

***Real Grief, Real Comfort:  
Miscarriage Memorial Service***



Chapel of St. Timothy and St. Titus  
Concordia Seminary, February 1, 2022

## SERVICE OF PRAYER AND PREACHING

### *Observing the Loss of Children through Miscarriage, Stillbirth or Other Tragedy*

Pre-Service Music

Opening Versicles: for Lent (*stand if able*) p. 260

Reading (*sit*) Psalm 30

Responsory for Lent p. 263

Homily

A Rite of Remembrance

During the hymn anyone may, in memory of the death of a child, come forward to place a flower on the table in front of the sanctuary. May the beauty of the flowers express the beauty of God's gift of life. By placing the flowers near the altar, we symbolize our faith that entrusts our whole lives into the care of the God who has loved us in Jesus Christ.

After the service, you are welcome to take a flower with you as a remembrance of this service and the gift of life.

Congregational Hymn: *Lord, Thee I Love with All My Heart* LSB 708

A Litany of Grief and Hope (*stand*)

P: In peace let us pray to the Lord:

**C: Lord, have mercy**

P: For the gift of divine peace and of pardon, with all our heart and mind, let us pray to the Lord:

**C: Lord, have mercy**

P: For the holy Christian Church, here and scattered throughout the world, and for the proclamation of the Gospel and the calling of all to faith, let us pray to the Lord:

**C: Lord, have mercy**

P: For parents and families whose children have died, and whose grief may seem more than they are able to bear, let us pray to the Lord:

**C: Lord, have mercy**

P: For all those who minister in love to the grieving, that they may have wisdom to listen well and to speak carefully in loving understanding, let us pray to the Lord:

**C: Lord, have mercy**

P: For hearts that need God's truth, that the promise of Christ's return and the hope of the resurrection of all flesh may bring a strong foundation and a place to stand, let us pray to the Lord:

**C: Lord, have mercy**

P: Finally, for these and for all our needs of body and soul, let us pray to the Lord:

**C: Lord, have mercy. Christ, have mercy. Lord, have mercy.**

Benedicamus and Benediction

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Post-Service Music

## **SERVANTS OF THE WORD**

Emeritus Professor Dr. Jeff Gibbs

Preacher

Seminarian Don Stein

Liturgist

Dr. James Marriott

Organist

Hannah (Mrs. James) Lanning

Prelude and Postlude

Please join us for another miscarriage event downstairs in the Chapel of St. Eunice and St. Lois this Thursday night, Feb. 3. We will provide a meal at 6:00 p.m.. Then a panel of couples who have experienced miscarriage or stillbirth will share their stories and answer questions about ways to care for others. Finally, we'll have a different brief memorial service concluding by 7:30 p.m. This event is especially created to allow those who are unavailable to attend the morning chapel service, but all are welcome. Childcare provided.

Materials used today are available electronically if you would like to use them for a special service at your future congregation.

For these materials and short videos of couples sharing their stories, **Visit our Facebook page:** Concordia Seminary Life Team.

**The Mission Statement for the Concordia Seminary Life Team:**

*Centered in the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Concordia Seminary Life Team equips our seminary community and others to affirm life.*

**Regular Meetings of the Life Team** are the second Saturday of the month in Sieck 201 from 5:00 to 6:30 pm. All necessary COVID-19 precautions are observed. Supper and childcare are provided. Our next meeting is Saturday, February 12; all are welcome to attend to learn more about the Life Team.

**For more about Life Teams,** visit:

[www.lutheransforlife.org/life-issues/life-team-training/](http://www.lutheransforlife.org/life-issues/life-team-training/)

