



Baptismal Victory  
and Celebration of Eternal Life for  
*Laokouxang (Kou) Seying*

**Concordia Seminary**  
Saint Louis, Missouri

**Call to Worship:** Kuv Yuav Tau Moog Txug



1. Kuv yuav tau moog txug kuv Leej - txiv lub tsev,  
 2. Kuv Leej - txiv lub tsev nyob sau ntuj ceeb-tsheej,  
 3. Ye - xus yuav koj kuv moog txug Leej - txiv tsev,  
 4. Kuv puas yuav ntsib koj huv Leej - txiv lub tsev,  
 5. Nrug kuv moog ua - ke puag sau Leej - txiv tsev,

kuv Leej - txiv lub tsev kuv Leej - txiv lub tsev. Kuv yuav tau moog  
 nyob sau ntuj ceeb-tsheej nyob sau ntuj ceeb-tsheej. Kuv Leej - txiv lub  
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 puag sau Leej - txiv tsev puag sau Leej - txiv tsev. Nrug kuv moog ua -

txug kuv Leej - txiv lub tsev, yuav tau nyob ib - txhis moog.  
 tsev nyob sau ntuj ceeb-tsheej, yuav tau nyob ib - txhis moog.  
 kuv moog txug Leej - txiv tsev, yuav tau nyob ib - txhis moog.  
 koj huv Leej - txiv lub tsev, yuav tau nyob ib - txhis moog.  
 ke puag sau Leej - txiv tsev, yuav tau nyob ib - txhis moog.

*Stand and face the processional cross.*

*The sign of the cross may be made by all in remembrance of their Baptism.*

**Invocation**

- P** In the name of the Father and of the  $\text{✝}$  Son and of the Holy Spirit.
- C** Amen.

## Remembrance of Baptism

- P** In Holy Baptism Kou was clothed with the robe of Christ's righteousness that covered all his sin. St. Paul says: "Do you not know that all of us who have been baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into His death?"
- C** **We were buried therefore with Him by baptism into death, in order that, just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, we too might walk in newness of life. For if we have been united with Him in a death like His, we shall certainly be united with Him in a resurrection like His.**

## Processional Hymn: We Praise You and Acknowledge You, O God

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1 We praise You and ac - knowl - edge You, O God, to be the Lord,  
2 The band of the a - pos - tles in glo - ry sing Your praise;  
3 You, Christ, are King of glo - ry, the ev - er - last - ing Son,  
4 You sit in splen - did glo - ry, en - throned at God's right hand,



The Fa - ther ev - er - last - ing, by all the earth a - dored.  
The fel - low - ship of proph - ets their death - less voic - es raise.  
Yet You, with bound - less love, sought to res - cue ev - 'ry - one:  
Up - hold - ing earth and heav - en by forc - es You com - mand.



To You all an - gel pow - ers cry a - loud, the heav - ens sing,  
The mar - tyrs of Your king - dom, a great and no - ble throng,  
You laid a - side Your glo - ry, were born of vir - gin's womb,  
We know that You will come as our Judge that fi - nal day,



The cher - u - bim and ser - a - phim their prais - es to You bring:  
Sing with the ho - ly Church through - out all the world this song:  
Were cru - ci - fied for us and were placed in - to a tomb;  
So help Your ser - vants You have re - deemed by blood, we pray;



"O ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord God of Sab - a - oth;  
"O all - ma - jes - tic Fa - ther, Your true and on - ly Son,  
Then by Your res - ur - rec - tion You won for us re - prieve—  
May we with saints be num - bered where prais - es nev - er end,



Your maj - es - ty and glo - ry fill the heav - ens and the earth!"  
And Ho - ly Spir - it, Com - fort - er— for - ev - er Three in One!"  
You o - pened heav - en's king - dom to all who would be - lieve.  
In glo - ry ev - er - last - ing. A - men, O Lord, a - men!

## Kyrie

- P** Lord, have mercy upon us.  
**C** **Christ, have mercy upon us.**  
**Lord, have mercy upon us.**

## Salutation and Collect of the Day

- P** The Lord be with you.  
**C** **And also with you.**

- P** Let us pray.  
O God of grace and mercy, we give thanks for Your loving-kindness shown to Kou and to all Your servants who, having finished their course in faith, now rest from their labors. Grant that we also may be faithful unto death and receive the crown of eternal life; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
- C** **Amen.**

*Sit*

## Words from Kou's Siblings

### Hymn: Amazing Grace

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*Stanza 1 sung in both English and Hmong simultaneously. Remaining stanzas sung in English or Hmong as printed.*

- |   |   |
|---|---|
| 1 Amazing grace—how sweet the sound—<br>That saved a wretch like me!<br>I once was lost but now am found,<br>Was blind but now I see! | 1 Yexus hlub kuv kuv zoo sab kawg,<br>Nwg lug paab peb suav-dlawg.<br>Nwg theej kuv txhoj sau ntoo khaub-lig,<br>Cawm kuv dlim kuv lub txim.        |
| 2   | 2 Thaus u kuv ua dlaab tauj dlaab qhev,<br>nwg-nauv kuv muab tso tseg.<br>Ntxwg-nyoog muab kuv kuv tsiv dlim plawg,<br>tau zoo ib txhis tsi kawg.   |
| 3   | 3 Thaus peb yuav tso nplaj-teb nuav tseg,<br>Yexus yuav coj peb kev.<br>Peb zoo sab kawg muaj chaw ca sab,<br>Yexus yuav coj moog tag.              |
| 4   | 4 Yes, when this flesh and heart shall fail<br>And mortal life shall cease,<br>Amazing grace shall then prevail<br>In heaven's joy and peace.       |
| 5   | 5 When we've been there ten thousand years,<br>Bright shining as the sun,<br>We've no less days to sing God's praise<br>Than when we'd first begun. |

## Nyeem Vaajlugkub Qub

Yaxayas 25:6-9

Nyob sau Roob Xi-oos, tug Tswv kws muaj Fwjchim Luj kawg nkaus yuav npaaj ib rooj mov rua txhua tsaav tuabneeg huv nplajteb noj, yog ib rooj mov kws muaj tej zaub mov hab tej cawv kws qaab heev.

Thaus nyob sau lub roob nwg yuav muab txhua tsaav tuabneeg tej kev nyuaj sab kws zoo ib yaam le tauv fuab tshem povtseg.

Tug Tswv kws kaav txhua tsaav yaam yuav rhuav txujkev tuag kuas puamtsuaj moog ibtxhis, nwg yuav so txhua tug lub kua muag, hab nwg yuav rhuav qhov kws lub nplajteb nuav tsimtxom nwg tsaav tuabneeg.

Tug Tswv yog tug has tej lug nuav.

Thaus muaj tej xwmtxheej nuav lawm, txhua tug tuabneeg yuav has tas, "Nwg yog peb tug Vaajtswv! Peb tso sab plhuav rua nwg, hab nwg tau cawm peb txujsa. Nwg yog tug Tswv! Peb tso sab plhuav rua nwg, nwg nuav peb zoo sab hab xyivfaab heev vim nwg cawm peb dlim lawm."

A Ntawm nuav yog tug Tswv Txujlug.

C **Thov ua Vaajtswv.**

## Old Testament Reading

Isaiah 25:6-9

On this mountain the LORD of hosts will make for all peoples  
a feast of rich food, a feast of well-aged wine,  
of rich food full of marrow, of aged wine well refined.

And he will swallow up on this mountain

the covering that is cast over all peoples, the veil that is spread over all nations.

He will swallow up death forever;

and the Lord GOD will wipe away tears from all faces,

and the reproach of his people he will take away from all the earth, for the LORD has spoken.

It will be said on that day,

"Behold, this is our God; we have waited for him, that he might save us.

This is the LORD; we have waited for him; let us be glad and rejoice in his salvation."

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

## Nyeem Tsaab Ntawv

Efexus 4:11-13

Nwg yog tug kws pub koob moov rua tuabneeg, nwg tsaav qee leej ua timthawj, qee leej ua cov cev Vaajtswv lug, qee leej ua xwbfbw qha Txujmoo Zoo, qee leej ua cov xwbfbw qha, hab qee leej ua cov saib cov ntseeg. Nwg ua le ntawd tub yog nwg qha kuas cov ntseeg paub ua Vaajtswv teg num, cov ntseeg kws yog Yexus Khetos lub cev txhaj le yuav txawj luj hlub zuj zug moog txug thaus peb suavdlawg ua tau ib lub sab, ntseeg ib yaam nkaus, paub tseeb Vaajtswv tug Tub, hab ua tau lub neej zoo ib yaam le Yexus Khetos.

A Ntawm nuav yog tug Tswv Txujlug.

C **Thov ua Vaajtswv.**

And he gave the apostles, the prophets, the evangelists, the pastors and teachers, to equip the saints for the work of ministry, for building up the body of Christ, until we all attain to the unity of the faith and of the knowledge of the Son of God, to mature manhood, to the measure of the stature of the fullness of Christ,

**A** This is the Word of the Lord.

**C** Thanks be to God.

Hymn: Because He Lives

1. God sent His Son— They called Him Je - sus; \_\_\_\_\_  
 2. How sweet to hold \_\_\_\_\_ our new - born ba - by, \_\_\_\_\_  
 3. And then one day \_\_\_\_\_ I'll cross that riv - er; \_\_\_\_\_

— He came to love, \_\_\_\_\_ heal and for - give. \_\_\_\_\_ He bled and  
 — and feel the pride \_\_\_\_\_ and joy he gives; \_\_\_\_\_ But great - er  
 — I'll fight life's fi - nal war with pain. \_\_\_\_\_ And then, as

died \_\_\_\_\_ to buy my par - don; \_\_\_\_\_ An emp - ty grave is there to  
 still \_\_\_\_\_ the calm as - sur - ance: \_\_\_\_\_ This child can face un - cer - tain  
 death \_\_\_\_\_ gives way to vic - tory, \_\_\_\_\_ I'll see the lights of glo - ry

prove my Sav - ior lives. Be - cause He lives \_\_\_\_\_ I can face to -  
 days be-cause Christ lives.  
 and I'll know He reigns.

-mor - row; \_\_\_\_\_ Be - cause He lives, \_\_\_\_\_ all fear is gone. \_\_\_\_\_

— Be - cause I know \_\_\_\_\_ He holds the fu - ture, \_\_\_\_\_

— and life is worth the liv - ing just be-cause He lives. \_\_\_\_\_

## Nyeem Txujmoo Zoo

Yauhaas 11:17-27

- ☐ Txujmoo Zoo lawv le npe ntawv Yauhaas, tshooj 11.
- ☑ **Thov Koj tau koobmeej, Tus Tswv.**

Thaus Yexus moog txug huv Npethanis, Yexus nov has tas puab tub muab Laxalus log tau plaub nub lawm. Lub zog Npethanis nyob nrug dleb ntawm lub nroog Yeluxalees moog kwvlaam le peb kilumev kev. Cov Yudais muaj coob leej tuaj nplig Mathas hab Malis obtug sab, rua qhov obtug tug nug tuag lawm. Thaus Mathas nov has tas Yexus taabtom taug kev tuaj, Mathas txawm moog tog Yexus, tabsis Malis nyob huv tsev. Mathas has rua Yexus has tas, "Tug Tswv, yog koj nrug peb nyob ntawm nuav, kuv tug nug yuav tsi tuag! Tabsis kuv paub has tas, txawm yog nwg nuav koj thov Vaajtswv ib yaam dlaabtsi, Vaajtswv yeej yuav muab yaam ntawd rua koj." Yexus has rua Mathas has tas, "Koj tug nug yeej yuav sawv rov qaab lug." Mathas teb has tas, "kuv paub has tas, thaus txug nub kawg nwg yeej yuav sawv rov qaab lug tag." Yexus has rua Mathas has tas, "Kuv yog tug sawv huv qhov tuag rov qaab lug hab yog txujsa. Tug kws ntseeg kuv, txawm yog nwg tuag lawm los nwg yeej yuav muaj txujsa; tug kws muaj sa nyob hab ntseeg kuv, tug ntawd yuav tsi tuag ib zag le. Koj puas ntseeg kuv tej lug nuav?" Mathas teb has tas, "Yog tag, tug Tswv! Kuv ntseeg has tas koj yog tug Mexiyas kws yog Vaajtswv tug Tub kws lug rua huv nplajteb nuav."

- ☐ Ntawm nuav yog tug Tswv Txujmoo Zoo.
- ☑ **Thov qhuas Koj, Tus Tswv Yexus Khetos.**

Sit

## Message

Rev. (Kxf.) Chang Tao Vang

Stand

## Apostles' Creed

- ☐ God has made us His people through our Baptism into Christ. Living together in trust and hope, we confess our faith.
- ☑ **I believe in God, the Father Almighty,  
maker of heaven and earth.**

**And in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord,  
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,  
born of the virgin Mary,  
suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died and was buried.  
He descended into hell.  
The third day He rose again from the dead.  
He ascended into heaven  
and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty.  
From thence He will come to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,  
the holy Christian Church, the communion of saints,  
the forgiveness of sins,  
the resurrection of the body,  
and the life ✠ everlasting. Amen.**

## Hymn: Thine the Amen, Thine the Praise

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- 1 Thine the amen Thine the praise Alleluias angels raise  
Thine the everlasting head Thine the breaking of the bread  
Thine the glory Thine the story Thine the harvest then the cup  
Thine the vineyard then the cup is lifted up lifted up.
- 2 Thine the life eternally Thine the promise let there be  
Thine the vision Thine the tree All the earth on bended knee  
Gone the nailing gone the railing Gone the pleading gone the cry  
Gone the sighing gone the dying what was loss lifted high.
- 3 Thine the truly Thine the yes Thine the table we the guest  
Thine the mercy all from Thee Thine the glory yet to be  
Then the ringing and the singing Then the end of all the war  
Thine the living Thine the loving evermore evermore.
- 4 Thine the kingdom Thine the prize Thine the wonder full surprise  
Thine the banquet then the praise Then the justice of Thy ways  
Thine the glory Thine the story Then the welcome to the least  
Then the wonder all increasing at Thy feast at Thy feast.
- 5 Thine the glory in the night No more dying only light  
Thine the river Thine the tree Then the Lamb eternally  
Then the holy holy holy Celebration jubilee  
Thine the splendor Thine the brightness only Thee only Thee.

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## Holy Gospel

John 11:17–27

- P** The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the eleventh chapter.
- C** **Glory to You, O Lord.**

Now when Jesus came, he found that Lazarus had already been in the tomb four days. Bethany was near Jerusalem, about two miles off, and many of the Jews had come to Martha and Mary to console them concerning their brother. So when Martha heard that Jesus was coming, she went and met him, but Mary remained seated in the house. Martha said to Jesus, "Lord, if you had been here, my brother would not have died. But even now I know that whatever you ask from God, God will give you." Jesus said to her, "Your brother will rise again." Martha said to him, "I know that he will rise again in the resurrection on the last day." Jesus said to her, "I am the resurrection and the life. Whoever believes in me, though he die, yet shall he live, and everyone who lives and believes in me shall never die. Do you believe this?" She said to him, "Yes, Lord; I believe that you are the Christ, the Son of God, who is coming into the world."

- P** This is the Gospel of the Lord.
- C** **Praise to You, O Christ.**

*Sit*

## Message

*Rev. David Gruenwald*



## Prayer of the Church

### Lord's Prayer

### Nunc Dimittis

**A** "I am the resurrection and the life," says the Lord. "He who believes in Me will live, even though he dies; and whoever lives and believes in Me will never die."

**C** **Lord, now You let Your servant go in peace;  
Your word has been fulfilled.  
My own eyes have seen the salvation  
which You have prepared in the sight of every people:  
a light to reveal You to the nations  
and the glory of Your people Israel.  
Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit;  
as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.**

**A** "I am the resurrection and the life," says the Lord. "He who believes in Me will live, even though he dies; and whoever lives and believes in Me will never die."

### Hymn: I Know That My Redeemer Lives

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- 1 I know that my Redeemer lives;  
What comfort this sweet sentence gives!  
He lives, He lives, who once was dead;  
He lives, my ever-living head.
- 2 He lives triumphant from the grave;  
He lives eternally to save;  
He lives all-glorious in the sky;  
He lives exalted there on high.
- 3 Nwg nyob muab moov nplua-mag rua kuv,  
Nwg nyob hab ua txuj-kev rua kuv.  
Nwg nyob kuv tau txuj-kev kws suv sab,  
Nwg nyob hab noog kuv lub suab-quaj.
- 4 Nwg nyob hab paab kuv tej kev ntshai,  
Nwg nyob hab Nwg so kuv kua-muag.  
Nwg nyob hab paab kuv tej kev nyuaj sab,  
Nwg nyob hab foom-koob-moov rua kuv.
- 5 He lives to silence all my fears;  
He lives to wipe away my tears;  
He lives to calm my troubled heart;  
He lives all blessings to impart.

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- 6 Nwg nyob Nwg yog kuv tug phooj-ywg,  
Nwg nyob hab paab kuv txug thaus kawg.  
Nwg nyob Nwg noog kuv kuv lub suab hu nkauj,  
Nwg nyob Nwg yog peb tug Vaj-ntxwv.
- 7 He lives and grants me daily breath;  
He lives, and I shall conquer death;  
He lives my mansion to prepare;  
He lives to bring me safely there.
- 8 He lives, all glory to His name!  
He lives, my Jesus, still the same;  
Oh, the sweet joy this sentence gives:  
I know that my Redeemer lives!

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## Concluding Collect

**P** The Lord be with you.

**C** **And also with you.**

**P** Let us pray.

Lord God, our shepherd, You gather the lambs of Your flock into the arms of Your mercy and bring them home. Comfort us with the certain hope of the resurrection to everlasting life and a joyful reunion with those we love who have died in the faith; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C** **Amen.**

## Benedicamus

**L** Let us bless the Lord.

**C** **Thanks be to God.**

## Benediction

**P** The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make His face shine upon you and be gracious unto you.

The Lord lift up His countenance upon you and  $\text{✠}$  give you peace.

**C** **Amen.**

## Words from the Seminary, District, and Synod

## Words from the Family

## Dismissal

## Hymn: For All the Saints

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- 1 For all the saints who from their labors rest,  
Who Thee by faith before the world confessed,  
Thy name, O Jesus, be forever blest.  
Alleluia! Alleluia!
- 2 Thou wast their rock, their fortress, and their might;  
Thou, Lord, their captain in the well-fought fight;  
Thou, in the darkness drear, their one true light.  
Alleluia! Alleluia!
- 3 Oh, may Thy soldiers, faithful, true, and bold,  
Fight as the saints who nobly fought of old  
And win with them the victor's crown of gold!  
Alleluia! Alleluia!
- 4 Oh, blest communion, fellowship divine!  
We feebly struggle, they in glory shine;  
Yet all are one in Thee, for all are Thine.  
Alleluia! Alleluia!
- 5 And when the fight is fierce, the warfare long,  
Steals on the ear the distant triumph song,  
And hearts are brave again, and arms are strong.  
Alleluia! Alleluia!
- 6 The golden evening brightens in the west;  
Soon, soon to faithful warriors cometh rest;  
Sweet is the calm of paradise the blest.  
Alleluia! Alleluia!
- 7 But, lo, there breaks a yet more glorious day:  
The saints triumphant rise in bright array;  
The King of Glory passes on His way.  
Alleluia! Alleluia!
- △ 8 From earth's wide bounds, from ocean's farthest coast,  
Through gates of pearl streams in the countless host,  
Singing to Father, Son, and Holy Ghost:  
Alleluia! Alleluia!

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On September 7, 1964 Laokouxiang (Kou) Seying (Nyaj Kub Thoj) was born in XiangKhouang, Laos. Seying and his family members were among the very first Christian converts in the country. Seeking refuge during the Vietnam War, his family left Laos when Seying was 12 years old. They resettled in Indianapolis in 1976 through the co-sponsorship of Lutheran Immigration and Refugee Services and St. Peter Lutheran Church.

Seying attended Lutheran schools, earning a bachelor's degree from Concordia University Wisconsin, Mequon (1987), and a Master of Divinity from Concordia Theological Seminary, Fort Wayne (CTSFW), Ind. (1991). He also studied systematic theology at Luther Seminary in St. Paul, Minn. (1995-98). Seying was in the process of pursuing his Ph.D. in missiology at CTSFW.

Seying was the first ordained Hmong pastor in the LCMS. Over the course of his ministry, he served as a parish pastor, missionary-at-large, mission developer and professor. His first call was as pastor of Hmong Lutheran Church in St. Paul, Minn. (1991–95). He also taught religion and theology at Concordia University, St. Paul, Minn., (1992-2004), and was the missionary-at-large for the LCMS Minnesota South District (1995-98). In 2004, Seying was called to serve the LCMS CNH District as a deployed mission developer/strategist of Joy of Harvest Ministries through St. Paul Lutheran Church in Merced, Calif., where he pastored the Hmong Congregation. He also developed Hmong church plants at Greenhaven Lutheran Church in Sacramento Calif. and Peace Lutheran Church in Fresno, Calif. He continued his ministry there in California for more than a decade. He then joined the faculty of Concordia Seminary, St. Louis in 2015, where he served as the Lutheran Foundation Professor of Urban and Cross-Cultural Ministry, associate dean for Urban and Cross-Cultural Ministry, and associate professor of Practical Theology.

Seying entered eternal rest in Christ Jesus November 23, 2019. He was 55 years old. He is survived by his wife of 26 years, Maykou (nee Kue); and four children, Grace, Sarah, Seth and Malachi; his parents James (Vaam Maab Thoj) and Mao Seying, and his siblings Maene, Elizabeth, Litded, Rasmy, and Glory.

"My heart is in education; my passion is in mission." –Kou Seying



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