

“A knowledge of the catechism is especially important for those who are to act as teachers, because they ought to have a more intimate acquaintance with the doctrine of the church than others, as well on account of their calling, that they may one day be able to instruct others, as on account of the many facilities which they have for obtaining a knowledge of this doctrine, which it becomes them diligently to improve, that they may, like Timothy, become well acquainted with the Holy Scriptures, and ‘be good ministers of Jesus Christ, nourished up in the words of faith, and of a good doctrine, whereunto they have attained’ (I Tim. 4, 6).”

Z. Ursinus in his "Special Prolegomena"
on the Heidelberg Catechism

“The adoption and publication of a creed is a tribute to truth and candor, which every Christian church owes to the other churches, and to the world around her.”

Samuel Miller

"I know that our children or catechumens, that is, those who know their catechism, are more learned than pope, cardinals, and the whole curia with its followers."

Martin Luther

“Believe me, Monseigneur, the Church of God will never preserve itself without a Catechism, for it is like the seed to keep the good grain from dying out, and causing it to multiply from age to age. And therefore, if you desire to build an edifice which shall be of long duration, and which shall not soon fall into decay, make provision for the children being instructed in a good Catechism, which may shew them briefly, and in language level to their tender age, wherein true Christianity consists. This Catechism will serve two purposes, to wit, as an introduction to the whole people, so that every one may profit from what shall be preached, and also to enable them to discern when any presumptuous person puts forward strange doctrine.”

John Calvin

Please remain seated until the graduate, synodical delegates,
and Theological School Committee members have left the auditorium.
Mr. Erik Guichelaar and his family will receive congratulations
in the narthex.

Open House for the graduate
in the fellowship hall
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Opening Prayer

Scripture Reading I Timothy 1:12-20

Special Number *Sheep May Safely Graze* (J.S. Bach)

Baritone Solo by Mr. Jim Noorman

accompanied by Mrs. Faith Noorman

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Audience Singing *Psalter #64*

Closing Prayer Rev. Ron VanOverloop

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