Service of Holy Communion

4th Week in Lent
22 March 2017
Confession and Absolution pp. 184-5

Salutation and Collect of the Day p. 189
  P The Lord be with you.
  C And also with thy spirit.
  P Let us pray...

First Reading Ephesians 5:8-14
  Read in English and then in Nuer language (Sudan). The reading may be found on p. 978 of the pew Bible.

Lenten Hymn Verse See page 3

Gospel Reading John 9:1-41

Hymn of the Day LSB 849

Homily “The SON Will Shine on You" Ephesians 5:8-14

Apostles’ Creed p. 192
  The Apostles’ Creed is being used throughout Lent to emphasize its baptismal shape as the church prepares to welcome the newly baptized and confirmed at Easter.

Prayers of the Church p. 193

Offertory LSB 956
Lenten Hymn Verse

Refrain: All our hope, all our help, all our strength is in you. By your cross, grant us Lord, release. That we die to ourselves and receive from you Your righteousness and peace.

Jesus heals a man born blind, giving him his sight. He brings light to all the world. Kyrie eleison. Refrain.
The Lord be with you.
And also with thy spirit.
Lift up your hearts.
We lift them up unto the Lord.
Let us give thanks unto the Lord our God.
It is meet and right so to do.

The Lord’s Prayer will be prayed by the assembly in unison, reflecting that this is the family of God’s common table prayer at the Lord’s Supper.

—Please be seated—

Communion Music
LSB 435
LSB 425

Dismissal

—Please stand if you are able—

Post-Communion Collect
Prayed by Assembly
O Lord and Master of our lives, give us not a spirit of idleness, despondency, ambition, and vain talking, but rather bestow on us, your servants, a spirit of purity, humility, patience, and love. Yes, Lord and King, grant us to see our own faults, and not to judge our brothers and our sister. For blessed are You unto the ages of ages.
Amen. (St. Ephraim the Syrian)

Salutation, Benedicamus, and Benediction

Post-Service Music

The Servants of the Word
Presider: Professor David Adams
Preacher: Professor Kou Seyeing
Reader: EIIT Seminarian Paul Chuol
Assistants: Assistant to Director of CHS Mark Kempf, Seminarians Joe Warnke and Travis Ferguson
Organist: Kathlenn Stahlhut
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 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

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

• Persecuted Christians: Qatar; Saudi Arabia
• Ethiopia in the Midst of Conflict and the Ethiopian Evangelical Lutheran Church (Mekane Yesu)
• Partner Church Bodies: Evangelical Lutheran Church of Brazil (IELB), Rev. Egon Kopereck, President
• Synodical Leaders: Rev. Dr. John Sias, Secretary
• Districts and District Presidents: Rocky Mountain District and President Rev. Allen Anderson
• Concordia Theological Seminary, President Larry Rast, Dr. Carl C. Fickenscher II, Dr. Charles A. Gieschen, staff, and students.
• Concordia University System: Concordia University Wisconsin and President Rev. Dr. Patrick T. Ferry
• Those seeking discernment and guidance: Professor Todd and Susan Jones
• Those who are ill/undergoing surgery: Rev. Erich Kaelberer suffering from ALS; Roger Drinnon, father of Seminarian Roger Drinnon, undergoing treatment for prostate cancer; former EIIT student Shad Deah facing serious medical issues; Seminary Maintenance employee Kirt Beckmann’s wife, Doreen, battling cancer; Pastor Alan Coleman, friend of Gill Bond, who is in the ICU as a result of paralysis associated with inflammation/swelling in the spinal column; Debbie Parkhurst, mother of staff member Dani Sposato, who has been diagnosed with ovarian cancer and is undergoing chemo treatments
• Those mourning: Family of Jerry Tilley (father in law of Seminarian Jim Kent) at his death; Family and Congregation (Glendale Lutheran, Saint Louis) at the death of Pastor Rodney Wise
Reflections on the Gospel, from John 9, from Ted and Rick (dark nose) by LCMS Pastor James Wetzstein (Agnus Day appears with the permission of www.agnusday.org).
BY GRACE ALONE
GRACE IN HIS SON