Pre-Service Music

Confession and Absolution

Hymn of Praise: This is the Feast

Salutation and Prayer of the Day

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Revelation 6:9-11
Gospel Acclamation

The gospel reading will be performatively read by Rev Dr. Michael Zeigler, a member of the Seminary’s Gospel of Mark Team.

Gospel Reading

Gospel Acclamation

Homily

Hymn of the Day

Prayers of the Church

Offertory

Service of the Sacrament

Communion Music

Dismissal

Post-Communion Collect and Blessing

The Servants of the Word

Presider: Dean of the Chapel Kent Burreson
Preacher: Rev. Dr. Ron Rall
Gospel Reader: Rev. Dr. Michael Zeigler, Pastor, Epiphany Lutheran Church and Lutheran Hour Speaker-Elect
Assistants: Chaplain Paul Sieveking, Pastors Matt Roeglin and Steve Riordan (Pastors of the St. Louis area circuits), Seminarians Alex Lahue, Nathaniel Brown, Kyle Ronchetto, Will Fredstrom, Thomas Gustafson
Organist: Director of Musical Arts James Marriott

We welcome the pastors of the congregations in the greater St. Louis area circuits of the Missouri District and District President Lee Hagan to campus today. They are here for an all-Saint Louis area circuit meeting which includes presentations by several of the seminary faculty. We pray the Lord’s richest blessing on your conversations and your ministry and service.

Rev. Dr. Ron Rall graduated in 1973 from Concordia Seminary and was called to serve the Wabag Lutheran Church (now Gutnius Lutheran Church) in Papua New Guinea. He worked with the Ipili people in the highlands in Bible translation, training evangelists in the areas of preaching and liturgy. He also began work with a more isolated, remote tribe, the Hewa and
started a “Bible School” that trained evangelists from the Ipili, Hewa, Duna and Enga language groups. He returned to the states in 1981 and worked on an STM, completing it in 1983, and a D. Min. degree in 2006. Ron worked with the Board for Missions of the LCMS from 1983 to 1988 when he was called to Timothy Lutheran Church where he served as Senior Pastor until this past year. He is transitioning into new responsibilities at Timothy and has, along with his wife Mary Anne, a part-time call from the Board for International Missions to spend 4 months each year in Papua New Guinea. He and Mary Anne have 6 children and 6 grandchildren.

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 the Lutheran Church of St. Andrew and Pastor Mark Hricko of Silver Lake, Maryland.
• The bread was baked by Dr. Beth Hoeltke
• 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.
• If you have a gluten allergy or any other special need, please contact Dean of the Chapel Kent Burreson.

Private Confession and Absolution

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

Notes on the weekly cycle of the Divine Service

Why does the Liturgical Week begin on Wednesdays in the chapel? As a seminary our focus is upon the formation of pastors, deaconesses, and church workers. Since students are involved in resident field education and congregational life on Sundays transitioning the weekly calendar on Wednesdays assists students in preparing to engage the readings and themes for the coming Sunday in advance and allows us to reflect on those themes and readings in chapel on Mondays and Tuesdays.
Different elements of the divine service are used each week depending upon the theme and focus of the service. Among the elements not used every week are the Creed, the post-communion canticle, the Kyrie, the hymn of praise, and general confession and absolution. Corporate confession and absolution, while a very healthy practice, like private confession and absolution, is not a prerequisite for hearing the Word or receiving the Supper. On the Wednesdays when it is not used the baptized are encourage to avail themselves of private confession and absolution.

Prayer Requests

• Partner Church Bodies: Confessional Lutheran Church of Chile led by President Gerardo Kinas
• Synodical Leaders: Synodical President Matthew Harrison
• Districts and District Presidents: Atlantic District led by President Derek Lecakes
• Missionaries: P.A. Richard-Wakoma serving in Africa, The Duane Meissner Family serving in Belize, Herb and Markie Burch serving in Belize, and The Stuart Freese Family serving in Burkina Faso
• The Poor and Those Suffering from Natural and Man-Made Disasters: Hawaii, Texas, Louisiana, Florida, California, Puerto Rico, Mexico
• Thanksgiving: Stephen Whittle, husband of former staff member Kendra Whittle, for successful surgery for cancer and clean test results
• Those who are ill/undergoing surgery: Rev. Erich Kaelberer suffering from ALS; JoAnn Zieroth, wife of Director of Vicarage Gary Zieroth at CTS, battling cancer; Gillian Bond’s friend, Trevor, battling a very serious form of cancer; Roger Drinnon, father to graduate student Roger Drinnon, battling cancer; Dick Jostes, staff member in Seminary Advancement, recovering from surgery for lung cancer; Graduate student Luke Watt’s infant nephew, Oliver Gish, being treated for various ailments; Tiffany Hudson, staff in communications, suffering from the effects of a concussion; Elias Wyeth, infant son of Roseann and vicaring seminarian Dwight Wyeth, facing major health concerns that demand further testing; Professor Emeritus Bob Weise awaiting texts results on a lung biopsy; Jim Campise, brother-in-law to staff member Maureen Campise, hospitalized with serious medical conditions
• Those Mourning: Student Aaron Reseburg and his family at the very sudden death of his father following Aaron’s wedding; Professor Joel Okamoto and his family at the death of his mother, Sachiko Okamoto

Reflections on the Gospel for the upcoming Sunday, from Mark 7, from Ted and Rick (dark nose) by LCMS Pastor James Wetzstein (Agnus Day appears with the permission of www.agnusday.org).