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6th Week of Lent

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SERVANTS OF THE WORD

Seminarian Justin Cullen	Preacher
Rev. Dr. Jim Marriott	Liturgist
Rev. Dr. David Lewis	Director of Certification
Seminarian Christian Einertson	Organist

JESUS CHRIST IS THE SAME

YESTERDAY AND TODAY AND FOREVER

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

9:35 am – 19 March 2021

PUBLIC DECLARATION OF FAITH 2021 CONCLUDING DEACONESS STUDENTS

Concluding deaconess students stand, as a group, in the pews. The liturgist says:

L In the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C Amen.

L Beloved in the Lord, the concluding Deaconess students of Concordia Seminary, class of 2021, intend to be called by the Lord of the Church into the auxiliary office of Deaconess, an office established in love by the Church to support the Office of the Holy Ministry and to assist the faithful in their God-given vocations. They have been preparing for this service by careful prayer and study. They have been interviewed by faculty mentors and are now recommended for this sacred responsibility. It is therefore fitting that they now publicly declare their willingness to subscribe unconditionally to the Holy Scriptures, the Ecumenical Creeds, and the Confessions of the Evangelical Lutheran Church.

L Hear the Word of God concerning this office.

For by the grace given to me I say to everyone among you not to think of himself more highly than he ought to think, but to think with sober judgment, each according to the measure of faith that God has assigned. For as in one body we have many members, and the members do not all have the same function, so we, though many, are one body in Christ, and individually members one of another. Having gifts that differ according to the grace given to us, let us use them: if prophecy, in proportion to our faith; if service, in our serving; the one who teaches, in his teaching; the one who exhorts, in his exhortation; the one who contributes, in generosity; the one who leads, with zeal; the one who does acts of mercy, with cheerfulness. (*Romans 12:3-8*)

L Let us pray. Gracious and most merciful Lord, by Your Holy Spirit You have given Your people diverse and singular gifts. We thank You for providing faithful men and women in Your Church to assist the Office of the Holy Ministry and to support Christians in

their vocations. Grant Your Holy Spirit to these deaconess students, and adorn them with wisdom and power from on high that they may serve faithfully in their work to the honor and glory of Your holy name; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

The Director of Certification addresses the concluding students:

- L God grants the manifestation of the Spirit for the common good and bestows various gifts of service individually as He wills. To this end, the Church has established the office of Deaconess to support the Office of the Holy Ministry and to assist the faithful in their God-given vocations.

In the presence of this assembly and before our Lord God to whom you must give an account, I now ask you:

- L Are you willing to confess that you believe the canonical books of the Old and New Testaments to be the inspired Word of God and the only infallible rule of faith and practice?

R *Yes, by the grace of God.*

- L Are you willing to confess the three Ecumenical Creeds, namely the Apostles', the Nicene, and the Athanasian Creeds, as faithful testimonies to the truth of the Holy Scriptures, and will you promise to reject all the errors which they condemn?

R *Yes, by the grace of God.*

- L Are you willing to confess the Unaltered Augsburg Confession to be a true exposition of Holy Scripture and a correct exhibition of the doctrine of the Evangelical Lutheran Church? And will you confess that the Apology of the Augsburg Confession, the Small and Large Catechisms of Martin Luther, the Smalcald Articles, the Treatise on the Power and Primacy of the Pope, and the Formula of Concord—as these are contained in the Book of Concord—are also in agreement with this one scriptural faith?

R *Yes, by the grace of God.*

L May God almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, grant you His grace to make this good confession and faithfully serve His Church.

L Let us pray. Almighty and most merciful God, as You chose Phoebe, Dorcas, and other women to assist in the work of the apostles and to serve in works of love, so You choose faithful women to be deaconesses in Your Church. Grant them grace and strength that, in their labors of love and by their good example, they may serve You faithfully to the glory of Your name, to the help of those in need, and to the everlasting benefit of Your Church; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C **Amen.**

L Go in peace and joy. The almighty and most merciful God, the Father, the ✠ Son, and the Holy Spirit, be with you, and bless and strengthen you for faithful service in His name.

C **Amen.**