

Service of Holy Communion



The Resurrection of Our Lord

4 April 2018

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

LUTHERAN SERVICE BOOK Divine Service Setting 2, pp. 167-83

Pre-Service Music

Laudamus

LSB 456

setting by Ryan Meyer

The choir sings the first three stanzas. The assembly will join them in singing the fourth stanza.

—Please stand and face the font—

Entrance Hymn

LSB 487, sts. 1-2

During the entrance procession and singing of the hymn the assembly will be aspersed with water from the font symbolizing the resurrected life given through baptism into Christ. Please turn toward the altar after you have been aspersed.

Lighting of the Paschal Candle

P: Alleluia! Christ is risen!

C: **He is risen indeed! Alleluia!**

P: May the light of Christ, who is risen in glory from the dead, scatter all the darkness of our hearts and minds.

C: **Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!**

Hymn of Praise: Hail Thee Festival Day

LSB 489

Refrain 2x, st. 1, refrain, st. 2, refrain

Salutation and Prayer of the Day

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—Please be seated—

First Reading

Acts 5:29–42

All stand and face the cross as it leads the procession to the center of the nave.

Gospel Acclamation: Hail Thee Festival Day

LSB 489

Refrain, st. 3, refrain, st. 4, refrain

Gospel Reading

John 20:19–31

Gospel Acclamation

LSB 489

Refrain, st. 5, refrain, st. 6, refrain

Homily

“Functional Atheist No More!”

John 20

Hymn of the Day

LSB 467, sts. 1-4

Prayers of the Church

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Offertory

“Now the Green Blade Rises”

**Now the green blade rises from the buried grain,
Wheat that in dark earth many days has lain;
love lives again, that with the dead has been;
love is come again like wheat arising green.**

**In the grave they laid him, loved by hatred slain;
Thinking that he would never wake again,
Laid in the earth like grain that sleeps unseen;
love is come again like wheat arising green.**

**Forth he came at Easter like the risen grain,
he that for three days in the grave had lain;
raised from the dead, my living Lord is seen;
love is come again like wheat arising green.**

**When our hearts are wintry, grieving, or in pain,
your touch can call us back to life again,
fields of our hearts that dead and bare have been;
love is come again like wheat arising green.**

Service of the Sacrament

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The Lord's Supper will be distributed at four stations, instead of the altar rails, two on each side of the chancel. Please proceed to either of the stations on your side as you approach the altar.

Communion Music

Laudamus

**“Ride on, King Jesus”
arr. Moses Hogan
LSB 487, sts 3-5
LSB 467, sts. 5-7**

Dismissal

Post-Communion Collect

Prayed by Assembly

O God, in the paschal feast You restore all creation. Continue to send Your heavenly gifts upon Your people that they may walk in perfect freedom and receive eternal life; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen. (Collect for Easter Eve)

Blessing

P: Alleluia! Christ is risen! **C:** He is risen indeed! Alleluia!

Post-Service Music

The Servants of the Word

Presider: Dean of Chapel Kent Burreson

Preacher: President Dale Meyer

Assistants: Rev. Jaime Nava and Seminarians Nathaniel Brown, Brenden Harrell, Kyle Ronchetto, Mason Vieth

Organist: Director of Music Arts Jim Marriott

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 Lutheran Church of St. Andrew and Pastor Mark Hricko of Silver Spring, Maryland.
- 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 you would prefer not to drink wine directly from the chalice due to illness or other extenuating circumstances, you may intinct the bread by dipping it into the chalice.
- If you have a gluten allergy or any other special need, please contact Dean of the Chapel Kent Burreson.

Private Confession and Absolution

Make an appointment with Chaplain Sieveking for confession at the altar or in his office.

Prayer Requests

- Persecuted Christians: Iraq; Syria; Sri Lanka; Sudan
- Partner Church Bodies: Lutheran Synod of Mexico led by President Isaac Guadalupe Garcia Castillo; The Evangelical Lutheran Church of Paraguay led by President Eugenio Wentzel
- Synodical Leaders: Synodical Vice-President Scott Murray
- Districts and District Presidents: South Wisconsin District led by President John Wille
- Concordia Theological Seminary: President Larry Rast; Professors Walter Maier III and Naomichi Masaki
- Concordia University System: Concordia College—New York led by President John Nunes
- The Poor and Those Suffering from Natural and Man-Made Disasters: Texas, Louisiana, Florida, California, Puerto Rico, Mexico
- Those who are ill/undergoing surgery: Rev. Erich Kaelberer suffering from ALS;

Carol Hoefer, wife of Dr. Herb Hoefer, Professor Emeritus at Concordia, Portland, undergoing chemotherapy treatments; JoAnn Zieroth, wife of Director of Vicarage Gary Zieroth at CTS, battling cancer; Pastor Andrew Johnson, recovering from surgery and undergoing chemotherapy; Gillian Bond's friend, Trevor, battling a very serious form of cancer; Roger Drinnon, father to graduate student Roger Drinnon, battling cancer; Seminarian Kevin Scott being treated for a cyst; Maureen Campise, member of the seminary staff, recovering from back surgery; Rev. Bill Wrede, recovering from broken ribs sustained in a fall

- In Thanksgiving: Marcella Ward, mother of staff member Dale Ward, fully recovered from dehydration
- Those Mourning: Those Mourning: Rev. Dr. Jon Diefenthaler, seminary adjunct professor and retired President of the Southeastern District, and his family at the sudden death of his wife, Vivi

Notes on the Service

The Easter season, the Feast of Feasts, brings with it a number of liturgical practices enriching the church's life. The Paschal Candle, which we light today and will be positioned at the altar throughout Easter, serves as a focal point throughout the season, reminding us that Jesus' Pascha is the very Light of our dark world. Easter is a season of joy and we rejoice that we have been set free from our bondage to sin. In that sense, the entire season is one great absolution spoken to us sinners. As a result we will not employ the rite of general confession and absolution throughout Easter. You are encouraged to receive absolution from Chaplain Sieveking personally each week. Our rejoicing at Jesus' Passover from death to life is marked by repeated use of the word Alleluia in praise of God's mighty acts. And we break our Lenten fast from standing during the prayers and rejoice to stand in the presence of the Lord again. The Offertory Hymn, "Now the Green Blade Rises," while not in LSB, employs the image of the kernel of wheat that falls to the ground and dies and so produces much fruit (John 12:24) to convey metaphorically the fundamental reality of Jesus' death and resurrection as our life and salvation.

The rite of aspersion, referencing Psalm 51:9, dates to the 9th century and serves as a way of remembering baptism as water from the font sprinkles your body reminding you that you are redeemed by Christ the Crucified.



Reflections on the Gospel, from John 20, from Ted and Rick (dark nose) by LCMS Pastor James Wetzstein (Agnus Day appears with the permission of www.agnusday.org).