



St Paul Ev. Lutheran Church-Blue Point

1st Sunday after Christmas December 29, 2019

Welcome to St Paul Ev. Lutheran Church!!

Prayer before the Service-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. Amen

Opening Hymn387
Order of Service-Divine Service III.....pg 184
Psalm 111 (responsively whole verse by whole verse)

Old Testament Lesson-Isaiah 63:7-14

I will mention the lovingkindnesses of the LORD
 And the praises of the LORD,
According to all that the LORD has bestowed on us,
 And the great goodness toward the house of Israel,
Which He has bestowed on them according to His mercies,
 According to the multitude of His lovingkindnesses.
For He said, “Surely they are My people,
 Children who will not lie.”
 So 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 them;
 And He bore them and carried them
 All the days of old.
But they rebelled and grieved His Holy Spirit;
 So He turned Himself against them as an enemy,
 And He fought against them.
Then he remembered the days of old,
 Moses and his people, saying:
“Where is He who brought them up out of the sea
 With the shepherd of His flock?
Where is He who put His Holy Spirit within them,
 Who led them by the right hand of Moses,
With His glorious arm, Dividing the water before them
 To make for Himself an everlasting name,
Who led them through the deep,
 As a horse in the wilderness,
 That they might not stumble?”
As a beast goes down into the valley,
 And the Spirit of the LORD causes him to rest,
So You lead Your people,
 To make Yourself a glorious name.

Epistle Lesson-Galatians 4:4-7

But when the fullness of the time had come, God sent forth His Son, born of a woman, born under the law, to redeem those who were under the law, that we might receive the adoption as sons.

And because you are sons, God has sent forth the Spirit of His Son into your hearts, crying out, “Abba, Father!” Therefore you are no longer a slave but a son, and if a son, then an heir of God through Christ.

Gospel Lesson-Matthew 2:13-23

Now when they had departed, behold, an angel of the Lord appeared to Joseph in a dream, saying, "Arise, take the young Child and His mother, flee to Egypt, and stay there until I bring you word; for Herod will seek the young Child to destroy Him."

When he arose, he took the young Child and His mother by night and departed for Egypt, and was there until the death of Herod, that it might be fulfilled which was spoken by the Lord through the prophet, saying, "Out of Egypt I called My Son."

Then Herod, when he saw that he was deceived by the wise men, was exceedingly angry; and he sent forth and put to death all the male children who were in Bethlehem and in all its districts, from two years old and under, according to the time which he had determined from the wise men. Then was fulfilled what was spoken by Jeremiah the prophet, saying:

"A voice was heard in Ramah,
Lamentation, weeping, and great mourning,
Rachel weeping for her children,
Refusing to be comforted, Because they are no more."

Now when Herod was dead, behold, an angel of the Lord appeared in a dream to Joseph in Egypt, saying, "Arise, take the young Child and His mother, and go to the land of Israel, for those who sought the young Child's life are dead." Then he arose, took the young Child and His mother, and came into the land of Israel.

But when he heard that Archelaus was reigning over Judea instead of his father Herod, he was afraid to go there. And being warned by God in a dream, he turned aside into the region of Galilee. And he came and dwelt in a city called Nazareth, that it might be fulfilled which was spoken by the prophets, "He shall be called a Nazarene."

Hymn.....389

Sermon

Text: Matthew 2:13-23

Theme: He arose and took the young child and his mother

I. This seems so different from the way faith is portrayed today

II. But Joseph was a man who was familiar with God's Word and this battle

III. Therefore, Joseph could get up and go!

Prayers

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Benediction

Closing Hymn 969-Sweet Flowerets of the Martyr Band

Sweet flow'rets of the martyr band, Plucked by the tyrant's ruthless hand
Upon the threshold of the morn, Like rosebuds by a tempest torn;

