

CONCORDIA SEMINARY
Chapel of St. Timothy and St. Titus

Wednesday, January 5, 2022
The Epiphany of Our Lord (Observed)

Divine Service, Setting Four

Prelude

Stand

Confession and Absolution *LSB* 203

Kyrie *LSB* 204

Gloria in Excelsis

Salutation and Collect of the Day *LSB* 205

Sit

Old Testament Reading Isaiah 60:1–6

Stand

Alleluia and Verse *LSB* 205

Holy Gospel Matthew 2:1–12

Nicene Creed *LSB* 206

Sit

Hymn of the Day *LSB* 395 “O Morning Star, How Fair and Bright”

Sermon

Stand

Prayer of the Church

Following the prayers, the people may greet one another in the name of the Lord, saying “Peace be with you,” as a sign of reconciliation and of the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace (Matt. 5:22–24; Eph. 4:1–3).

Sit

Offertory Hymn LSB 400 “Brightest and Best of the Stars of the Morning”

Stand

Service of the Sacrament LSB 208 ff.

- Preface
- Sanctus
- Prayer of Thanksgiving
- Lord’s Prayer
- Words of Our Lord
- Pax Domini
- Agnus Dei

Sit

Distribution

The Lord’s Supper is distributed at the altar rails in a continuous flow. Both pulpit and lectern sides come forward at the same time. Beginning at the center of the rail, please take the next available place at the rail, moving around to the wall behind the altar, allowing for space between you and others as you are comfortable. Both the chalice (cleansed with alcohol-soaked purificators) and individual cups are available. After communing, please return to your seat by the side aisles.

Distribution Hymns LSB 372 “O Jesus Christ, Thy Manger Is”
LSB 370 “What Child Is This”

Stand

Dismissal

Nunc Dimittis LSB 211

Post-Communion Collect LSB 212

Benedicamus and Benediction

Postlude



In the Lord’s Service

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| Presiding Minister | Rev. Dr. David Maxwell |
| Preacher | Rev. Dr. Gerry Bode |
| Lector | Rev. Dr. Jon Vieker |
| Assistants | Rev. Dr. Paul Sieveking |
| | Mr. Mark Kempff |
| | Seminarian Michael Wilke |
| | Seminarian Michael Duffy |
| Organ | Rev. Dr. James Marriott |

Concerning the Divine Service

The Lord’s Supper is celebrated on our campus in the confession and glad confidence that our Lord Jesus, as He says, gives His very body and blood under the bread and wine for us Christians to eat and drink for the forgiveness of sin. In joyful obedience to the clear teaching of our Lord, those are invited to His table who trust His words, repent of all sin, set aside any refusal to forgive, and forgive as He forgives us. 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.

This service of Holy Communion is hosted by Peace Lutheran Church, St. Louis, Rev. Jon Furgeson, Senior Pastor.

Individual Confession and Absolution is available through Chaplain Sieveking. sievekingp@csl.edu. “When I urge you to go to confession, I am simply urging you to be a Christian.” (Large Catechism, Brief Exhortation, 32).

To submit prayer requests for daily chapel, please submit them via SemNet: Semnet>Resources>Chapel>Prayer Request.

The creche of nativity figures and Christmas trees will remain in the chapel through the Presentation of Our Lord on February 2, a date which traditionally marks the end of the extended Christmas season.

The aroma of incense in chapel this morning is a reminder of the frankincense that was given by the Magi to the child Jesus when they visited Him in Bethlehem to worship Him. The symbolism of incense is rich and diverse in Holy Scripture. In the Old Testament incense symbolized protection against God’s wrath (Lev. 16:12–13); calling upon God and His appearance (Lev. 16:2); and the prayerful oblation offered to God seeking His blessing (Psalm 141). In the New Testament incense symbolized the presence of God as Zechariah burned it as part of his priestly duties (Luke 1:8-13). It symbolizes the prayers of the faithful (Rev. 5:8) and of the saints (Rev. 8:3–4).

Thus, incense can symbolize the presence of God in the midst of His people (especially appropriate on the Feast of the Epiphany, Christ’s manifestation to the nations); the cleansing and purification of the people of God; the uplifting of the prayers of God’s people to the heavenly throne; entrance into the heavenly throne room of God; the sacrificial offering of the whole person to God. May the cloud of incense this day surround the prayer and praise of all God’s people gathered into His marvelous, gracious presence.