

# Service of Holy Communion



**3<sup>rd</sup> Week in Advent**

11 December 2019

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

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

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### 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, kindle within us the fire of your Spirit, that we may be light shining in the darkness. 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.**

—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 p. 205

—Sit—

First Reading Isaiah 35:1-10

—Stand as able—

Gospel Hymn Acclamation LSB 345, sts. 1-2

Gospel Reading Matthew 11:2-15

—Sit—

Hymn of the Day LSB 341

Homily

—Kneel as able—

Prayers of the Church Communal Prayers

*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 page 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 the following fashion:*

*Intercessor: For. . . let us pray to the Lord;*

***Assembly: Lord, have mercy.***

Concluding Prayer *assembly prays together*

**Almighty God, you have given us grace at this time with one accord to make our common supplication to you; and you have promised through your most beloved Son that when two or three are gathered together in his Name you will be in the midst of them: Fulfill now, O Lord, these desires and petitions as may be best for us; granting us in this world knowledge of your truth, and in the age to come life everlasting; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.** *(Collect attributed to St. John Chrysostom)*

—Stand as able—

Offertory Hymn LSB 345, sts. 3-5

Service of the Sacrament pp. 208-10

—Sit—

Communion Music

LSB 332

In a Lowly Manger Born

In a low - ly man - ger born, hum - ble life be - gun in scorn;  
 Vis - it - ing the lone and lost, stead - y - ing the tem - pest-tossed,  
 Then, to res - cue you and me, Je - sus died up - on the tree.

3  
 un - der Jo - seph's watch - ful eye, Je - sus grew as you and I;  
 giv - ing of him - self in love, call - ing minds to things a - bove.  
 See in him God's love re - vealed; by his pas - sion we are healed.

5  
 knew the suf - f'ring of the weak, knew the pa - tience of the meek,  
 Sin - ners glad - ly hear his call; pub - li - cans be - fore him fall,  
 Now he lives in glo - ry bright, lives a - gain in pow'r and might;

7  
 hun - gered as but poor folk can; this is he. Be - hold the man!  
 for in him new life be - gan; this is he. Be - hold the man!  
 come and take the path he trod, son of Mar - y, Son of God.

Dismissal

—Stand as able—

Post-Communion Collect

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—Sit—

Sending Rite

Benedicamus and Benediction

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P Maranatha! Come, Lord Jesus.

C Come quickly, Lord. Maranatha!

Post-Service Music

## **The Servants of the Word**

**Presider:** Rev. Paul Sieveking

**Preacher:** Admissions Counselor Scott Holder

**Assistants:** Dean of the Chapel Kent Burreson,  
2nd-year Seminarians Jonathan Munnicha and Ian Heinze

**Organist:** Professor David Maxwell

## **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 the The Lutheran Church of Webster Gardens and Pastors Joel Christiansen and Brian King.
- We are fed with bread that is prepared in our community. The bread today was baked by Dr. Beth Hoeltke.
- 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.
- When receiving the cup to partake of Christ Jesus' blood, please place your hand on the cup in some way to assist the server in guiding it to your mouth. Depending upon how those distributing the cup are holding it, you can either take hold of the cup at the base on the bottom OR on the stem of the chalice OR at the bowl itself on the upper part. By doing so you will assist the server and help to prevent any unwelcome spillage.

- The Reliquary (unconsecrated, additional bread) will be distributed after the service in the narthex if there is sufficient quantity. You are invited to take a piece with you.
- If illness or other extenuating circumstances lead you not to drink wine directly from the chalice, you may intinct the bread by dipping it into the chalice.

### **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.

### **Fasting Discipline**

For those interested in engaging in the discipline of fasting throughout Advent the Dean of Chapel will sponsor a prayer and Scripture reading group that will meet for about 20 minutes in support of the discipline at 12:15 pm today.

### **Nativity Figures**

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

### **Lutheran Hour Ministries Prayer Requests**

Lutheran Hour Ministries receives more prayer requests than to which they can attend. The seminary is partnering with them to pray for all of these requests. The requests are located in a small box on a table in the narthex near the table with the worship handouts. Take one or more prayer cards. Prayer for the person or concern listed. Return the prayer card after you have prayed, listing on the back of the card the date you prayed and if, you are willing, your name and position at the seminary. Thank you for partnering with LHM in this prayer ministry.

## Prayer Requests

- Partner Church Bodies: Gutnius Lutheran Church (Papua New Guinea) led by Bishop Nicodemus Aiyene
- Districts and District Presidents: Missouri District led by President Lee Hagen
- Campus Divine Service Host Congregation: The Lutheran Church of Webster Gardens, Webster Groves, MO led by Pastors Joel Christiansen and Brian King
- Synodical Leaders: President Matthew Harrison
- Missionaries: David and Barbara Bush, Carol Halter, Kevin Kong, all serving in Hong Kong, and the Carl and Chenshi Hanson Family serving in South Korea; Professor Emeritus Victor and Anie Raj teaching at Matongo Theological College in Kenya through mid-December
- The Lutheran Women's Missionary League
- Immigrants and Refugees, The Poor and Those Suffering from Natural and Man-Made Disasters: California, Louisiana, and flooding throughout the USA; The Bahamas, Mozambique, Malawi, Madagascar, Zimbabwe, South Africa, Syria, and flooding in countries throughout the world
- Those who are ill/undergoing surgery: Rev. Erich Kaelberer battling ALS; Roger Drinnon, father to graduate student Roger Drinnon, battling cancer; Beth Jones, wife of seminarian Brett Jones, diagnosis and treatment for heart issues; Kyzer and Kinley, premature newborns, friends of seminarian James Burke, battling health issues; Gabby, 5-year old niece of deaconess student Elizabeth Melin, battling cardio-vascular issues; Josh Daniels, Concordia University Ann Arbor football player, suffering from a neck injury; Reverend David Schneider, retired missionary, battling ALS; Zoe Jones and her family, daughter of CSL graduate and DMin student Joshua Jones, who underwent serious surgery; Virginia, the mother of staff member Val Sommers, recovering from a stroke and heart attack; Bruce Lackey, father of seminarian Jonathan Lackey, diagnosed with Parkinson's Disease; Blake Georgie, husband of staff member Carla Georgie, suffering from kidney failure and awaiting a kidney transplant; Myra Niemeier, mother of seminarian Nils Niemeier, recovering from successful cancer surgery; Trevor Pinch, long-time friend of Gillian Bond, in a critical phase of treatment for cancer; Eustolio Gomez, retired seminary financial advisor to students, faculty, and staff, battling the recurrence of cancer; Seminarian Rako Zech, in hope of a clear biopsy report; SMP seminarian Gary Dittmar, recovering from a recent heart attack
- Those battling mental/emotional/psychological challenges: Depression

- Those Mourning: Staff Member Richard Jostes and his family at the death of his mother, Doris Gellerman; Professor Jeffrey Oswald and Staff member Jill Oswald and their family at the death of his mother Phyllis Oswald; Staff Member Laura Hemmer and her family at the death of her grandmother, Ivy Freeman; Maykou Seying, the entire Seying family, the seminary community, and associates and friends of Rev. Dr. Kou Seying at his death; The family and friends, including seminarian Nick Wagenknecht, of Buzz Ehlers, who died this past week after a brief battle with cancer; Staff member Ken Kogler and his family at the death of his grandmother Marcia Kogler



Reflections on the Gospel for the upcoming Sunday, from Matthew 11, from Ted and Rick (dark nose) by LCMS Pastor James Wetzstein (Agnus Day appears with the permission of [www.agnusday.org](http://www.agnusday.org)).



**Invitation to Communion (after peace)**

**Come now with joy to Emmanuel's table. Feast at the banquet of hope and love.**

**Post-Communion Prayer:**

**God of abundance, we give you thanks that in this holy meal you have invited us to feast with you and with one another. May the taste of your love remain with us, and may our words and our work in your name invite others into your bountiful grace. Send us you're your table to proclaim your presence, even as we await the glorious coming of Christ our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

**Blessing**

**May Christ, the Sun of Righteousness, shine upon you and scatter the darkness from before your path; Almighty God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, bless you now and forever.**

**C: Amen.**

## Rite of Blessing for Those Traveling for Service

P: Our brothers and sisters in Christ, gathered before you, are going to serve our Lord in mission and service, teaching and learning in various places around the Lord's world. At this time of travel, let us hear the Word of the Lord from St. Paul's first letter to the Corinthians:

Therefore, my beloved brothers [and sisters], be steadfast, immovable, always abounding in the work of the Lord, knowing that in the Lord your labor is not in vain. (*1 Corinthians 15:58*)

P: We place this prayer cloth on the altar as a reminder to pray for all those journeying and as a reminder of our baptismal mission as the Body of Christ.

Let us pray for those journeying in our Lord's Name . . . Almighty God our heavenly Father, through Your dear Son You have made us all Your witnesses. Enlighten by Your Holy Spirit all who speak to others the message of salvation through Jesus' blood and merit that Your Word may reach out and bear much fruit for the growth of Your Church and that the Body of Christ may love and serve all those around us; through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen

P Let us bless those journeying...In the presence of God and of this assembly, I bless you and commend you in your mission, travel, and service in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit. Go in the name of the Lord. Be steadfast, immovable, always abounding in the work of the Lord, knowing that in the Lord your labor is not in vain.

C **Amen.**

P Bless we the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

P Guard the good treasure entrusted to you, through the power of the Holy Spirit whom God has poured out upon you and who dwells in you. The Almighty God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, bless you with grace, mercy, and peace, now and forever.

C: **Amen.**