

RESPONSIVE PRAYER I
Founder's Day (Observed)
2nd Week in Advent

Pre-Service Music

stand if able

L Maranatha! Come, Lord Jesus.

C Come quickly, Lord. Maranatha!

Entrance Hymn

LSB 354, sts. 1-2, 4

Salutation

Prayer of the Day

sit

Reading

Philippians 1:2-11

Homily

stand if able

Hymn

In Halls of Wood and Stone

Rev. Stephen Starke

This text was written for the 150th anniversary of Concordia Seminary. The hymn's focus is on the mission of the Seminary to prepare pastors, deaconesses and other church leaders for preaching the message of Christ as the Light of the world.

In halls of wood and stone
From God's eternal Word,
The truth, by grace alone
Through faith in Christ, is heard:
A beacon bright
That shines to win
Hearts lost in sin
And darkest night.

Lord, from this sacred place
You call those, so prepared,
To ev'ry clime and race
As saints in glory fared.
Your praise resounds!
The Word is sown,
Your grace is known,
New faith abounds!

So that this Light may shine
With an unhindered beam
Men learn of Love divine
Which did the world redeem;
That in their hour,
They too can teach
And rightly preach
The Gospel's pow'r.

For blessings of the past
In near and distant years,
For all whose faith held fast
Amid despairing fears:
Lord Jesus Christ,
In ev'ry ill
Your perfect will
And grace sufficed!

O Lamp of burnished gold
In time that yet will be,
Illumine young and old
Who train for ministry;
Your truth unfurl
And cast His ray
In this, our day:
Light for our world!

Morning Versicles

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Prayers

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-nine 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 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

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

Luke Scheele, fourth-year seminarian

Preacher

David Ahn, second-year seminarian

Liturgist

Director of Musical Arts Jim Marriott

Organist

Luke Scheele is 34 years old and is in his final year of Seminary after completing his vicarage at Our Redeemer Lutheran Church in Iowa City, IA. He has been married to Hope for over 11 years and is blessed with 4 children. Luke was born in Colorado, but followed his family through Fort Wayne, IN and Hermann, MO as his Dad attended seminary and accepted his first call. After graduating from the University of Missouri – Rolla (currently known as Missouri University of Science and Technology) with a B.S. in Electrical Engineering, Luke served as an officer and developmental engineer in the Air Force for 8 years: first at Tinker AFB, OK in the B-52 Program Office and then at the University of Illinois in Urbana-Champaign teaching Air Force ROTC.

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).

Kent J. Bureson

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

HERE AM I! SEND ME

Concordia Seminary

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