) Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C Amen.

REMEMBRANCE OF BAPTISM

P In Holy Baptism Kurt Marquart was clothed with the robe of Christ's righteousness that covered all his sin. St. Paul says: "Do you not know that all of us who have been baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into His death?"

C **We were buried therefore with Him by baptism into death, in order that, just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, we too might walk in a newness of life. For if we have been united with Him in a death like His, we shall certainly be united with Him in a resurrection like His.**

Crucifer
Torch Bearers
Pallbearers
Family
Preacher
Dean of the Chapel
Seminary President
Officiant

HYMN – LSB #954 “We All Believe in One True God”

MATINS – LSB p. 219

VENITE

PSALM 130

(be seated)

Office Hymn – LSB #464 “The Strife Is O’er, the Battle Done”

READINGS – Isaiah 52:7-10
 Romans 10:9-18
 John 5:19-29

CHORAL RESPONSORYSetting by Johann Sebastian Bach

Lord let at last Thine angels come,
 To Abraham’s bosom bear me home,
 That I may die unfearing; And in its narrow chamber keep
 My body safe in peaceful sleep Until Thy reappearing.
 And then from death awaken me
 That these mine eyes with joy may see.
 O Son of God, Thy glorious face,
 My Savior and my Fount of grace.
 Lord Jesus Christ, My prayer attend, my prayer attend,
 And I will praise Thee without end.

Homily – The Reverend John E. Hill

(stand if able)

CANTICLE – TE DEUM Setting by Healy Willan (insert)

PRAYERS – LSB p. 227

(be seated)

GREETINGS

(stand if able)

HYMN – LSB #656 “A Mighty Fortress Is Our God”

+ **Soli Deo Gloria** +

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† Kurt E. Marquart †
(1934-2006)

The Rev. Dr. Kurt E. Marquart, Associate Professor of Systematic Theology at Concordia Theological Seminary, Fort Wayne, Indiana, died September 19, 2006. He served the seminary from 1975 to the time of his death.

Kurt Erik Marquart was born in Tallinn, Estonia, on June 20, 1934, to Kurt Arved and Margarita Angelica (nee Ulk) Marquart. He was reborn into God's kingdom through holy baptism in the year of his birth. In 1941 the family moved to Vienna, Austria, and, having spent time in the DP Camps in North Germany (1945), ultimately made its way to the United States. He was confirmed in Nyack, New York, in 1952.

Dr. Marquart's education was decidedly international in character. Having received his primary and secondary education first in German and Russian exile schools in Europe and then Nyack High School, he received the Associate of Arts degree from Concordia Collegiate Institute in Bronxville, New York, in 1954. He then entered Concordia Seminary, St. Louis, from which he received the Bachelor of Arts and Bachelor of Divinity in 1959, having written a thesis comparing Gustav Aulen and Francis Pieper on Prolegomena. At the University of Western Ontario, London, Ontario, Canada, his major paper was titled "Bio-Teleology Reconsidered: Prolegomena to Some Future Metaphysical 'Episteme'-Shift." He received the Master of Arts from this institution in 1982. In recognition of his lifelong service to Christ and his church, Concordia University Wisconsin awarded him an honorary Doctor of Divinity degree in 2001.

After serving a vicarage at Redeemer Lutheran Church in North Tonawanda, New York (1957-1958), and completing seminary, Dr. Marquart received a call to Trinity Lutheran Church, Weatherford, Texas. He was ordained on July 19, 1959. He served Trinity until 1961, when he accepted a call to Redeemer and Good Shepherd congregations, Toowoomba, Queensland, Australia. While in Australia he served the church in various capacities beyond the congregation, including the Commission on Theology and Inter-Church Relations, Queensland District Church Council, and Concordia College (Toowoomba) Council.

In 1975 Dr. Marquart was called to the Department of Systematic Theology at Concordia Theological Seminary, then in Springfield, Illinois. Always a popular professor, his classroom style engaged students in the lively study of theology and instilled in them a love for the Lutheran Confessions. He extended his influence through numerous scholarly articles in the seminary journal, *Concordia Theological Quarterly*. His faculty peers elected him to represent them three times on the Synod's Commission on Theology and Church Relations (1976-1981, 1983-1992, 2001-2007). He also served on the ALC—LCMS Fellowship Commission (1978-1981).

Even previous to his coming to the seminary, Dr. Marquart had the pen of a ready writer. Articles in the official and popular press of the Lutheran Church of Australia and The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod extends his bibliography to many pages. Books include his examination of the controversy in the LCMS in the 1960s and 1970s, *Anatomy of an Explosion: A Theological Analysis of the Missouri Synod Conflict* (1977), as well as "Church Growth" as a Mission Paradigm (1994). He also authored *The Church and Her Ministry, Fellowship, and Governance* for the Confessional Lutheran Dogmatics series (1990) and was preparing the volume on *Prolegomena* for this series at the time of his death.

Dr. Marquart is survived by his wife, Barbara (nee Martens), and five children—Danny, Cynthia (Johnson), Barry, Angela (Hill), and Anthony—along with 18 grandchildren and six great-grandchildren. Widely sought after as a speaker at pastoral conferences, district meetings, and congregational events, Dr. Marquart will be remembered for his incisive mind, quick wit, gentlemanliness, and genuine concern. Faculty colleagues will especially miss his thoughtful and cordial presence, recalling his particularly gracious words at the 2006 Fall Faculty Forum, only two weeks before his death. Still, we mark his passing not as those without hope, but confident in the unending promises of the very Christ that Dr. Marquart himself confessed and is confessing. “My flesh and my heart faileth, but God is the strength of my heart and my portion forever. But it is good for me to draw near to God. I have put my trust in the Lord God, that I may declare all Thy works.” (Psalm 73:26-28)