May Your Christmas Celebration be filled with His Peace, Joy and Love!

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Highest, most holy, Light of light eternal
Born of a virgin, a mortal he comes;
Son of the Father, Now in flesh appearing
Oh, come, let us adore him, Oh, come let us adore him,
Oh, come let us adore him, Christ the Lord!

Yes, we worship and adore Him, because we know and believe that the angel’s words are true: “Today in the town of David a Savior has been born to you; He is Christ the Lord.” The reason why the shepherds hurried to Bethlehem, knelt down and worshipped a Baby lying in a manger was that they believed Him to be the Savior of the world. The reason why the wise men traveled hundreds of miles across desert lands and brought this Child gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh, and then worshipped Him, was because they believed Him to be the divine Son of God – the Savior not just for the Jews – but the Savior of the whole world. And that He is! (John 3:16)

As we extend greetings from the alumni office of Concordia Seminary to alumni and families this Christmas 2011, we join you in remembering that Christmas is all about the gift of God – the gift of His Son Jesus, who gave His life that we might have eternal life with Him. Thirty-three years after the first Christmas, Jesus went willingly and sacrificially to the cross of Calvary, where He suffered and died for the atonement of the sins of the world. His resurrection on Easter assured forgiveness and eternal life to everyone who would receive Him as Savior and Lord.

It is our hope and our prayer that all of us might truly cherish the Christmas with God in the manger, the Christmas with the shadow of the cross upon it, the Christmas basking in the light of the open tomb. This is the Christmas that brings us forgiveness, peace and joy. This is the Christmas that endures beyond the 25th of December; the Christmas that in fact lasts forever.

This is the kind of Christmas we hope you and your family will have – a lasting Christmas!

A Blessed Christmas!

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