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DIVINE SERVICE

Setting One

Hymn of Invocation # 386

Confession & Absolution p. 151

Introit

When Israel was a child, I loved him,
and out of Egypt I called my son.

Thus says the Lord: "A voice is heard in Ramah,
lamentation and bitter weeping.

Rachel is weeping for her children;
**she refuses to be comforted for her children,
because they are no more."**

Thus says the Lord: "Keep your voice from weeping,
and your eyes from tears,
for there is a reward for your work, declares the Lord,
**and they shall come back from the land of the
enemy.**

There is hope for your future, declares the Lord,
**and your children shall come back to their own
country."**

**Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the
Holy Spirit; as it was in the beginning, is now,
and will be forever. Amen.**

When Israel was a child, I loved him,
and out of Egypt I called my son.

Kyrie p. 152

"Glory to God" p. 154

Salutation & Collect p. 156

O God, our Maker and Redeemer, You wonderfully
created us and in the incarnation of Your Son yet more
wondrously restored our human nature. Grant that we
may ever be alive in Him who made Himself to be like
us; through Jesus Christ, Our Lord, who lives and

reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Old Testament Reading Isaiah 63:7-14 (ESV)

[7] I will recount the steadfast love of the Lord, the praises of the Lord, according to all that the Lord has granted us, and the great goodness to the house of Israel that he has granted them according to his compassion, according to the abundance of his steadfast love.

[8] For he said, "Surely they are my people, children who will not deal falsely." And he became their Savior.

[9] In all their affliction he was afflicted, and the angel of his presence saved them; in his love and in his pity he redeemed them; he lifted them up and carried them all the days of old.

[10] But they rebelled and grieved his Holy Spirit; therefore he turned to be their enemy, and himself fought against them.

[11] Then he remembered the days of old, of Moses and his people. Where is he who brought them up out of the sea with the shepherds of his flock? Where is he who put in the midst of them his Holy Spirit,

[12] who caused his glorious arm to go at the right hand of Moses, who divided the waters before them to make for himself an everlasting name,

[13] who led them through the depths? Like a horse in the desert, they did not stumble.

[14] Like livestock that go down into the valley, the Spirit of the Lord gave them rest. So you led your people, to make for yourself a glorious name.

Gradual

To us a child is born, to us a son is given;

and the government shall be upon his shoulder.

And his name shall be called Wonderful Counselor,
Mighty God,

Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.

Sing to the Lord a new song,
for he has done marvelous things!

Epistle Reading

Galatians 4:4-7

[4] But when the fullness of time had come, God sent forth his Son, born of woman, born under the law,
[5] to redeem those who were under the law, so that we might receive adoption as sons. [6] And because you are sons, God has sent the Spirit of his Son into our hearts, crying, "Abba! Father!"
[7] So you are no longer a slave, but a son, and if a son, then an heir through God.

"Alleluia"

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Holy Gospel

St. Matthew 2:13-23 (ESV)

[13] Now when they had departed, behold, an angel of the Lord appeared to Joseph in a dream and said, "Rise, take the Child and His mother, and flee to Egypt, and remain there until I tell you, for Herod is about to search for the Child, to destroy Him."
[14] And he rose and took the Child and His mother by night and departed to Egypt
[15] and remained there until the death of Herod. This was to fulfill what the Lord had spoken by the prophet, "Out of Egypt I called My Son."
[16] Then Herod, when he saw that he had been tricked by the wise men, became furious, and he sent and killed all the male children in Bethlehem and in all that region who were two years old or under, according to the time that he had ascertained from the wise men.
[17] Then was fulfilled what was spoken by the prophet Jeremiah:
[18] "A voice was heard in Ramah, weeping and loud lamentation, Rachel weeping for her children; she refused to be comforted, because they are no more."
[19] But when Herod died, behold, an angel of the Lord appeared in a dream to Joseph in Egypt,

[20] saying, "Rise, take the Child and His mother and go to the land of Israel, for those who sought the child's life are dead."

[21] And he rose and took the Child and His mother and went to the land of Israel.

[22] But when he heard that Archelaus was reigning over Judea in place of his father Herod, he was afraid to go there, and being warned in a dream he withdrew to the district of Galilee.

[23] And he went and lived in a city called Nazareth, that what was spoken by the prophets might be fulfilled: "He shall be called a Nazarene."

Apostles' Creed p. 159

Hymn of the Day # 374

Sermon

Prayer of the Church

Offering

"What Shall I Render" p. 159

The Lord's Prayer p. 162

Closing Collect

Almighty God, grant to Your Church Your Holy Spirit and the wisdom that comes down from above, that Your Word may not be bound but have free course and be preached to the joy and edifying of Christ's holy people, that in steadfast faith we may serve You and, in the confession of Your name, abide unto the end; through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

Benediction p. 166

Closing Hymn # 382

In our thoughts and prayers,



+ Our sick and recovering: Amanda Bauer,
Melwon Huber, Craig Schaan, Bob Schriefer,
& Alex Woroniecki.

Welcome to worship this morning. In this Christmas season, we rejoice in the words of the angel, “I bring you good tidings of great joy which will be to all people. For there is born to you this day in the city of David a Savior, who is Christ the Lord” (Luke 1). God, in His love for us poor sinners, has given us the perfect gift – His only Son to be our Savior. Visitors please sign our guest book and worship with us again soon!

Thank you to Phil Pfennig for leading our worship this morning.

Please join us for coffee and fellowship following worship this morning.

A surprise 80th birthday open house will be held at the Church for Barney Baszler this afternoon from 2:00 – 4:00 p.m. Everyone is welcome to attend.

January calendar and newsletter items are due by 9:00 a.m., Thursday, January 3rd.

Newly-elected congregational officers, please note that installation will be part of our worship service next Sunday, January 6th.

The LYF will take down Christmas decorations on Sunday, January 6th, following Sunday School.

Naomi Guild will meet Tuesday, January 8th, 1:30 p.m.

Vesper Guild will meet Thursday, January 10th, 3:00 p.m.

Greeters are needed for 2008. A sign-up sheet is on the bulletin board in the social hall.

Your 2008 offering envelopes are in your mailbox.

The family of Concordia would like to thank...

- + Julie Flemmer, for directing our children's program, and to all who helped with the program;
- + Cindy Peterson and the bell and chime choirs for their special music;
- + All who brought food and served our Wednesday soup and sandwich suppers;
- + Cliff Schaan and all who helped with the Christmas bags.

Steve and Nona Blaisdell thank the congregation for their support of the LYF. Without your support we would not have been able to do the things we did. A big thank you to the children, you are really great! A special thank you to Todd and Kristi Stevens for your help and support. We have enjoyed the past 3 1/2 years as youth leaders and spending time with your children.

Our Stewardship of Offerings and Attendance

Worship: 155 Offering: \$3,069.25

On that first Christmas God fulfilled his promise to send a Savior. Just as God uses time wisely and carefully, so we also, as God’s stewards, want to use our time for Godly living and giving.

+ This Week at Concordia +

Today	9:00 a.m.	Worship Service
	2-4:00 p.m.	Birthday open house for Barney Baszler
Sunday	9:00 a.m.	Divine Service *Installation of Officers
	10:15 a.m.	Sunday School/Bible Class



Church Office Hours
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