Service of Holy Communion

3rd Week in Advent
7 December 2016
Faculty and Staff
Ordination and Commissioning Anniversaries
Prelude

—Please stand if you are able—

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.

—Please kneel if you are able—

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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—Please be seated—

First Reading

Isaiah 35:1–10

—Please stand if you are able—

Advent Verse

LSB 334, st. 1

Gospel Reading

Matthew 11:2–15

—Please be seated—

Hymn of the Day

LSB 345

Homily

Matthew 11

—Please kneel if you are able—
Prayers of the Church

—Please stand if you are able—

Offertory

LSB 338

Service of the Sacrament

Agnus Dei

Missa Emmanuel

The Lord’s Supper will be distributed at four stations, instead of the altar rails, on each side of the chancel, two on the chancel level and two on the nave floor. Please proceed to one of the stations on your side as you approach the altar.

Communion Music

LSB 378 (Sung by Choir)
LSB 384 (Sung by Choir)
LSB 334, sts. 4-7
LSB 349

Dismissal

—Please stand if you are able—
Post-Communion Collect

Gracious God, our heavenly Father, You have given us a foretaste of the feast to come in the Holy Supper of Your Son's body and blood. Keep us firm in the true faith throughout our days of pilgrimage that, on the day of His coming, we may, together with all Your saints, celebrate the marriage feast of the Lamb in His kingdom which has no end; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

Blessing

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

—Please be seated—

Recognition of Commissioning and Ordination Anniversaries

Postlude

The Servants of the Word
Presider: Professor Joel Elowsky
Preacher: Professor Jeff Kloha
Assistants: Chaplain Paul Sieveking, Seminarians Simeon Raddatz and Travis Ferguson
Organist: Director of Music Arts Jim Marriott

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
Ordination and Commissioning Anniversaries

Rev. Dr. Richard Marrs  
Rev. Dr. Kent Burreson  
Rev. Dr. Joel Okamoto  
Rev. Dr. Paul Robinson  
Rev. Kou Seyer  
Rev. Dr. Robert Rosin (Emeritus)  
Mr. Richard Jostes  
Rev. Dr. Andrew Bartelt  
Rev. Paul Sieveking  
Rev. Dr. Andy Bacon (Emeritus)  
Rev. Dr. Paul Schrieber (Emeritus)  
Rev. Dr. David Wollenburg (Emeritus)  
Rev. Dr. Douglas Groll (Emeritus)  
Rev. Leroy Vogel (Emeritus)  
Rev. Dr. Richard Warneck (Emeritus)  
Rev. Dr. Juan Berndt (Emeritus)

All are invited to a reception for the honorees in Koburg Hall immediately following the service.
Notes Regarding Communion

- The campus Lord’s Supper is sponsored and hosted by St. John Lutheran Church in Columbus, NE and Pastor Brad Birtell.
- 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.
- The concluding prayers are spoken by the assembly in the hope that these traditional collects might become part of your remembered repertoire of prayer.

Private Confession and Absolution
Chaplain Sieveking will offer confession and absolution in the Chapel of St. Eunice and St. Lois from 12:00-1:00 pm on Thursday.

Prayer Requests

- Persecuted Christians: Israel; Jordan
- Ethiopia in the Midst of Conflict and the Ethiopian Evangelical Lutheran Church (Mekane Yesu)
- Partner Church Bodies: Lanka Lutheran Church (LLC) (Sri Lanka), Rev. Govindan Nadaraja, President
- Synodical Leaders: Rev. Dr. John C. Wohlrabe Jr., Fourth Vice President
- Districts and District Presidents: Minnesota North District and President Rev. Donald J. Fondow; Minnesota South District and President Rev. Dr. Dean W. Nadasdy
- Concordia Theological Seminary, President Larry Rast, Dr. James G. Bushur, staff, and students.
- Concordia University System: Concordia University Chicago and President Rev. Dr. Daniel L. Gard
- Those seeking discernment and guidance: Professor Todd and Susan Jones
Those who are ill/undergoing surgery: Rev. Erich Kaelberer suffering from ALS; Pastor Rodney Wise, Glendale Lutheran Church, battling cancer; Seminary Maintenance employee Kirt Beckmann’s wife, Doreen, battling some health issues; Roger Drinnon, father of Seminarian Roger Drinnon, undergoing treatment for prostate cancer

Those mourning: Ms. Kathy McMeans, Campus Safety and Security office, and family at the death of her father Francis Rich; Donna Werner (former seminary staff) at the death of her son, Grant.

Advent is a season of waiting and watching. The Church prepares as it waits for the coming of the One who brings new life: Jesus Christ, the Messiah. One way in which the church watches is with patience and hope for Christ’s final coming in judgment. As the Church waits in this world it is surrounded by darkness, a darkness suffused by human sin. Advent calls this darkness to mind and penetrates it with the promise of the Light of Life. In this way the church is prepared to cry, Maranatha! Come, Lord Jesus!

Watch the Nativity Figures and join them as they make their journey to Bethlehem throughout Advent in the chapel!

Reflections on the Gospel, from Matthew 2, from Ted and Rick (dark nose) by LCMS Pastor James Wetzstein (Agnus Day appears with the permission of www.agnusday.org).
