

Service of Holy Communion



Ash Wednesday

26 February 2020

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

LUTHERAN SERVICE BOOK

Divine Service Setting 3, pp. 184-202

*Please enter the nave in silence in reverence for the solemnity of Ash Wednesday
All the dialogue portions of the liturgy and the prayers will be spoken on this solemn day.*

—Kneel if able—

Kyrie

L: Let us pray for the mercy of the Lord in the presence of God and one another. Holy God, holy and mighty, holy and immortal,

C: have mercy on us.

L: For self-centered living, and for failing to walk with humility and gentleness:

C: Holy God, holy and mighty, holy and immortal, have mercy on us.

L: For longing to have what is not ours, and for hearts that are not content in the Lord:

C: Holy God, holy and mighty, holy and immortal, have mercy on us.

L: For misuse of human relationships, and for unwillingness to see the created image of God in others:

C: Holy God, holy and mighty, holy and immortal, have mercy on us.

L: For jealousies that divide families and nations, and for rivalries that create strife and warfare:

C: Holy God, holy and mighty, holy and immortal, have mercy on us.

L: For reluctance in sharing the gifts of God, and for carelessness with the fruits of creation:

C: Holy God, holy and mighty, holy and immortal, have mercy on us.

L: For hurtful words that condemn, and for angry deeds that harm:

C: Holy God, holy and mighty, holy and immortal, have mercy on us. Amen.

Salutation and Prayer of the Day

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—Sit—

First Reading

Joel 2:12-19

—Stand if able—

Lenten Hymn Verse

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Gospel Reading

Matthew 6:1-6, 16-21

—Sit—

Hymn of the Day

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Homily



—Stand if able—

Prayers of the Church

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Offertory

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Service of the Sacrament

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—Sit—

Communion Music

Spiegel im Spiegel

Arvo Pärt

Seminarians Jacob Rhodes and Will Fredstrom

LSB 615, sts. 3-6

Dismissal

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—Stand if able—

Post-Communion Collect (a prayer of St. Ephraim the Syrian) *prayed in unison*

C: O Lord and Master of our lives, give us not a spirit of idleness, despondency, ambition, and vain talking, but rather bestow on us, your servants, a spirit of purity, humility, patience, and love. Yes, Lord and King, grant us to see our own faults, and not to judge our brother and our sister. For blessed are You unto the ages of ages. Amen.

Thanksgiving, Salutation, Benedicamus and Blessing

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Sending Hymn

LSB 418

The Servants of the Word

Presider: Professor Leopoldo Sanchez

Preacher: Provost Douglas Rutt

Assistants: Dean of the Chapel Kent Burreson, Chaplain Paul Sieveking
Seminarian Jacob Sipes

Organist: Director of Music Arts James Marriott

Musicians: Jacob Rhodes and Will Fredstrom

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

Reflection on Arvo Pärt's *Spiegel im Spiegel*

In Lent, the Church goes on a sacred pilgrimage. This journey is filled with the reading of Sacred Scripture, prayer, meditation, fasting, giving alms, and a turning from our sin. Jesus is said to have walked the *Via Dolorosa*, the way of sorrow, and as the Church's rites and ceremonies guide and shape our own baptismal journey in this season, we do something of the same. The alleluias are buried, the passion narratives are read, and the music invites repentant reflection. Arvo Pärt's *Spiegel im Spiegel* is one such piece of music. The English translation of the German title is "Mirrors and Mirrors." This refers to the visual effect that is achieved when you place two mirrors face to face, resulting in an infinite repetition of the same image.

Through Pärt's musical composition, we enter into the depth and darkness of Jesus' passion. One half of the piece is in a lower register and reflects his mournful journey to the cross. However, during Lent, the Church always has one eye on the hope of resurrection and Easter. We can see this reflected in the high and ethereal nature of the other half of the piece. Each of these halves comes together to represent the paradoxical nature of the Lenten season. We mourn as we walk alongside Christ on the *Via Dolorosa* while waiting for the Church's celebration of Christ's resurrection and exaltation, and His coming again on the Last Day.

Pärt's composition accompanies us throughout our penitential pilgrimage this Lent, repeating the same image over and over, a dual portrait of the humiliated and exalted Christ. And at the end of the piece, as the final notes also seem suspended in mid-air, we are reminded of the angel's simple, yet beautiful announcement to the women at the tomb and to us, "Why do you seek the living among the dead? He is not here, but . . ."

- Will Fredstrom, Jacob Rhodes

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.
- 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

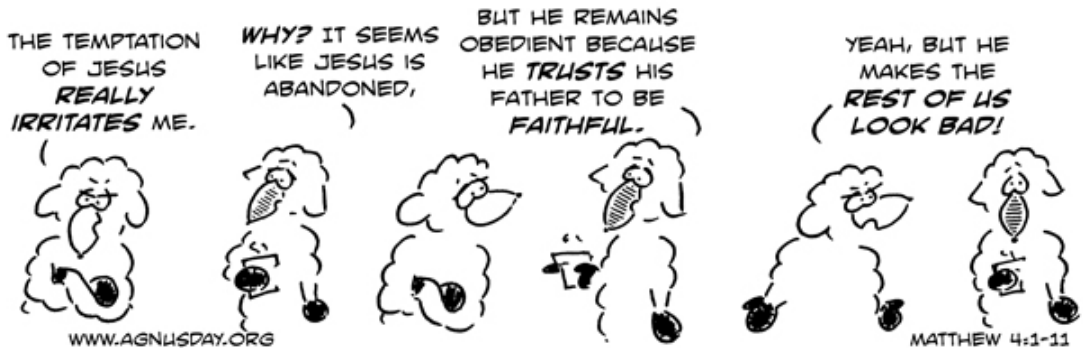
Contact Chaplain Sieveking to arrange for confession and absolution.

Prayer Requests

- Partner Church Bodies: The Lutheran Church in Norway led by Bishop Torkild Masvie
- Districts and District Presidents: Northwest District led by President Paul Linnemann
- Campus Divine Service Host Congregation: The Lutheran Church of Webster Gardens, Webster Groves, MO and Pastors Joel Christiansen and Brian King
- Synodical Leaders: First Vice-President Peter Lange
- Missionaries: Cindy Zirbel Wrucke, James and Peggy Krikava and Herman and Sheila Strozier serving in Eurasia
- The Lutheran Women's Missionary League
- Immigrants and Refugees, including those assisted by Christian Friends of New Americans in St. Louis especially Kaku, Kula, Ellen, Quiwonyen, Wayea, Edwin, Thelma, Subhi, AbdAlrahman, Abdal Hamid, and Ahmad, and The Poor and Oppressed, especially in Guatemala, Honduras, and El Salvador, and
- Those Suffering from Natural and Man-Made Disasters: California, Louisiana; Australia Central African Republic, Fiji, Madagascar, Philippines, Puerto Rico, Tonga, Turkey, Somalia, Yemen, Zambia and flooding in countries throughout the world
- For those throughout the world affected by COVID-19 and the prevention of the spread of the Coronavirus
- Those who are ill/undergoing surgery: Rev. Erich Kaelberer battling ALS; Roger Drinnon, father to graduate student Roger Drinnon, battling cancer; Reverend David Schneider, retired missionary, battling ALS; 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; 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; Karl Kreft, seminary supporter, recovering from a broken leg; Vicar Rako Zech for continued healing and eradication of cancer; Anita Karrer, member of the staff, severely injured and recovering from a fall; Richard Jostes, member of the staff, undergoing treatment for a brain tumor; Gabby, 5-year old niece of deaconess student Elizabeth Melin, battling cardio-vascular issues; Richard Rabe, grandfather of Elizabeth Melin, battling a severe case of the Shingles; Professor Emeritus David Berger, being treated in the ICU for broken bones and a fractured skull following a fall; C+W employee Kirt Beckman and his wife Doreen who has been diagnosed with lung cancer and is undergoing tests

- Those battling mental/emotional/psychological challenges: Dissociative Identity disorder
- Maykou Seying, the entire Seying family, the seminary community, and associates and friends of Rev. Dr. Kou Seying at his death; Vicar Mark Renner, his wife Dana, and their family mourning the death of their premature infant son, Mark; Seminarian Kevin Scott and his wife mourning the death of their baby after suffering a miscarriage; Seminarian Brandon and Dana Metcalf mourning the death of their baby, Lydia, after suffering a stillbirth; Family, friends, and the Kenrick-Glennon Seminary community at the sudden death of graduate, Rev. Evan Harkins; The family, friends and seminary community mourning the death of President Emeritus Karl Barth; The family, friends and seminary community mourning the death of Anita Karrer, longtime Gifts by Phone Caller in Seminary Support



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Reflections on the Gospel for the upcoming Sunday from Matthew 4, from Ted and Rick (dark nose) by LCMS Pastor James Wetzstein (Agnus Day appears with the permission of www.agnusday.org).

