

Concerning the Divine Service

The Lord's Supper is celebrated on our campus in the confession and glad confidence that our Lord Jesus, as He says, gives His very body and blood under the bread and wine for us Christians to eat and drink for the forgiveness of sin. In joyful obedience to the clear teaching of our Lord, those are invited to His table who trust His words, repent of all sin, set aside any refusal to forgive, and forgive as He forgives us. 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.

This service of Holy Communion is hosted by Ascension Lutheran Church, St. Louis, Missouri, Rev. Matthew Clark, pastor.

Hearing device assistance is available in the chapel by downloading AudioFetch to your smart phone. Once installed, connect to "CSLHearing" on the chapel WiFi. The password to connect is "Seminary1839." You can then use personal headphones or earbuds to listen and adjust the sound as appropriate. If you need any help with this process, please speak with the tech worker at the sound booth located on the right side of the chapel. He will be happy to assist.

Individual Confession and Absolution is available through Chaplain Sieveking. sievekingp@csl.edu. "When I urge you to go to confession, I am simply urging you to be a Christian." (Large Catechism, Brief Exhortation, 32).

To submit prayer requests for daily chapel, please submit them via SemNet: Semnet>Resources>Chapel>Prayer Request.

Prayer Requests

Ellory Glenn, father of Micah Glenn—ongoing recovery.
Suzanne Vandermeulen, sister-in-law of Jon Vieker—ongoing recovery.
Blake Georgie, spouse of Carla Georgie—recovering from surgery.
Harold, grandfather of Michael Wilke—ongoing recovery.
Berdeen Manteufel, wife of Tom Manteufel—ongoing recovery.
Aaron Rutt, son of Douglas Rutt—complications from heart surgery.
Greg Rathke, SMP student—recovering from heart surgery.
Ryan Barnett—recovering from surgery.
John Huss—recovering from surgery.
John Szupica, EIIT student/vicar—hospitalized.
Robert Vieker, father of Jon Vieker—recovering from surgery.
David Bangert, SMP student—recovering from surgery.
Daniel Giardino, SMP student—recovering from heart attack.
Gillian Bond—ongoing recovery.
Samuel Wondemu—ongoing recovery.
Joy Nyanchama Ananda, daughter of David Ananda Osachi—Bell's Palsy
Chickie Wilke, grandmother of Michael Wilke—ongoing recovery.
Alvin Fritsche, father of Joel Fritche—ongoing recovery.
Ken Fritsche, brother of Joel Fritche—recovering from cancer surgery.

CONCORDIA SEMINARY Chapel of St. Timothy and St. Titus

Wednesday, January 31, 2024

*The Purification of Mary and the
Presentation of Our Lord
(Candlemas Observed)*

Divine Service, Setting Three

Today the church celebrates the Presentation of Our Lord, or Candlemas. In obedience to the Law of Moses, Mary, Joseph, and the infant Jesus travelled to the Temple in Jerusalem forty days after His birth so that they could offer the sacrifice for Mary's purification following childbirth and present Jesus to God. Through the words of Simeon and the prophetess Anna, the infant Jesus is proclaimed the Messiah, the light of the nations (Luke 2:22–40).

The church has traditionally used this day to bless the candles that will be used in the services throughout the year, thus the name "Candlemas." The candles we light today remind us that Jesus Christ is the light of the nations, the true light that gives light to every man. (John 1:4)

Blessing of the Candles

The assembly gathers in the Narthex around the font and Paschal Candle. The light of Christ is shared as the candles are lit. Please light your candle by tilting it into the flame of the candle from which you are lighting.

P In the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C Amen.

P Dearly beloved, upon seeing the child Jesus in the temple, ancient Simeon declared: ". . . mine eyes have seen Thy salvation, which Thou has prepared before the face of all people, a light to lighten the Gentiles and the glory of Thy people Israel" (Luke 2:30–32).

C Amen.

P Let us pray.

Almighty and everlasting God, who on this day presented Your only-begotten Son in the holy temple to be received into the arms of Simeon, bless these candles and pour into our hearts the brilliance of Your eternal splendor, that we, who by these kindling flames light up this temple to Your glory, may have the darkness of our souls dispelled, and so be counted worthy to stand before You in that eternal city where You live and reign, the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

P Let us go forth in peace,

C in the name of the Lord. Amen.

As the Entrance Hymn is sung, the assembly follows the chancel party into the nave. You may keep your candle lit through the reading of the Holy Gospel.

Entrance Hymn

LSB 401 “From God the Father, Virgin-Born”



1 From God the Fa - ther, vir - gin - born To us the
 2 Be - gin - ning from His home on high, In hu - man
 3 Glide on, O glo - rious Sun, and bring The gift of
 4 A - bide with us, O Lord, we pray; The gloom of



on - ly Son came down; By death the font to con - se -
 flesh He came to die; Cre - a - tion by His death re -
 heal - ing on Your wing; To ev - 'ry dull and cloud - ed
 dark - ness chase a - way; Your work of heal - ing, Lord, be -



crate, The faith - ful to re - gen - er - ate.
 stored, And shed new joys of life a - broad.
 sense The clear - ness of Your light dis - pense.
 gin, And take a - way the stain of sin.

5 Lord, once You came to earth's domain
 And, we believe, shall come again;
 Be with us on the battlefield,
 From ev'ry harm Your people shield.

△ 6 To You, O Lord, all glory be
 For this Your blest epiphany;
 To God, whom all His hosts adore,
 And Holy Spirit evermore.

Kyrie LSB 186

Gloria in Excelsis LSB 187

Salutation and Collect of the Day LSB 189

Sit

Epistle Hebrews 2:14–18

Stand

Alleluia and Verse LSB 190

C *(sung)* Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

L Behold, this child is ap- | pointed*
 for the fall and rising of many in | Israel.

C *(sung)* Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

Holy Gospel Luke 2:22–40

The Holy Gospel is read from the center of the congregation to show that Christ is present among us through His Holy Word. Please turn and face the reading of the Holy Gospel.

Nicene Creed

LSB 191

Sit

Hymn of the Day LSB 519 “In His Temple Now Behold Him”

Sermon

Offertory Hymn LSB 367 “Angels from the Realms of Glory”

Stand

Prayer of the Church

Service of the Sacrament LSB 194 ff.

Preface and Sanctus

Lord's Prayer

Words of Our Lord

Pax Domini

Agnus Dei

Sit

Distribution

The Lord's Supper will be distributed at the altar rails in a continuous flow. Both pulpit and lectern sides come forward at the same time. Beginning at the center of the rail, please take the next available place at the rail, moving around toward the wall behind the altar and allowing for space between you and others as you are comfortable. Both the chalice and individual cups are available. The chalice is continuously cleansed with alcohol-soaked purificators. After communing, please return to your seat by the side aisles.

Distribution Hymns LSB 624 “The Infant Priest Was Holy Born”
 LSB 398 “Hail to the Lord's Anointed”

Dismissal

Nunc Dimittis LSB 199

Thanksgiving LSB 200

Salutation and Benedicamus LSB 201

Benediction LSB 202

Postlude



In the Lord's Service

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