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The Holy Innocents, Martyrs



*Precious in the sight of the Lord
is the death of his saints.*

Psalm 116:15

DIVINE SERVICE Setting Three

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Introit

These are the ones coming out of the great tribulation.

**They have washed their robes and made them white
in the blood of the Lamb.**

In you, O Lord, do I take refuge; let me never be put to
shame;

in your righteousness deliver me.

For you are my rock and my fortress;

and for your name's sake you lead me and guide me.

Into your hand I commit my spirit;

you have redeemed me, O Lord, faithful God.

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in the blood of the Lamb.**

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Almighty God, the martyred innocents of Bethlehem
showed forth Your praise not by speaking but by dying. Put
to death in us all that is in conflict with Your will that our
lives may bear witness to the faith we profess with our lips;
through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with
You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Old Testament: Jeremiah 31:15-17 (ESV)

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.

Gradual

Rescue me, O my God, from the hand of the wicked.

For you, O Lord, are my hope.

Upon you have I leaned from before my birth;

you are he who took me from my mother's womb.

My mouth is filled with your praise,

and with your glory all the day.

Epistle Reading: Revelation 14:1-5 (ESV)

Then I looked, and behold, on Mount Zion stood the Lamb, and with him 144,000 who had his name and his Father's name written on their foreheads. And I heard a voice from heaven like the roar of many waters and like the sound of loud thunder. The voice I heard was like the sound of harpists playing on their harps, and they were singing a new song before the throne and before the four living creatures and before the elders. No one could learn that song except the 144,000 who had been redeemed from the earth. It is these who have not defiled themselves with women, for they are virgins. It is these who follow the Lamb wherever he goes. These have been redeemed from mankind as firstfruits for God and the Lamb, and in their mouth no lie was found, for they are blameless.

"Alleluia"

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Holy Gospel: St. Matthew 2:13-18 (ESV)

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." And he rose and took the child and his mother by night and departed to Egypt 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."

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. Then was fulfilled what was spoken by the prophet Jeremiah: "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."

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Today we celebrate the Sacrament of Holy Communion in which we joyfully receive Christ's Body and Blood, under bread and wine, for the forgiveness of our sins. As we celebrate the Sacrament, we also give public witness that we are in complete agreement with the denomination's doctrinal teachings at whose altar we commune. Therefore, we ask that only communicant members of the Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod commune with us. All guests are asked to talk to Rev. Heller before coming to the altar to receive the Sacrament.

In our thoughts and prayers,

† Donna Brewer (mother of Krystal Bornemann) &
Darlene Raeser.

Welcome to worship as we celebrate The Holy Innocents, Martyrs. Matthew's Gospel tells of King Herod's plot against the infant Jesus after being "tricked" by the Wise Men. Threatened by the One "born King of the Jews," Herod murdered all the boys in and around Bethlehem who were two years old or younger (Matthew 2:16-18). These "innocents," commemorated on December 28, just three days after the celebration of Jesus' birth, remind us not only of the terrible brutality of which human beings are capable but more significantly of the persecution Jesus endured from the beginning of His earthly life. Visitors, please sign our guest book and worship with us again soon!

Please join us for coffee following worship this morning.

The newly-elected officers of the congregation will be installed into office during worship next Sunday, January 7th.

2018 Contribution Envelopes are in your mailboxes this morning.

2018 Greeters List has been posted on the bulletin board. Please sign up for the month of your choice.

The January calendar, birthday and anniversary sheet and council minutes are in the black stacking trays in the social hall.

The family of Concordia would like to thank:

Anne, for directing the Christmas Program & all who helped with it;
 All who served soup & sandwiches during Advent;
 Jeff & all who helped with Christmas bags;
 Ray & all who helped with angel tree gifts;
 Vicky, for arranging poinsettias.

† This Week at Concordia †

Sunday	8:00 am	<i>Worship @ Glen Ullin</i>
	10:00 am	Divine Service
Wednesday	3:30 pm	Catechism
Thursday	1:30 pm	Naomi/Vesper Guild
Sunday	8:00 am	<i>Worship @ Glen Ullin</i>
	10:00 am	Divine Service
		*Installation of Officers
	11:00 am	Sunday School/Bible Class

Tina and I would like to say a heartfelt
 "THANK YOU"
 for remembering us at Christmas. Your kindness and
 thoughtfulness is greatly appreciated!
 Pastor Heller