

A SERVICE OF REMEMBRANCE FOR

Alan F. Harre

PRESIDENT EMERITUS, VALPARAISO UNIVERSITY

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**Valparaiso
University**

Chapel of the Resurrection

PRELUDE “O Welt, ich muss dich lassen Op.122, no.11” -*Johannes Brahms*
“O Mensch, bewein dein Sünde groß, BWV 622” -*J. S. Bach*

Stand, as able. All may make the sign of the cross, the sign marked at baptism, as the presiding minister begins.

INVOCATION

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

C Amen

*Cantors alone sing the hymn during the procession of ministers and University President. **Please do not sing along.***

PROCESSIONAL HYMN “O God, Our Help in Ages Past” *LSB 733 St. 1, 2 & 4*

- 1 O God, our help in ages past,
our hope for years to come,
our shelter from the stormy blast,
and our eternal home:

- 2 Under the shadow of Thy throne
Thy saints have dwelt secure;
sufficient is Thine arm alone,
and our defense is sure.

- 4 A thousand ages in Thy sight
are like an evening gone,
short as the watch that ends the night
before the rising sun.

Text: Isaac Watts, 1674-1748, alt.

Sit.

REMEMBRANCE

Colette Irwin-Knott, *Interim President-Elect of Valparaiso University*

POEM “SCHOLARS”

Written by Kathleen Mullin on the occasion of the Inauguration of Alan Harre as President of Valparaiso University. The text can be found on pages 6 and 7.

PSALM 116:1-9, 15 *Spoken responsively.*

L I love the LORD, because he has heard my voice and my supplications.

C Because he inclined his ear to me,
therefore I will call on him as long as I live.

L The snares of death encompassed me; the pangs of Sheol laid hold on me;
I suffered distress and anguish.

C Then I called on the name of the LORD:
“O LORD, I pray, save my life!”

L Gracious is the LORD, and righteous; our God is merciful.

C The LORD protects the simple;
when I was brought low, he saved me.

L Return, O my soul, to your rest,
for the LORD has dealt bountifully with you.

C For you have delivered my soul from death,
my eyes from tears, my feet from stumbling.

L I walk before the LORD
in the land of the living.

C Precious in the sight of the LORD
is the death of his faithful ones.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

HYMN “The King of Love My Shepherd Is” *LSB 709 St. 1, 2, 4, 6*

Cantors alone sing the hymn. Please do not sing along.

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| 1 The King of love my shepherd is,
Whose goodness faileth never;
I nothing lack if I am His
And He is mine forever. | 4 In death’s dark vale I fear no ill
With Thee, dear Lord, beside me,
Thy rod and staff my comfort still,
Thy cross before to guide me. |
| 2 Where streams of living water flow,
My ransomed soul He leadeth
And, where the verdant pastures grow,
With food celestial feedeth. | 6 And so through all the length of days
Thy goodness faileth never;
Good Shepherd, may I sing Thy praise
Within Thy house forever! |

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FIRST READING Philippians 4:4-8

L A reading from Philippians:

Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, Rejoice. Let your gentleness be known to everyone. The Lord is near. Do not worry about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.

Finally, beloved, whatever is true, whatever is honorable, whatever is just, whatever is pure, whatever is pleasing, whatever is commendable, if there is any excellence and if there is anything worthy of praise, think about these things.

*Philippians 4:4-8 was
read at Alan Harre’s
inaugural convocation.*

L Word of God, Word of Life.

C Thanks be to God.

Stand, as able.

GOSPEL READING Matthew 25:14-30

P The Holy Gospel according to Matthew.

C Glory to you, O Lord!

[Jesus said to the disciples:] “For it is as if a man, going on a journey, summoned his slaves and entrusted his property to them; to one he gave five talents, to another two, to another one, to each according to his ability. Then he went away. The one who had received the five talents went off at once and traded with them, and made five more talents. In the same way, the one who had the two talents made two more talents. But the one who had received the one talent went off and dug a hole in the ground and hid his master’s money. After a long time the master of those slaves came and settled accounts with them. Then the one who had received the five talents came forward, bringing five more talents, saying, ‘Master, you handed over to me five talents; see, I have made five more talents.’ His master said to him, ‘Well done, good and trustworthy slave; you have been trustworthy in a few things, I will put you in charge of many things; enter into the joy of your master.’ And the one

*Matthew 25:14-30 is the
appointed gospel for the
coming Sunday.*

with the two talents also came forward, saying, ‘Master, you handed over to me two talents; see, I have made two more talents.’ His master said to him, ‘Well done, good and trustworthy slave; you have been trustworthy in a few things, I will put you in charge of many things; enter into the joy of your master.’ Then the one who had received the one talent also came forward, saying, ‘Master, I knew that you were a harsh man, reaping where you did not sow, and gathering where you did not scatter seed; so I was afraid, and I went and hid your talent in the ground. Here you have what is yours.’ But his master replied, ‘You wicked and lazy slave! You knew, did you, that I reap where I did not sow, and gather where I did not scatter? Then you ought to have invested my money with the bankers, and on my return I would have received what was my own with interest. So take the talent from him, and give it to the one with the ten talents. For to all those who have, more will be given, and they will have an abundance; but from those who have nothing, even what they have will be taken away. As for this worthless slave, throw him into the outer darkness, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.’”

P The Gospel of the Lord.

C Praise to you, O Christ!

Sit.

HOMILY

CHORAL ANTHEM “Peace I Leave With You” -*Walter L. Pelz*

Peace I leave with you, my peace I give unto you:

Not as the world giveth give I unto you

Let not your heart be troubled; let not your heart, let not your heart be troubled,

Neither let it be afraid, neither let it be afraid.

Peace, peace I leave with you, my peace I give unto you:

Not as the world giveth give I unto you; my peace I give to you.

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Stand, as able.

PRAYERS OF REMEMBRANCE

After each petition is said:

L God of mercy,

C hear our prayer.

You are invited to pray in whatever translation or language you prefer:

OUR FATHER

C 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

Sit.

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HYMN “Go, My Children, with My Blessing” *LSB 922 St. 1, 2, 4*

Cantors alone sing the hymn. Please do not sing along.

1 Go, My children, with My blessing,
 Never alone.
 Waking, sleeping, I am with you;
 You are My own.
 In My love’s baptismal river
 I have made you Mine forever.
 Go, My children, with My blessing—
 You are My own.

2 Go, My children, sins forgiven,
 At peace and pure.
 Here you learned how much I love you,
 What I can cure.
 Here you heard My dear Son’s story;
 Here you touched Him, saw His glory.
 Go, My children, sins forgiven,
 At peace and pure.

4 I the Lord will bless and keep you
 And give you peace;
 I the Lord will smile upon you
 And give you peace:
 I the Lord will be your Father,
 Savior, Comforter, and Brother.
 Go, My children; I will keep you
 And give you peace.

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Stand, as able.

BLESSING

P Lord Jesus, by your death you took away the sting of death. Grant to us, your servants, so to follow in faith where you have led the way, that we may at length fall asleep peacefully in you and wake in your likeness; to you, the author and giver of life, be all honor and glory, now and forever.

C Amen

P Rest eternal grant him, O Lord;

L and let light perpetual shine upon him.

P The God of peace—who brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus Christ, the great shepherd of the sheep, through the blood of the everlasting covenant—make you perfect in every good work to do his will, working in you that which is well-pleasing in his sight; through Jesus Christ, to whom be glory forever and ever.

C Amen

P Let us go in peace.

POSTLUDE Prelude on “Thy Strong Word” -*Healey Willan*

SERVING THE COMMUNITY IN WORSHIP TODAY

Student Leader: Veronica Campbell, *Class of ‘21*

Remembrance: Colette Irwin-Knott, *Interim President-Elect of Valparaiso University*

Preaching Minister: Rev. James A. Wetzstein, *University Pastor*

Organist: Dr. Sunghee Kim, *Assistant Professor of Music, Frederick J. Kruse Organ Fellow*

Cantors: Jennifer Perkne, Paige Mecsystine, Johnathan Clayton, Andrew Edwards

Scholars

by Kathleen Mullen

This bright crowd –
In the weathers of late October,
Winds of all kinds moving around us,
Making our slow ceremonious way,
Taking our lives in our hands
To examine, to ponder, proclaim
Why we have come –
Who are we here?

Gypsies, magicians, hermits, and tinkers,
Shepherds, explorers, collectors,
Pilgrims and seers, partners
In a long conversation
May be among us answering
Who we are here.

We have asked this question time and again,
In bright weathers and dark;
Have pondered the answers of those like ourselves –
Scholars of all ages, of all times –
And pondered as well our own various answers,
Different in moments of our exultation or of longing or of fear.
Still, who are we here?

Diverse as our answers, we come carrying them
Like packs we have made,
Ready or not for the new trek.
Who are we setting forth again?

We are a crowd, a going, a witness, a call...

A crowd – such contradictions
Within us, between us:
Turns and returns, arguments, alternatives,
Responsive, recalcitrant,
Colorful, passionate, curious –
We are not quiet; we refuse to be classified,
We give and take and give again;
We are alive; we are thinking,
A crowd of scholars, each one thinking toward and beyond.
And, we are here at this moment, choosing to be so.

Step by step on the new trail,
We are a going, a way, full of remembering.
Old trails and those who have blazed them
Live among us, urging us on.
We are in a long line and
Each motion of our minds moves the whole line,
After and before – a touching, a wave.
Sometimes we double back,
Making a slow way along switchbacks;
And even in the still time,

We are a going:
Some star exploding within us
Whose light no one guesses for eons.
We are a venturing band ...
Still, we are here at this moment, choosing to be so.

Magicians and seers, gypsies, collectors,
Tinkers, explorers, shepherds and pilgrims,
Hermits, or partners
In a long conversation
May all be among us, each one a witness.

A witness:
On headlands, where the light's long beam
Sweeps out to sea, sweeps over land,
We stand on these edges,
Flashing "Here is a safe place, a haven; here is quiet water,
A respite from the sea's treachery. But a respite only,
A time for refitting before you must go on,
To seek the new passage."
Our duty is to trust ourselves,
Steadfastly beckon,
For we know what the winds and seas can do,
To stand firm beyond their fury.

And so we are here at this moment, choosing to be so,
Taking our lives in our hands,
A crowd of scholars, a venturing band, a witness
In the dangerous weathers of the world,
And finally, a call.
Bold, we are bells clamoring for justice;
Soft, we are love words, murmuring our passionate devotion;
Stern, we are thunder presaging change;
Intense, we are singers, measured and powerful;
Stumbling, we are poems, speaking in our astonishment;
Always in our many voices, we are calling.
We are a call – to courage
For the footloose, the stubborn adventure.

In the changeable weather of October
Winds of all kinds moving within us, around us,
The year turning slowly toward dark,
We are many, yet one;
Fragments and greater whole.
Separate and singular, we share a common work:
Each fiercely herself, himself, we are part of one another, and
Here at this moment, taking our lives in our hands,
We are choosing to be so –
For the same work, new work,
For another beginning.

*Written by Kathleen Mullen on the occasion of the Inauguration of Alan Harre as President of
Valparaiso University.*

ALAN F. HARRE



Alan Frederick Harre was born on June 12, 1940, in Nashville, Illinois to Adolph and Hilda (Vogt) Harre and passed away on August 20, 2020, peacefully at his home at the age of 80 years, 2 months and 8 days. Alan was baptized on June 23, 1940 and confirmed in his faith at Trinity Lutheran Church. He grew up in Nashville where he attended school until his sophomore year, continuing his junior and senior year at St. Paul's Lutheran School in Concordia, Missouri and graduated with the Class of 1958.

Alan attended the first two years of college at St. Paul's College. He received a Bachelor of Arts degree from Concordia Senior College, Fort Wayne, Indiana (1962). On August 9, 1964, Alan was united in marriage to Diane Mack in St. Louis, Missouri and to this union three children were born, Andrea, Jennifer and Eric. Alan received a Master of Divinity degree from Concordia Seminary, St. Louis, Missouri (1966); a Master of Arts degree from the Presbyterian School of Christian Education, Richmond, Virginia (1967); and a Doctor of Philosophy degree from Wayne State University, Detroit, Michigan (1976).

He began his professional career in 1967 as assistant pastor of St. James Lutheran Church of Grosse Pointe, Grosse Pointe Farms, Michigan, where he also served his seminary internship during the 1964-65 academic year. In 1973, he joined the theology faculty of Concordia University, Seward, Nebraska. He also served that institution as assistant to the president, as dean of student affairs, and, for a brief period, as acting president. In July 1984, he became president of Concordia University, St. Paul, Minnesota. He left Concordia, St. Paul, in July 1988. He was inaugurated as the 17th president of Valparaiso University in October 1988.

Dr. Harre was a member of a number of boards of directors in the community of Valparaiso, Indiana. In the larger Northwest Indiana community, Dr. Harre was a member of the boards of directors of the Northwest Indiana Forum; the Quality of Life Council; the Community Foundation of Northwest, Indiana, Inc., Independent Colleges of Indiana; and the Indiana Campus Compact. He has chaired the Council of Presidents of the Associated New American Colleges, the Presidents' Council of the Mid-Continent Conference for three terms, and the Indiana Conference of Higher Education. He was also the co-founder of the local affiliate of Rebuilding Together. He has been appointed to two special committees of the National Collegiate Athletic Association, and has served on the board of directors of the Community Development Corporation, Gary Accord Communities in Schools, The Lutheran Educational Conference of North America, and the Porter County Community Foundation.

Dr. Harre participated in a number of local organizations. He served on the advisory board of the Valparaiso Family YMCA. In the area of the upper Midwest, he held membership in the Northwest Indiana Business Roundtable, Advisory Council for Indiana University School of Medicine, Indiana Society of Chicago, and the Union League Club of Chicago. He also served two three-year terms as a member of the Board of Directors of the Greater Valparaiso Chamber of Commerce. Dr. Harre has been recognized by the Greater Valparaiso Chamber of Commerce in naming him the recipient of the 1998 Distinguished Community Leader Award. The Greater Valparaiso Chamber of Commerce also nominated him for recognition by the Wal-Mart Foundation, and he was granted the 1999 Sam Walton Business Leader Award. The Asian American Medical Association presented Dr. Harre with its 1999 Crystal Globe Award. Wheat Ridge Ministries presented him with its Seeds of Hope award in 2006, and he was the recipient of the 2006 Chief Executive Leadership Award presented by the Council for Advancement and Support of Education District V (CASE V). In 2007 he received the Quality of Life Council Lifetime Achievement Award and became an honorary member of Phi Mu Alpha Sinfonia. In 2008 he received the Outstanding Executive Award from the Association of Lutheran Development Executives and the Indiana Campus Compact Presidential Award for outstanding commitment to the field of service-learning and civic engagement and advocacy for higher education's involvement on behalf of local communities. Concordia Seminary St. Louis named Dr. Harre as its Distinguished Alumnus in 2010 and St. Paul's Lutheran High School presented him with its Apostle Paul award in 2011.

Since his retirement on June 30, 2008 as President of Valparaiso University, he had been engaged in a variety of activities. He served as the Interim Pastor of Our Redeemer Lutheran Church, Staplehurst, NE, January 5, 2010-August 21, 2011. From May 5, 2012 to August 28, 2013 he served as the Vacancy Pastor of St. John Lutheran Church, Waco, NE. And he served as vacancy pastor at Pacific Hills Lutheran Church, Omaha, NE, July 3, 2014 through November 30, 2015. From January 1, 2016 until December 31, 2016, he served as vacancy pastor at Zion Lutheran Church, Garland, NE. He served as a volunteer adviser, primarily in the area of fund raising, to a number of institutions and agencies affiliated with the Lutheran Church Missouri Synod. These included: The Nebraska District of the LCMS, Concordia University-Nebraska, Concordia University-St. Paul, MN, Concordia Seminary-St. Louis, MO, Board for World Missions of the LCMS, St. Paul's Lutheran High School and Ministries-Concordia, MO, Concordia Lutheran Junior and Senior High School-Omaha, NE, Bethesda Lutheran Communities, Watertown, WI and Lutheran Hour Ministries, St. Louis, MO. He was a member of the Board of Directors of the Rupert Dunklau Foundation-Fremont, NE and of the Fund Advisory Committee of the Legacy Foundation for Seward County- Seward, NE.

Alan was preceded in death by his parents; brother-in-law, Tom Mack. Alan is survived by his wife, Diane; three children, Andrea (Nick) Sloup, Seward, NE; Jennifer (Robert) Serricchio, Palmer, MA; Eric (Heidi) Harre, Maplewood, MN; nine grandchildren: Shane Sloup, Shelbi and husband Jackson Hackbart, Brevin Sloup, Nolan Harre, Natalie Sloup, Madelynn Harre, Anthony Serricchio, Grace Harre, Haylie Sloup; two great-grandchildren: Elianah Hackbart and Gabriel Hackbart.