

Thirtieth Annual Theological Symposium



Devoted: (Re)Forming the Devotional Life A SERVICE OF DEVOTIONAL REFLECTION, PRAYER AND PREACHING

Tuesday, September 17, 2019
8:00 a.m.

The Chapel of St. Timothy & St. Titus
Concordia Seminary, Saint Louis, Missouri

Gathering Music

Poetic Reading

"The Empty Church"
R.S. Thomas, Collected Poems

stand if able

Opening Hymn

LSB 545

Opening Versicles: Common

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Psalms 27

The assembly will sing the refrain once and then at the appointed times throughout the psalm. The assembly will chant the psalm according to Tone E.

Refrain



The Lord is my light and my sal-va - tion, The Lord is the
El Se-ñor es mi luz y mi sal-va - ción. El Se-ñor es la de -



strong-hold of my life. Since the Lord is my life, my
fen - sa de mi vi - da. Si el Se - ñor es mi luz, ¿a



To Stanzas

strength, and my all, Whom then shall I fear?
quién te - me - ré? ¿Quién me ha - rá tem - blar?

**¹The LORD is my light and my salvation;
whom | shall I fear?***
**The LORD is the stronghold of my life;
of whom shall I | be afraid?**

²When evildoers assail me
to eat | up my flesh,*
my adversaries and foes,
it is they who stum- | ble and fall.

³Though an army encamp against me,
my heart | shall not fear;*
though war arise against me,
yet I will be | confident.

REFRAIN

⁴One thing have I asked of the LORD,
that will I seek | after.*
that I may dwell in the house of the LORD
all the days of my life,
to gaze upon the beauty of the LORD
and to inquire in his | temple.

⁵For he will hide me in his shelter
in the day of | trouble;*
he will conceal me under the cover of his tent;
he will lift me high up- | on a rock.

⁶And now my head shall be lifted up
above my enemies all around me,
and I will offer in his tent
sacrifices with | shouts of joy;*
I will sing and make melody | to the LORD.

REFRAIN

⁷Hear, O LORD, when I | cry aloud;*
be gracious to me and | answer me!

⁸You have said, | "Seek my face."*
My heart says to you,
"Your face, LORD, | do I seek."

⁹Hide not your face from me.
Turn not your servant away in | anger,*
O you who have been my help.
Cast me not off; forsake me not,
O God of my sal- | vation!

¹⁰For my father and my mother have for- | saken me,*
but the LORD will | take me in.

REFRAIN

¹¹Teach me your way, | O LORD,*
and lead me on a level path
because of my | enemies.

¹²Give me not up to the will of my adver- | saries,*
for false witnesses have risen against me,
and they breathe out | violence.

¹³I believe that I shall look upon the goodness | of the LORD*
in the land of the | living!

¹⁴Wait | for the LORD;*
be strong, and let your heart take courage;
wait | for the LORD!

REFRAIN

sit

Reading

2 Timothy 1:1-14

Silence for Reflection

Devotional Reading

from Still
Lauren Winner

Silence for Reflection

Homily

stand if able

2 Timothy 1:6-7

Prayers

LSB 778

The cantor sings the hymn, the assembly repeats it. The assembly will sing the abbreviated petition as indicated below.



L: O Lord, hear our prayer;

C: Grant peace, we pray, in mercy Lord.

L: Gracious Father, accept all these prayers offered in Jesus' name, and give us now the strength to wait patiently for your answer, and to live faithfully in response to your call; through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord.

C: Amen.

At the conclusion of the prayers, the assembly sings the hymn again.

Benedicamus and Blessing

Poetic Reading

“The Coming”
R.S. Thomas, Collected Poems

Sending Music

The services for the Thirtieth Annual Symposium focus on the theme of the symposium—(Re)forming the Devotional Life. Today’s service, following the structure of the LSB Service of Prayer and Preaching, includes various opportunities for devotional reflection on life in the Word Jesus Christ. These opportunities include two poetic readings and a devotional reading that connect to the plenary presentations in the symposium, psalmody, silence, hymnody, and a reflective form of intercessory prayer. All of these are intended to expand our understanding of the devotional life as multi-faceted and reflective of the particular life of faith of the individual Christian. It is not a “one size fits all” endeavor. Hopefully, all of these opportunities in both services throughout the two days will allow participants to experience a variety of contemplative and active practices for living the devotional life.



The Servants of the Word

- Liturgist: Rev. Daniel Merz
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The Kreft Chair for Music Arts
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