

THE SHEPHERD'S LOVE

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From the Pastor's Desk

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"1 The former treatise have I made, O Theophilus, of all that Jesus began both to do and teach,² Until the day in which he was taken up, after that he through the Holy Ghost had given commandments unto the apostles whom he had chosen:³ To whom also he shewed himself alive after his passion by many infallible proofs, being seen of them forty days, and speaking of the things pertaining to the kingdom of God:⁴ And, being assembled together with them, commanded them that they should not depart from Jerusalem, but wait for the promise of the Father, which, saith he, ye have heard of me.⁵ For John truly baptized with water; but ye shall be baptized with the Holy Ghost not many days hence.⁶ When they therefore were come together, they asked of him, saying, Lord, wilt thou at this time restore again the kingdom to Israel?⁷ And he said unto them, It is not for you to know the times or the seasons, which the Father hath put in his own power.⁸ But ye shall receive power, after that the Holy Ghost is come upon you: and ye shall be witnesses unto me both in Jerusalem, and in all Judaea, and in Samaria, and unto the uttermost

part of the earth.⁹ And when he had spoken these things, while they beheld, he was taken up; and a cloud received him out of their sight.¹⁰ And while they looked stedfastly toward heaven as he went up, behold, two men stood by them in white appar-

el;¹¹ Which also said, Ye men of Galilee, why stand ye gazing up into heaven? this same Jesus, which is taken up from you into heaven, shall so come in like manner as ye have seen him go into heaven." Acts 1:1-11

Forty days after Easter a monumental event took place, Jesus ascended into heaven. It's often overlooked these days as it doesn't fall on a Sunday but there are still some churches that celebrate it on the Thursday on which it occurred. In our church we celebrate it the Sunday after.

On Ascension Day Jesus bodily ascends to heaven, taking his place at the right hand of the father. The reign of God on Earth does not cease but continues through his church. Before ascending, Jesus commissions His disciples to be His witnesses, spreading the Gospel to the ends of the earth, and promises them the gift of the Holy Spirit. Then, as the disciples watch in awe, Jesus is taken up into heaven, hidden from their sight by a cloud.

As human beings, like us, the disciples could be tempted to despair. The angels remind them that this is

not the time. "Ye men of Galilee, why stand ye gazing up into heaven? this same Jesus, which is taken up from you into heaven, shall so come in like manner as ye have seen him go into heaven." Acts 1:11

In our lives we might feel like God has left us or is far from us. There are times when we will be tempted to despair. We can be emboldened by the same words the angels spoke. To know that Jesus has promised never to leave us or forsake us. That He will, at the proper time, return in glory. This is the culmination of our hope. In the meantime, we wait, with the words of the Apostle John on our lips, "Even so Come Lord Jesus" Revelation 22:20

The final verse of "We Praise and We Acknowledge You oh God" is a fitting prayer for all Christians as we wait for His return. "You sit in splendid Glory enthroned at God's right Hand Upholding earth and heaven by forces You command We know that You will come as our Judge that final Day So help Your servants You have redeemed by blood we pray May we with Saints be numbered where praises never end In Glory everlasting Amen o Lord Amen"

God's Peace,
Pastor Nicholas Kandoll

A Godly Mother is a treasure

A Godly Mother is a treasure –
A gift more precious than gold...
Her children rise up, and call her blessed,
And in high esteem do hold.
Her love is like that of our Savior
Who sacrificed His own life...
That we might live joyful, Godly lives
In a troubled world of strife.
Her heart is like His, holding us close
No matter how far we roam,
And her arms are always open wide...
To forgive and welcome home.

Her hands are busy molding our lives
From the moment we are born...
Planting seeds, loving, disciplining,
Even when weary and worn.
Her feet are always careful to go
Where her child can follow there...
How could we thank our Mother enough
For her tender loving care?
A Godly Mother fervently prays
For that child she loves so much,
For she knows the fruit of her vineyard...
Depends on the Master's touch.

— [Connie Campbell Bratcher](#)

Acts 2:1-4

And when the day of Pentecost was fully come, they were all with one accord in one place. And suddenly there came a sound from heaven as of a rushing mighty wind, and it filled all the house where they were sitting. And there appeared unto them cloven tongues like as of fire, and it sat upon each of them. [read more.](#)

And they were all filled with the Holy Ghost, and began to speak with other tongues, as the Spirit gave them utterance.

Thanks to all who contributed to **Food Share** month.

People from our church contributed more than 60 lbs of food and paper items and many others gave gifts of money. Your generosity is very much appreciated!

Come Holy Ghost

Come Holy Ghost creator blest,
And in our souls take up Thy rest;
Come, with Thy grace and heavenly aid,
To fill the hearts which Thou hast made.

Great Paraclete, to Thee we cry:
O highest gift of God Most High;
O Fount of life! O Fire of love!
The sweet Anointing from above!

The sacred sevenfold grace is Thine,
Dread finger of the hand divine:
The promise of the Father Thou,
Who dost the tongue with power endow.

Our senses touch with light and fire;
Our hearts with charity inspire;
And with endurance from on high
The weakness of our flesh supply.

Far back our enemy repel,
And let Thy peace within us dwell;
So may we, having Thee for Guide,
Turn from each hurtful thing aside.

O may Thy grace on us bestow
The Father and the Son to know,
And ever more to hold confessed
Thyself of each the Spirit blest.

All glory while the ages run
Be to the Father and the Son,
Who rose from death; the same to Thee,
O Holy Ghost eternally.

Sanford Bennett owned a pharmacy in Elkhorn, Wisconsin, in 1868. One of his regular customers was a man prone to depression. Bennett regularly supplied some pills to Webster to help him out of his melancholy. But since they both liked music, Bennett found something else that worked better than pills. Bennett said, "I had learned his peculiarities so well that on meeting him I could tell at a glance if he was in one of his melancholy moods, and I found that I could rouse him from them by giving him a new song or hymn to work on. One day when Webster walked in, Bennett asked, "Webster, what's the matter now?" Webster answered, "It is no matter; it will be all right by and by."

Bennett said quickly, "The sweet by and by! Wouldn't that make a good hymn?" "Maybe," said Webster. Bennett went back to his desk, not to fill a prescription, but to write the words of a song. In less time than it takes to fill a prescription, the song was written. Webster liked it, and he asked for a violin that Bennett had in the store so he could start writing the music. Both men sang the song together as the other customers listened. One of the customers said, "That hymn is immortal!"

Within two weeks children on the streets were singing it.

Sweet By and By

*There's a land that is fairer than day, and by faith we can see it afar;
For the Father waits over the way, to prepare us a dwelling place there.*

CHORUS

*In the sweet by and by, we shall meet on that beautiful shore;
In the sweet by and by, we shall meet on that beautiful shore.*

2. *We shall sing on that beautiful shore the melodious songs of the blest,
And our spirits shall sorrow no more, not a sigh for the blessing of rest.*

CHORUS

3. *To our bountiful Father above, we will offer our tribute of praise,
For the glorious gift of His love, and the blessings that hallow our days.*

CHORUS

(Song no. 577, Hymns & Songs of Zion)

And while they looked
stedfastly toward heaven
as he went up, behold,
two men stood by them in
white apparel; Which also
said, Ye men of Galilee,
why stand ye gazing up in-
to heaven? this same Je-
sus, which is taken up
from you into heaven,
shall so come in like man-
ner as ye have seen him
go into heaven.

Acts 1:10-11

The Feast of the Ascension (Ascensiontide) is cel-

ebrated on the 40th day of Easter (always a Thursday), it is one of the chief feasts of the Christian year. The feast dates back at least to the later 4th century. The ascension is one of the five major milestones in the gospel narrative of the life of Jesus, the others being baptism, transfiguration, crucifixion, and resurrection. The Ascension of Jesus (Acts 1:9-11) is the Christian teaching found in the New Testament that the resurrected Jesus was taken up to Heaven in his resurrected body, in the presence of eleven of his apostles, occurring 40 days after the resurrection. In the biblical narrative, an angel tells the watching disciples that Jesus' second coming will take place in the same manner as his ascension. The canonical gospels include two brief descriptions of the ascension of Jesus in Luke 24:50-53 and Mark 16:19. A more detailed account of Jesus' bodily Ascension into the clouds is then given in the Acts of the Apostles (1:9-11). The ascension of Jesus is professed in the Nicene Creed and in the Apostles' Creed. The ascension implies Jesus' humanity being taken into Heaven. By the 6th century the iconography of the ascension in Christian art had been established and by the 9th century ascension scenes were being depicted on domes of churches. Many ascension scenes have two parts, an upper (Heavenly) part and a lower (earthly) part. The ascending Jesus is often shown blessing with his right hand - directed towards the earthly group below him and signifying that he is blessing the entire Church. (Ref Wikipedia)



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English at 8:05 am

*Sponsored by
New York Mills, Spruce Grove
and Menahga Apostolic
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Sunday school @ 9:15**Worship @ 10:30**

If you choose to watch the services online and would like to donate to the church please send checks to:

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Thank you to everyone that has taken the time to send contributions. It is greatly appreciated!

Meals/potluck, will be served on the

first Sunday

Group 10 in May

Group 7 SS Program May 19

Group 8 in June

The serving group will make the main dishes for potlucks (unless announced otherwise) and others are asked to

bring salads or desserts.

There is a sign up sheet for Sunday



coffee in the dining room.

Looking for volunteers to help w/ cleanup after coffee.
Thank you.

NYM Emergency Food Shelf

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218-385-2853 (work Mon– Thurs)

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400 S WALKER AVE

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FOOD SHELF HOURS

HOURS 9-NOON & 4:30-6:30

March 25, 2024

April 29, 2024

***May 20, 2024**

June 24, 2024

Usage limit 1 time

per month

* 1 week early due to holidays.