

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

Service of Word and Praise

12 January 2017 | 2nd Week after the Epiphany

Pre-Service Music

—Please stand if able—

Welcome

Opening Songs

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—Please sit—

Reading

Matthew 9:9-13

Homily

Communal Prayers

The communal prayers allow the opportunity for the entire seminary community individually, and yet as one, to intercede for the church, the world, and all those in need. The intercessor will begin the prayers with the first three bids on p. 265 and then offer additional bids. Then the assembly is invited to offer bids aloud. Please speak as loudly as possible so that all may hear. The bids are offered in this fashion:

*Intercessor: For... let us pray to the Lord; **Assembly: Lord, have mercy.***

Concluding Prayer

Assembly Prays Together

Almighty God, who has promised to hear the petitions of those who ask in Your Son's name: we implore You mercifully to incline Your ear to us who have now made our prayers and petitions unto You; and grant that those things which we have asked faithfully according to Your will, may be obtained essentially, to the relief of our necessity, and to the proclamation of Your glory; through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen. *(Concluding Collect of the Great Litany)*

Benediction

Post-Service Music

Servants of the Word

Rev. Brad Birtell, Campus Host Pastor

Preacher

Seminarian Nick Shults

Liturgist

Seminarian Christian Jones

Worship Leader

Pastor Brad Birtell, 2016-17 Campus Host Pastor, is a 1992 graduate of Concordia Seminary, St. Louis. He has served St. John's Lutheran Church in rural Columbus, Nebraska since 1996. Pastor Birtell's first call out of seminary was to St. John's Lutheran Church in Young America. This was also his vicarage congregation.

Pastor Birtell has served our beloved Synod as Circuit Counselor for the Columbus Circuit and as a member of the Synod's Rural Ministry Task Force.

He is currently serving the Nebraska District as co-chair for the Engaging Rural Congregations and Communities Committee (Intersect). This program is designed to help first-time pastors and their families connect with the congregations they have been called to serve and to be a blessing to the communities into which they have been placed.

Pastor Birtell has been married to his faithful wife, Christie, for over 30 years. They have been blessed with three children, Porter (27), Britney (24), and Sawyer (23). All 3 are graduates of Concordia University in Seward, Nebraska. In the fall of 2015 Pastor Birtell was awarded the Alumni of the Year Award for Mission and Ministry by Concordia University.

Pastor Birtell's current congregation has hosted the students and staff that are a part of Urban Shift for the past five years and considers it a great joy to interact with the students who come to Nebraska each year.

BY GRACE ALONE, GRACE IN HIS SON