

# Service of Holy Communion



3<sup>rd</sup> Week in Advent

Founders' Day

December 9<sup>th</sup>, 2015

# Chapel of St. Timothy & St. Titus- Concordia Seminary

## LUTHERAN SERVICE BOOK Divine Service Setting 4, pp. 203-212

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### Prelude

P: Maranatha! Come, Lord Jesus.

C: **Come quickly, Lord. Maranatha!**

### Prayer and Lighting of the Advent Wreath

L: We praise you, O Father, for this victory wreath that marks our days of preparation for Christ's advent. As we light the candles on this wreath, strengthen our hearts as we await the Lord's coming in glory. Enlighten us with your grace, that we may serve our neighbors in need. Grant this through Christ our Lord, whose coming is certain and whose day draws near.

C: **Amen.**

### Confession and Absolution

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### Kyrie

LSB 943

*The assembly will chant the Kyrie with the cantor; then the assembly will repeat the Kyrie after each of several bids chanted by the Cantor*

### Salutation and Prayer of the Day

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### First Reading

Zephaniah 3:14-20

### Advent Verse

LSB 345, sts. 1-2

### Gospel Reading

Luke 7:18-28

### Hymn of the Day

LSB 515

### Homily

*Zephaniah 3*

### Prayers of the Church

**The Litany for Founders' Day**  
(Dr. James Brauer, Dean Emeritus)

L: Most high and holy God, Maker of the Universe and Ruler of the Church, accept our thanks for the blessings of the past one hundred seventy-six years of Concordia Seminary and continue to bless it with your grace and presence.

For founding fathers and all the men and women of the church who contributed their prayers, their talents and their resources to the building of this school,

**C: We thank you, God.**

L: For leaders in the church and administrators of the seminary who sought your will by Word and prayer;

**C: We thank you, God.**

L: For Christian parents and faithful spouses who gave guidance and support to students at this seminary,

**C: We thank you, God.**

L: For professors who know God and love him and who reveal their commitment to the kingdom by their actions among us, let us pray to the Lord,

**C: Lord, have mercy.**

L: For students who know God and love him and who seek to learn the way of a shepherd of God's people, let us pray to the Lord,

**C: Lord, have mercy.**

L: For staff members who know God and love him and who serve the needs of the campus, let us pray to the Lord,

**C: Lord, have mercy.**

L: For all people who from this seminary's graduates hear of God's love in Christ, are baptized, and in the Lord's Supper receive the body and blood of Christ, let us pray to the Lord,

**C: Lord, have mercy.**

L: For the church throughout the world, for bishops, pastors, and seminaries, especially the Evangelical Lutheran Church of Argentina led by President Carlos Nagel, Synodical Vice-President Scott Murray, the Mid-South District led by President Roger Paavola, Concordia Theological Seminary led by President Larry Rast, and its faculty members, staff, and students and the Schools in the Concordia University System; for the courage to live out the challenges of our baptism, and for the inspiration of the Holy Spirit, let us pray to the Lord,

**C: Lord, have mercy.**

- L: For the earth, for glaciers, for the protection of the dormant vegetation and hibernating animals, and for wisdom in the use and care of the creatures and landscapes we live among, let us pray to the Lord,  
**C: Lord, have mercy.**
- L: For the nations of the world, for soldiers and police, for all who suffer political or religious oppression, especially persecuted Christians in Qatar; Bahrain; Syria; Iraq; Nigeria; Yemen; Sudan and throughout North Africa; for our enemies, and especially for the Middle East, let us pray to the Lord,  
**C: Lord, have mercy.**
- L: For all those in need, for those who are sick or cold, injured or outcast, for victims of fraud or extortion, for the poor and homeless, for all who will die today, and especially for Shad, Paul, Erich, and Stan; let us pray to the Lord,  
**C: Lord, have mercy.**
- L: We praise you O God, for the lives of all the faithful departed. Lead us on that we may complete our baptismal journey in you; let us pray to the Lord,  
**C: Lord, have mercy.**
- L: Lord God, mercifully hear the prayers of your Church; grant that we may faithfully serve you now and that we may be instruments of your salvation to many so that your kingdom may grow and your glory resound among all peoples everywhere; through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.  
**C: Amen**

**Offertory** **LSB 345, st. 3**

**Service of the Sacrament** **pp. 208-211**

**Communion Music** **“Keep Your Lamps”** **Seminary Chorus**  
**LSB 803**  
**LSB 345, sts. 4-5**

**Dismissal, Post-Communion Collect, and Blessing** **p. 212**

P: Maranatha! Come, Lord Jesus.  
**C: Come quickly, Lord. Maranatha!**

**Postlude**

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### **The Servants of the Word**

**Presider:** Professor Joel Biermann

**Preacher:** Professor Gerhard Bode

**Assistants:** Chaplain Paul Sieveking, Seminarian Matthew Schiemann

**Musicians:** Mr. Ryan Edinger, Guest Organist, Zion Lutheran, Harvester, MO  
and Mr. Jim Marriott, Director of Music Arts

**Bread Baker:** Seminarian Sam Handschke

### **In Preparation for Communion**

*To Our Guests:*

*The Lord's Supper is celebrated on our campus in the confession and glad confidence that our Lord, as He says, gives not only bread and wine, but His very body and blood to eat and drink for the forgiveness of sin. In joyful obedience to the clear teaching of our Lord Jesus those are invited to His table who trust His words, repent of all sin, and set aside any refusal to forgive and love as He forgives and loves us. They show forth His death until He comes. Because Holy Communion is a confession of the faith which is confessed at this altar, any who are not yet instructed, in doubt, or who hold a confession differing from that of The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod and so are unable to receive the Sacrament are invited to meditate on God's Word in the distribution hymns and pray for the day when divisions will have ceased.*

*-Kent J. Burreson, Dean of the Chapel*

### **Notes Regarding Communion**

- The campus Lord's Supper is sponsored and hosted by Holy Cross Lutheran Church in Jenison, Michigan and Senior Pastor Dr. Scott Sommerfeld. The seminary community gives thanks to the people of Holy Cross for purchasing and supplying the wine for use in the Eucharist during this academic year.

-The wine used in the Lord's Supper is produced in Missouri. The white wine is La Charrette from Blumenhof Winery in Dutzow, Missouri and the red wine is Stone House Red from Montelle Winery in Augusta, Missouri.

-When receiving the cup to partake of Christ Jesus' blood, please place your hand on the cup in some way to assist the server in guiding it to your mouth. Depending upon how those distributing the cup are holding it, you can either take hold of the cup at the base on the bottom OR on the stem of the chalice OR at the bowl itself on the upper part. By doing so you will assist the server and help to prevent any unwelcome spillage.

-The Reliquary (unconsecrated, additional bread) will be distributed after the service in the narthex if there is sufficient quantity. You are invited to take a piece with you.

-If you would prefer not to drink wine directly from the chalice, you may intinct the bread by dipping it into the chalice.

## Founders' Day

Founder's Day celebrates the anniversary of the opening of Concordia Seminary to students on December 9<sup>th</sup>, 1839 and the Spirit-endowed vision and labor of the four founders of Concordia Seminary: Johann F. Buenger, Ottomar Fuerbringer, Theodor Brohm, and C. F. W. Walther. Walther had been ordained in Germany and had a call to the Dresden parish that had been established in Perry County, Missouri. The other three were candidates of theology and did not have calls at the time of the founding. They embarked on a venture of faith in purchasing the 6 acres that would become the site for Concordia Seminary in Perry County. While the original 1-room log cabin was dedicated in October 1839 the school was not open to students until December 9<sup>th</sup>, 1839. All four founders served as instructors of the eleven children, seven boys and four girls. While the four founders were instrumental in establishing the school, G.H. Loeber (for whom Loeber hall is named) was of equal import in keeping the school open and narrowing its objectives toward serving as a preparatory school for the holy ministry. This school, which was to be a Bethlehem, a Nazareth, and a Bethany for its students, according to O. H. Walther's hymn for the dedication of the seminary, remained in Perry County until 1849 when Trinity Congregation in Saint Louis and its pastor, C. F. W. Walther, assumed leadership of the institution. Walther, one of the original founders, would leave an indelible mark upon both Concordia Seminary and The Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod as the first president of both institutions. It is for the faith and vision of these founders in establishing Concordia Seminary that we give God thanks. (Information taken from Carl S. Meyer, *Log Cabin to Luther Tower*, St. Louis: Concordia Publishing House, 1965).

**Kent J. Bureson**

*Dean of the Chapel of St. Timothy & St. Titus*

### Private Confession and Absolution

Check SemNet to see when Chaplain Stein will offer confession at the altar.

### Prayer Requests

- Persecuted Christians: Qatar; Bahrain Syria; Iraq; Nigeria; Yemen; Sudan and throughout North Africa  
Partner Church Bodies: Evangelical Lutheran Church of Argentina and President Rev. Carlos Nagel
- Synodical Leaders: Vice-President Scott Murray
- Districts and District Presidents: Mid-South District & President Roger Paavola
- Concordia Theological Seminary: President Larry Rast, faculty members, staff, and all students.
- Schools in the Concordia University System
- Illness/Surgery Illness/Surgery: SMP student Shad Deah battling kidney disease; EIIT student Paul Chuol recovering from surgery; Rev. Erich Kaelberer, 2011 graduate of Concordia Seminary, who is battling ALS; Stan Stewart, brother-in-law to Laine Rosin, wife of Professor Robert Rosin, who is having esophageal cancer surgery today