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1st Sunday after Christmas



*"My eyes have seen your salvation;
a light for revelation to the Gentiles,
and for glory to your people Israel."*

Luke 2:30, 32

Divine Service

Setting Three

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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.

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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)

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.

For he said, "Surely they are my people, children who will not deal falsely."

And he became their Savior. In all their affliction he was afflicted, and the angel of his presence saved them; in his love and in his pity he redeemed

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."

But when Herod died, behold, an angel of the Lord appeared in a dream to Joseph in Egypt, 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." And he rose and took the child and his mother and went to the land of Israel. 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. 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."

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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,

† Kurt Gillig and Julie Westemeier;

† Jim & Peggy Geggelman, on the death of Peggy's brother,
David McMahan.

them; he lifted them up and carried them all the days of old.

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

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, 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, who led them through the depths?

Like a horse in the desert, they did not stumble. 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 (ESV)

But when the fullness of time had come, God sent forth his Son, born of woman, born under the law, to redeem those who were under the law, so that we might receive adoption as sons. And because you are sons, God has sent the Spirit of his Son into our hearts, crying, "Abba! Father!" 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)

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

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 1:10-11). 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!

Newly-elected congregation officers, installation will be part of our worship next Sunday, January 5th.

The 2020 offering envelopes are in your mailboxes.



2020 Greeters are needed. A new sign-up sheet has been posted on the bulletin board in the fellowship hall.

Lorraine Scherer would like to thank the family of Concordia for all the cards and well wishes she has received. They have been greatly appreciated!

Main Street Living, a locally produced TV program featuring area LCMS pastors can be seen at 10:30 am Sundays on Midcontinent Channel # 594 (the Xtra channel). Episodes of *This Is The Life* precede it at 10:00 am.

Tina and I would like to thank the congregation,
the LWML, and all who remembered our family
with gifts and kindness at Christmas.
Your thoughtfulness is greatly treasured!
Pastor Heller

† This Week at Concordia †

Sunday	8:00 am	<i>Worship @ Glen Ullin</i>
	10:00 am	Divine Service
Tuesday	9:00 am	Deadline for January calendar information
Sunday	8:00 am	<i>Worship @ Glen Ullin</i>
	10:00 am	Divine Service
		*Installation of Officers
	11:00 am	Sunday School/Bible Class



Our Stewardship of Offerings and Attendance

Attendance: 110 Offerings: \$2,808.00

“But when the fullness of time had come, God sent forth his Son,
born of woman, born under the law.”

Galatians 4:4

Jesus was born under the law so that He might fulfill the law in our place. His perfect righteousness is credited to us. And it is this free forgiveness of sins and crediting of righteousness that sets us free to follow our Lord in godly living. Since we are freed from the law's condemnation, we are freed also from any mercenary attitudes. Indeed we are freed to show our thanks to Him in generosity, humility, and kindness.



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