

Service of Holy Communion



3rd Week in Advent

9 December 2020

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

LUTHERAN SERVICE BOOK Divine Service Setting 4, pp. 203-212

Pre-Service Music

—Stand as 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 victory wreath that marks our days of preparation for Christ's advent. As we light the candles on this wreath, strengthen our hearts as we await the Lord's coming in glory. Enlighten us with your grace, that we may serve our neighbors in need. Grant this through Christ our Lord, whose coming is certain and whose day draws near.

C **Amen.**

—Kneel as able—

Confession and Absolution

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—Stand as able—

Kyrie

LSB 944

The assembly will chant the Kyrie, following the threefold pattern indicated—Kyrie, Christe, Kyrie—after each of several bids chanted by the Cantor.

L In peace, let us pray to the Lord.

C **Kyrie eleison. Kyrie eleison. Kyrie eleison.**

L For the peace from above and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord.

C **Christe eleison. Christe eleison. Christe eleison.**

L For the peace of the whole world, for the well being of the church of God, and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.

C **Kyrie eleison. Kyrie eleison. Kyrie eleison.**

L For this holy house and for all who offer here their worship and praise, let us pray to the Lord.

C **Christe eleison. Christe eleison. Christe eleison.**

L Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord.

C **Kyrie eleison. Kyrie eleison. Kyrie eleison.**

Salutation and Collect of the Day

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	—Sit—	
First Reading		Isaiah 61:1-4, 8-11
	—Stand as able—	
Gospel Hymn Acclamation		LSB 354, sts, 1,4
Gospel Reading		John 1:6-8, 19-28
	—Sit—	
Hymn of the Day		LSB 345
Homily		
	—Kneel as able—	
Prayers of the Church		p. 207
	—Stand as able—	
Offertory Hymn		LSB 834
Service of the Sacrament		pp. 208-10
	—Sit—	
<i>The Lord's Supper will be distributed at two stations, instead of the altar rails, on each side of the chancel. Please proceed to whichever station is available on either side as you approach the altar. The pulpit side and south transept will come forward first and then the lectern side and north transept.</i>		
Communion Music		LSB 338
		LSB 349
Dismissal		
	—Stand as able—	
Post-Communion Collect, Benedicamus, and Benediction		p. 212
P	Maranatha! Come, Lord Jesus.	
C	Come quickly, Lord. Maranatha!	
	—Sit—	
Post-Service Music		

The Servants of the Word

Presider: Chaplain Paul Sieveking

Preacher: Rev. John Schmidtke

Assistants: Seminarian Jason Kohm

Organist: Director of Musical Arts James Marriott

Rev. John R. Schmidtke has served the Lord as Pastor of Bethlehem Lutheran Church in St. Louis, MO since 1989. The congregation aggressively reaches into the Hyde Park neighborhood of inner-city north St. Louis through an extensive effort of youth programs, music ministries, athletic teams, and programs that strengthen families. In 2000, Bethlehem gave birth to a new not for profit housing ministry called Better Living Communities, that has built 96 new homes in the Bethlehem church neighborhood, and served as the catalyst for an additional 125 units of new housing through partner housing developers. The church also founded a K-5th grade charter school called The Arch Community School (TACS), which operates in the Bethlehem ministry building. In the fall of 2015, Bethlehem began a new mission program called Greater Things aimed at pouring the strengths of Bethlehem's dynamic outreach beyond Bethlehem to other churches. Pastor Schmidtke is married to his wife and ministry partner, Sharon. They are blessed with four children, Daniel (Amber), Michael (Genese), Nathaniel (Paola), and Tequila, and are grandparents of two granddaughters, Taylor and Lynn, and four grandsons, Joseph, Asher, Jesus, and Jose. In July of 2020, Pastor Schmidtke released a book about urban ministry called, "A Place Not Forgotten."

In Preparation for Communion

To Our Guests:

The Lord's Supper is celebrated on our campus in the confession and glad confidence that our Lord, as He says, gives not only bread and wine, but His very body and blood to eat and drink for the forgiveness of sin. In joyful obedience to the clear teaching of our Lord Jesus those are invited to His table who trust His words, repent of all sin, and set aside any refusal to forgive and love as He forgives and loves us. They show forth His death until He comes. Because Holy Communion is a confession of the faith which is confessed at this altar, any who are not yet instructed, in doubt, or who hold a confession differing from that of The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod and so are unable to receive the Sacrament are invited to meditate on God's Word in the distribution hymns and pray for the day when divisions will have ceased.

-Kent J. Burreson, Dean of the Chapel

Notes Regarding Communion

- The campus Lord's Supper is sponsored and hosted by Hope Lutheran Church, St. Louis, and Pastor Randy Asburry.
- We drink the joyous cup of salvation from wine that is grown and produced locally, fruit of the earth that surrounds us here in Missouri, gifts of the Creator's hand. The Chapel's Red Wine is from Montelle Winery, Augusta, Missouri and the White Wine is from Blumenhof Winery, Dutzow, Missouri.

Private Confession and Absolution

Contact Chaplain Sieveking to arrange for confession and absolution.

The Maranatha

The *Maranatha* (1 Corinthians 16:22), a translated phrase in Greek of an Aramaic expression similar to "Hosanna" or "Alleluia," probably is best translated "Our Lord, Come!" (See also Revelation 22:20, Come, Lord Jesus!) It is an insistent plea for Christ Jesus' coming on the great day of the Lord. It was probably used as a liturgical phrase in early Christian worship. In the same pattern we will use it today and every day in chapel starting on November 18th through the end of the church year and throughout Advent as a prayer of fervent expectancy and longing for the coming of our Lord.

Nativity Figures

Watch the movement of the Nativity Figures and join them as they make their journey to Bethlehem!



Prayer Requests

- Partner Church Bodies: The Kazakhstan Evangelical Lutheran Church of Almaty led by President Alexander Burtsev and the Evangelical Lutheran Church of Latvia led by Bishop Janis Vanags
- Synodical Leaders: Synodical Vice-President Nabil Nour
- Districts and District Presidents: Nebraska District led by President Richard Snow and the New England District led by President Timothy Yeadon
- Missionaries: John Loum serving in the Gambia, Anton Lutz serving in Papua New Guinea, Julie Lutz serving in Papua New Guinea, and Erin Mackenzie serving in the Dominican Republic
- The Lutheran Women's Missionary League
- Armed conflict in the Tigray region in northern Ethiopia and prevention of warfare
- Immigrants and Refugees, including those assisted by Christian Friends of New Americans in St. Louis; The Poor and Oppressed, especially in Guatemala, Honduras, and El Salvador, and Those Suffering from Natural and Man-Made Disasters: California, Oregon, Washington, Iowa, Alabama, Louisiana, Texas, and Colorado; Algeria, Lebanon, Mauritius, Sudan, and flooding in countries throughout the world
- For those throughout the world affected by COVID-19, the prevention of the spread of the Coronavirus, and an end to the pandemic
- Those who are ill/undergoing surgery: Rev. Erich Kaelberer battling ALS; Roger Drinnon, father to graduate student Roger Drinnon, battling cancer; Retired staff member Dick Jostes who has entered hospice care; Professor emeritus David Berger, rehabilitating from various health complications after a fall; Brad Briscoe, and his wife Rhonda, friends of graduate student Alex Schrader, as Brad battles debilitating health issues; Professor Emeritus Jerrold Eickmann who suffered a heart attack and is recovering; Walt Schaffner, supporter of the seminary, diagnosed with myeloma and currently undergoing treatment; Former Board of Regents member Rev. Ulmer Marshall battling various health challenges; Matthew Hoeltke, brother of Beth Hoeltke, recovering from surgery; Staff member Beth Hoeltke, preparing for surgery; Janice Christians, mother of Seminarian Corey Christians, battling stage four cancer; Marcella Ward, mother of staff member Dale Ward, hospitalized with Covid-19
- Those Mourning: Director of Human Resources Tom Myers and his family at the death of his father, Richard "Dick" Myers; Professor Emeritus Bill Carr and

former Library Services employee Nedra Carr at the death of his mother Mary Gene Carr; Seminarian Nick Wagenknecht and the family and friends of Tix Cole mourning his sudden death in an accident



Reflections on the Gospel for the upcoming Sunday, from John 1, from Ted and Rick (dark nose) by LCMS Pastor James Wetzstein (Agnus Day appears with the permission of www.agnusday.org).