

CONCORDIA SEMINARY
Chapel of St. Timothy and St. Titus
The Twenty-fourth Week after Pentecost, A.D. 2023

Friday, November 17
Corporate Confession and Absolution

The rite of Corporate Confession and Absolution may be used in a variety of occasions, including “preparation for receiving the Sacrament, penitential seasons, times of crisis or disaster, or congregational repentance and reconciliation” (LSB Altar Book, 422). Pastors may also want to schedule regular times for this rite as part of the spiritual care for the congregation.

Pre-service Music

Stand

Invocation and Opening Versicles

LSB 290

Sit

Reading

Hebrews 4:14–16

Sermon

Following the sermon, the presiding minister says:

P Having heard the Word of God, let us confess our sins to Him, imploring Him for the sake of His Son Jesus Christ to grant us forgiveness.

Kneel

C **O almighty God, merciful Father, I, a poor, miserable sinner, confess unto You all my sins and iniquities with which I have ever offended You and justly deserved Your temporal and eternal punishment. But I am heartily sorry for them and sincerely repent of them, and I pray You of Your boundless mercy and for the sake of the holy, innocent, bitter sufferings and death of Your beloved Son, Jesus Christ, to be gracious and merciful to me, a poor, sinful being.**

P God be merciful to you and strengthen your faith.

C **Amen.**

P Do you believe that the forgiveness I speak is not my forgiveness but God’s?

C **Yes.**

P Let it be done for you as you believe.

Sit

Worshippers are invited to come forward and kneel at the altar rail. Please say your first name, and the pastor will speak the following individual absolution with the laying on of hands:

P In the stead and by the command of my Lord Jesus Christ I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the † Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C **Amen.**

The following hymns are sung as the assembly comes forward:

LSB 610 “Lord Jesus, Think on Me”

LSB 599 “O Gracious Lord, with Love Draw Near”

LSB 595 “O Blessed Spring”

After all have returned to their seats, the presiding minister speaks this blessing:

P Now may the God of peace Himself sanctify you completely, and may your whole spirit, soul, and body be kept blameless at the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ. He who calls you is faithful; He will surely do it. Go in † peace.

C **Amen.**

Post-service Music

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In the Lord’s Service

Preacher

Rev. Dr. Richard Marrs

Presiding Minister

Rev. Dr. Matthew Clark

Assisting Ministers

Ascension Lutheran Church—St. Louis, Missouri

Rev. Dr. Jon Vieker

Organist

Rev. Dr. Paul Sieveking

Dr. Mark Bender

Please return this service folder to the usher station following the service.

You are cordially invited to gather for Evening Services in the North Transept.

Mondays: Spanish Vespers

Tuesdays: Evening Prayer

Thursdays: Compline

Services begin in silence at 8:15 p.m.