

Miscarriage Memorial Service

Real Grief, Real Comfort



Chapel of St. Timothy and St. Titus

Concordia Seminary

October 27, 2022

SERVICE OF PRAYER AND PREACHING

The Week of Pentecost XX, A.D. 2022

*Observing the Loss of Children through
Miscarriage, Stillbirth, or Other Tragedy*

Pre-service Music

Stand

Opening Versicles (Lent)

LSB 260

Sit

Psalm 30

Sung responsively from LSB

Homily

Rite of Remembrance

LSB 725 “Children of the Heavenly Father”

During the hymn, anyone may, in memory of the death of a child, come forward to place a flower on the table in front of the sanctuary. May the beauty of the flowers express the beauty of God’s gift of life. By placing the flowers near the altar, we symbolize our faith that entrusts our whole lives into the care of the God who has loved us in Jesus Christ. After the service, you are welcome to take a flower with you as a remembrance of this service and the gift of life.

Stand

A Litany of Grief and Hope

L In peace, let us pray to the Lord:

C Lord, have mercy.

L For the gift of divine peace and of pardon, with all our heart and mind, let us pray to the Lord:

C Lord, have mercy.

L For the holy Christian Church, here and scattered throughout the world, and for the proclamation of the Gospel and the calling of all to faith, let us pray to the Lord:

C Lord, have mercy.

L For parents and families whose children have died, and whose grief may seem more than they can bear, let us pray to the Lord:

C Lord, have mercy.

- L** For all those who minister in love to the grieving, that they may have wisdom to listen well and to speak carefully in loving understanding, let us pray to the Lord:
- C** Lord, have mercy.
- L** For hearts that need God's truth, that the promise of Christ's return and the hope of the resurrection of all flesh may bring a strong foundation and a place to stand, let us pray to the Lord:
- C** Lord, have mercy.
- L** Finally, for these and for all our needs of body and soul, let us pray to the Lord:
- C** Lord, have mercy. Christ, have mercy. Lord, have mercy.

Choral Anthem

"Take Heart"

*The choir sings stanzas 1 and 2
The congregation joins on stanza 3*



1. Take heart, O ser-vants of the Lord, a - mid the cloud - y jour - ney; though
2. Serve not the dark de - sires with - in, nor wick - ed foes, nor temp - ters; their
3. We walk by faith and not by sight while liv - ing in this dark - ness, but



shad - ows seem to shade His Word, they can - not hide His mer - cy. When
sub - tle lies would lure us in, but Christ our King will con - quer. We
grief will change in - to de - light when Christ re - turns in bright - ness. Let



prov - i - dence is man - i - fest in tem - pests of af - flic - tion, be -
firm - ly stand in Je - sus' might a - gainst en - tic - ing e - vil. He
us take heart un - til we see the ris - en Lamb of suf - fring; then



hind the storm is Je - sus Christ, the sun of our sal - va - tion.
dress - es us in ra - diant light: the ar - mor of His gos - pel.
we be - fore His throne will be like Him, for - ev - er shin - ing!

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Benedicamus and Benediction

LSB 267

Post-service Music

In the Lord's Service

Preacher
Liturgist
Organist and Choir Director

Rev. Dr. Erik Herrmann
Seminarian Drew Oswald
Phillip Magness

Materials used today are available electronically if you would like to use them for a special service at your future congregation.

For these materials and short videos of couples sharing their stories, Visit our Facebook page: Concordia Seminary Life Team.

The Mission Statement for the Concordia Seminary Life Team

Centered in the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Concordia Seminary Life Team equips our seminary community and others to affirm life.

Regular Meetings of the Life Team are on the second Saturday of the month in Sieck 201 from 5:00 to 6:30 pm. Supper is provided free of charge, as well as childcare. Our next meeting is Saturday, November 12; all are welcome to attend to learn more about the Life Team.

For more about Life Teams, visit:

www.lutheransforlife.org/life-issues/life-team-training/

