

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

Responsive Prayer 1, LSB 282-284

28 November 2016 | 1st Week in Advent

Pre-Service Music

—Please stand if able—

P Maranatha! Come, Lord Jesus.

C Come quickly, Lord. Maranatha!

Prayer and Lighting of the Advent Wreath

L We praise you, O Father, for this evergreen crown that marks our days of preparation for Christ's advent. As we light the first candle on this wreath, rouse us from sleep, that we may be ready to greet our Lord when he comes with all his saints and angels. Enlighten us with your grace, and prepare our hearts to welcome him with joy. Grant this through Christ our Lord, whose coming is certain and whose day draws near.

C Amen.

Salutation and Prayer of the Day

—Please sit—

Reading Matthew 24:36-44

Homily

—Please stand if able—

Hymn LSB 331

Versicle and Apostles' Creed p. 282

Prayers

Concluding Prayer

Assembly Prays Together

Almighty God, grant to Your Church Your Holy Spirit and the wisdom that comes down from above, that Your Word may not be bound but have free course and be preached to the joy and edifying of Christ's holy people, that in steadfast faith we may serve You and, in the confession of Your name, abide unto the end; through Jesus Christ, our Lord. *(Collect for the Church)*

Benedicamus and Benediction

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Post-Service Music

Servants of the Word

Professor David Schmitt	Preacher
Seminarian Andy Pronsati	Liturgist
Kevin Huckshold, Holy Cross Lutheran, Saint Louis	Organist

Advent is a season of waiting and watching. The Church prepares as it waits for the coming of the One who brings new life: Jesus Christ, the Messiah. One way in which the church watches is with patience and hope for Christ's final coming in judgment. As the Church waits in this world it is surrounded by darkness, a darkness suffused by human sin. Advent calls this darkness to mind and penetrates it with the promise of the Light of Life. In this way the church is prepared to cry, *Maranatha!* Come, Lord Jesus!

Watch the Nativity Figures and join them as they make their journey to Bethlehem throughout Advent in the chapel!

BY GRACE ALONE, GRACE IN HIS SON