

**CONCORDIA SEMINARY**  
**Chapel of St. Timothy and St. Titus**  
The Twenty-Third Week after Pentecost, A.D. 2025

**Friday, November 21**  
**Corporate Confession and Absolution**

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*Please use the time before the service  
for silent prayer and meditation on God’s Word.*

Prelude

*Stand*

Invocation and Opening Versicles

LSB 290

*Sit*

Reading

Ezekiel 11:14–25

Sermon

*Following the sermon, the presiding minister says:*

- [P]** Having heard the Word of God, let us confess our sins to Him, imploring Him for the sake of His Son Jesus Christ to grant us forgiveness.

*Kneel*

- [C]** O almighty God, merciful Father, I, a poor, miserable sinner, confess unto You all my sins and iniquities with which I have ever offended You and justly deserved Your temporal and eternal punishment. But I am heartily sorry for them and sincerely repent of them, and I pray You of Your boundless mercy and for the sake of the holy, innocent, bitter sufferings and death of Your beloved Son, Jesus Christ, to be gracious and merciful to me, a poor, sinful being.

- [P]** God be merciful to you and strengthen your faith.

**[C]** Amen.

- [P]** Do you believe that the forgiveness I speak is not my forgiveness but God’s?

**[C]** Yes.

- [P]** Let it be done for you as you believe.

*Sit*

*Worshippers are invited to come forward and kneel at the altar rail. Please say your first name, and the pastor will speak the following individual absolution with the laying on of hands:*

- [P]** In the stead and by the command of my Lord Jesus Christ I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the ☩ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**[C]** Amen.

*The following hymns are sung as the assembly comes forward:*

LSB 616 “Baptismal Waters Cover Me”

LSB 606 “I Lay My Sins on Jesus”

LSB 609 “Jesus Sinners Doth Receive”

*After all have returned to their seats, the presiding minister speaks this blessing:*

- [P]** Now may the God of peace Himself sanctify you completely, and may your whole spirit, soul, and body be kept blameless at the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ. He who calls you is faithful; He will surely do it. Go in ☩ peace.

**[C]** Amen.

Postlude

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**In the Lord’s Service**

Preacher

Rev. Mark Barz

Presiding Minister

Rev. Dr. Paul Gaschler

Assisting Ministers

Holy Cross Lutheran Church—St. Louis, Missouri

Rev. Dr. Stephen Pietsch

Rev. Dr. Jon Vieker

Organist

Dr. Samuel Eatherton

*Please return this service folder to the usher station following the service.*

**You are cordially invited to gather for Evening Services in the North Transept.**

Mondays: Spanish Vespers

Tuesdays: Evening Prayer

Thursdays: Compline

Services begin in silence at 8:15 p.m.

**Individual Confession and Absolution** is available through Chaplain Mark Barz. [barzm@csl.edu](mailto:barzm@csl.edu). “When I urge you to go to confession, I am simply urging you to be a Christian.” (Large Catechism, Brief Exhortation, 32).

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