

First Sunday after the Epiphany– January 13, 2013

Music Prelude	Glenda Teachey
Welcome & Announcements	
* Procession	“Praise to the Lord, the Almighty” #139
* Lighting of the Altar Candles	
Praises & Prayer Requests	
Song of Praise	“There’s a Song in the Air” #249
Liturgy of the Word:	
Old Testament:	Jeremiah 31:7-14 Barb Cook
Psalms:	Psalm 84:1-8 (Responsively)
Song of Preparation	“Did They Know?” Performed by The Rockland Choir
* Gospel	Matthew 2:13-23 Pastor Bill Faupel

L: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

P: Thanks be to God.

Message: “The Great Escape” Pastor Bill Faupel



The recent tragedy at Sandy Point elementary school in Newtown, Connecticut brought a chilling reminding that evil raises its ugly head at the least expected times and in the least expected places. And almost always, it is the innocent who suffer. At the time this tragedy occurred many religious leaders made reference to today’s gospel, reminding us that at the birth of the Prince of Peace, evil, in the form of a frightened king, struck a powerful blow. To make sure Jesus did not escape,

hundreds of Jewish baby boys were killed. But Jesus did escape. His hour of death would not arrive for another 33 years. Because he lived then, we have life now. May the bereaved at Newtown, live to see the day when unanticipated good springs forth from this tragedy.

***Affirmation of Faith** #883

Liturgy of the Table:

+Holy Communion

+Everyone is welcome to take Holy Communion who has accepted Jesus Christ as their Savior and Lord. Please receive the bread from the server in your cupped hands, and either dip it into the chalice before eating or take an individual cup from the third server.

***Please stand as you are able**

* Closing Hymn	“Stand By Me” Verses 1-3,5	#512
* Blessing		Pastor Bill Faupel
* Benedictory Response	“Spirit Song”	#347

Next Sunday’s Scriptures: Exodus 34:1-8; Psalm 8; Romans 1:1-7; Luke 2: 22-38

To our Guests, thank you for visiting us today. Please fill out a visitor’s card located in the pews and place it in the offering plate, or see an usher or the Pastor. Join us in the Overflow Room for a “Meet & Greet” after the service...

We welcome you to worship with us again!



Psalm 30 ¹¹You have turned for me my mourning into dancing; you have loosed my sackcloth and clothed me with gladness, ¹²that my glory may sing your praise and not be silent. O LORD my God, I will give thanks to you forever!

***Please stand as you are able**