



**St Paul Ev. Lutheran Church-Blue Point
Easter Friday April 17, 2020**

Welcome to St Paul Ev. Lutheran Church!!

Prayer before the Service-O God, creator of heaven and earth, grant that as the crucified body of Your dear son was laid in the tomb and rested on this holy Sabbath, so we await with Him the coming of the third day, and rise with Him to newness of life, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen

Order of Service-Vespers.....pg 219

Psalm 33 responsively verse by verse

P: Rejoice in the LORD, O you righteous!

For praise from the upright is beautiful.

C: Praise the LORD with the harp;

Make melody to Him with an instrument of ten strings.

P: Sing to Him a new song; Play skillfully with a shout of joy.

C: For the word of the LORD is right,

And all His work is done in truth.

P: He loves righteousness and justice;

The earth is full of the goodness of the LORD.

C: By the word of the LORD the heavens were made,

And all the host of them by the breath of His mouth.

P: He gathers the waters of the sea together as a heap;

He lays up the deep in storehouses.

C: Let all the earth fear the LORD;

Let all the inhabitants of the world stand in awe of Him.

P: For He spoke, and it was done; He commanded, and it stood fast.

C: The LORD brings the counsel of the nations to nothing;

He makes the plans of the peoples of no effect.

P: The counsel of the LORD stands forever,

The plans of His heart to all generations.

C: Blessed is the nation whose God is the LORD,

The people He has chosen as His own inheritance.

P: The LORD looks from heaven; He sees all the sons of men.

C: From the place of His dwelling He looks

On all the inhabitants of the earth;

P: He fashions their hearts individually; He considers all their works.

C: No king is saved by the multitude of an army;

A mighty man is not delivered by great strength.

P: A horse is a vain hope for safety;

Neither shall it deliver any by its great strength.

C: Behold, the eye of the LORD is on those who fear Him,

On those who hope in His mercy,

P: To deliver their soul from death, And to keep them alive in famine.

C: Our soul waits for the LORD; He is our help and our shield.

P: For our heart shall rejoice in Him,

Because we have trusted in His holy name.

C: Let Your mercy, O LORD, be upon us, Just as we hope in You.

**ALL: Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit,
as it was in the beginning is now and ever shall be, world without
end. Amen**

Old Testament Lesson-Ezekiel 37:1-14

The hand of the LORD came upon me and brought me out

in the Spirit of the LORD, and set me down in the midst of the valley; and it was full of bones. Then He caused me to pass by them all around, and behold, there were very many in the open valley; and indeed they were very dry. And He said to me, “Son of man, can these bones live?” So I answered, “O Lord GOD, You know.”

Again He said to me, “Prophecy to these bones, and say to them, ‘O dry bones, hear the word of the LORD! Thus says the Lord GOD to these bones: “Surely I will cause breath to enter into you, and you shall live. I will put sinews on you and bring flesh upon you, cover you with skin and put breath in you; and you shall live. Then you shall know that I am the LORD.” ’ ”

So I prophesied as I was commanded; and as I prophesied, there was a noise, and suddenly a rattling; and the bones came together, bone to bone. Indeed, as I looked, the sinews and the flesh came upon them, and the skin covered them over; but there was no breath in them.

Also He said to me, “Prophecy to the breath, prophecy, son of man, and say to the breath, “Thus says the Lord GOD: ‘Come from the four winds, O breath, and breathe on these slain, that they may live.’ ” So I prophesied as He commanded me, and breath came into them, and they lived, and stood upon their feet, an exceedingly great army.

Then He said to me, “Son of man, these bones are the whole house of Israel. They indeed say, ‘Our bones are dry, our hope is lost, and we ourselves are cut off!’ Therefore prophecy and say to them, “Thus says the Lord GOD: ‘Behold, O My people, I will open your graves and cause you to come up from your graves, and bring you into the land of Israel. Then you shall know that I am the LORD, when I have opened your graves, O My people, and brought you up from your graves. I will put My Spirit in you, and you shall live, and I will place you in your own land. Then you shall know that I, the LORD, have spoken it and performed it,” says the LORD.’ ”

Sermon

Text: Psalm 33

Theme: Praise from the upright is beautiful

**I. When God's righteous/justified children sing praises
it is beautiful**

**II. The psalmist goes on to make clear why it is
beautiful**

Prayers

Benediction

Easter Service has been postponed until the church can gather again. Watch the facebook page, the bulletin and website www.stpaulbluepoint.org for further news. There will continue to be **daily sermons** posted with brief bulletins each day on the internet.

We await the work of state officials to decide when it is safe for us to gather again. We stand ready to offer opportunities for communion for those who desire it, in groups up to 10. Please call the pastor if you desire to take advantage of this service. Pastor is available to talk at any time. If you would like the church to know of prayer needs, please let the pastor know, and he will include it in the daily bulletins.

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