

# Chapel of St. Timothy & St. Titus | Concordia Seminary

Service of Prayer and Preaching, LSB 260-267

9 December 2016 | 3rd Week in Advent

## *Founders' Day*

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Pre-Service Music

*—Please stand if able—*

Opening Versicles: Advent

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*—Please sit—*

Reading

Isaiah 35:1-10

Catechism: 7th Petition of Lord's Prayer

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Homily

*—Please stand if able—*

Hymn

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*—Please kneel if able—*

Prayers of the Church

The Litany for Founders' Day

*(Dr. James Brauer, Dean Emeritus)*

L Most high and holy God, Maker of the Universe and Ruler of the Church, accept our thanks for the blessings of the past one hundred seventy-seven years of Concordia Seminary and continue to bless it with your grace and presence.

For founding fathers and all the men and women of the church who contributed their prayers, their talents and their resources to the building of this school,

**C We thank you, God.**

L For leaders in the church and administrators of the seminary who sought your will by Word and prayer;

**C We thank you, God.**

L For Christian parents and faithful spouses who gave guidance and support to students at this seminary,

**C We thank you, God.**

L For professors who know God and love him and who reveal their commitment to the kingdom by their actions among us, let us pray to the Lord,

**C Lord, have mercy.**

L For students who know God and love him and who seek to learn the way of a shepherd of God's people, let us pray to the Lord,

**C Lord, have mercy.**

L For staff members who know God and love him and who serve the needs of the campus, let us pray to the Lord,

**C Lord, have mercy.**

L For all people who from this seminary's graduates hear of God's love in Christ, are baptized, and in the Lord's Supper receive the body and blood of Christ, let us pray to the Lord,

**C Lord, have mercy.**

L For the church throughout the world, for missionaries especially Benjamin Helge and the Hoff family serving in the Czech Republic, the Hoffman family serving in South Korea and the Hosch family serving in Peru; for military chaplains Lonnie Gonzales, Jeremy Gorline, Scott Gustafson, and Brian Hamer; for the courage to live out the challenges of our baptism, and for the inspiration of the Holy Spirit, let us pray to the Lord,

**C Lord, have mercy.**

L For all who travel, for all those in need, for the sick, for the hungry and homeless, for the widowed and orphaned, and for all those in prison, let us pray to the Lord:

**C Lord, have mercy.**

L Gracious Father, you are the Great Provider. In your great wisdom you have provided for this seminary through many and various means. We thank you for those who by the gift of time or resources have benefited this seminary. We remember in humble gratitude the prayers of these, your servants:

L For the ministry and witness of the congregations that support this seminary, especially Our Redeemer,

Bloomington, Illinois; Trinity, Urbana, Illinois, Saint John, Champaign, Illinois, Hope, Granite City, Illinois, and Our Redeemer, Quincy, Illinois that they may live by the gospel and be strengthened by the Holy Spirit for service, let us pray to the Lord;

**C Lord, have mercy.**

L For the sick and those undergoing surgery, especially Joseph, Delores, Jerry, Judith, Sandra, Tammy, Barb, Adele, and Timothy, that God's healing hand may touch them, let us pray to the Lord;

**C Lord, have mercy.**

L For all those who mourn, especially Alice at the death of her husband Frank, that in her time of mourning the Holy Spirit may comfort them through the resurrection of Christ Jesus, let us pray to the Lord;

**C Lord, have mercy.**

L For all these servants, whose needs we have lifted before the Lord, that His blessing may rest upon them and the seminary community may show forth its thankfulness by making this seminary the home of all that is true and beautiful and good; let us pray to the Lord;

**C Lord, have mercy.**

L Lord God, mercifully hear the prayers of your Church; grant that we may faithfully serve you now and that we may be instruments of your salvation to many so that your kingdom may grow and your glory resound among all peoples everywhere; through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C Amen**

Concluding Prayer

*Assembly Prays Together*

**I thank You, my heavenly Father, through Jesus Christ, Your dear Son, that You have kept me this night from all harm and danger; and I pray that You would keep me this day also from sin and every evil, that all my doings and life may please You. For into**

Your hands I commend myself, my body and soul, and all things.  
Let Your holy angel be with me, that the evil foe may have no  
power over me. Amen. (*Morning Prayer of Martin Luther*)

—Please stand if able—

Benedicamus and Benediction

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P Maranatha! Come, Lord Jesus.

C Come quickly, Lord. Maranatha!

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### Servants of the Word

Professor Joel Biermann

Preacher

Seminarian Matthew Bohlmann

Liturgist

Seminarian Christian Jones

Guitarist

### Founders' Day

Founder's Day celebrates the anniversary of the opening of Concordia Seminary to students on December 9, 1839 and the Spirit-endowed vision and labor of the four founders of Concordia Seminary: Johann F. Buenger, Ottomar Fuerbringer, Theodor Brohm, and C. F. W. Walther. Walther had been ordained in Germany and had a call to the Dresden parish that had been established in Perry County, Missouri. The other three were candidates of theology and did not have calls at the time of the founding. They embarked on a venture of faith in purchasing the 6 acres that would become the site for Concordia Seminary in Perry County. While the original 1-room log cabin was dedicated in October 1839, the school was not open to students until December 9, 1839. All four founders served as instructors of the eleven children, seven boys and four girls. While the four founders were instrumental in establishing the school, G.H. Loeber (for whom Loeber hall is named) was of equal import in keeping the school open and narrowing its objectives toward serving as a preparatory school for the holy ministry. This school, which was to be a Bethlehem, a Nazareth, and a Bethany for its students, according to O. H. Walther's hymn for the dedication of the seminary, remained in Perry County until 1849 when Trinity Congregation in Saint Louis and its pastor, C. F. W. Walther, assumed leadership of the institution. Walther, one of the original founders, would leave an indelible mark upon both Concordia Seminary and The Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod as the first president of both institutions. It is for the faith and vision of these founders in establishing Concordia Seminary that we give God thanks. (Information taken from Carl S. Meyer, *Log Cabin to Luther Tower*, St. Louis: Concordia Publishing House, 1965).

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*Dean of the Chapel of St. Timothy & St. Titus*