

THE SHEPHERD'S LOVE

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From the Pastor's Desk

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Mark 9:2-9

2 And after six days Jesus taketh with him Peter, and James, and John, and leadeth them up into an high mountain apart by themselves: and he was transfigured before them. 3 And his raiment became shining, exceeding white as snow; so as no fuller on earth can white them. 4 And there appeared unto them Elias with Moses: and they were talking with Jesus. 5 And Peter answered and said to Jesus, Master, it is good for us to be here: and let us make three tabernacles; one for thee, and one for Moses, and one for Elias. 6 For he wist not what to say; for they were sore afraid. 7 And there was a cloud that overshadowed them: and a voice came out of the cloud, saying, This is my beloved Son: hear him. 8 And suddenly, when they had looked round about, they saw no man any more, save Jesus only with themselves. 9 And as they came down from the mountain, he

charged them that they should tell no man what things they had seen, till the Son of man were risen from the dead.

The Transfiguration is the culmination of the season of Epiphany. In Epiphany we focus in on the revelation of Jesus to the world. In this account the disciples see the heavenly glory of our Lord Christ. Then they see Moses and Elijah talking to Him. In Hebrew thought Moses represented the law and Elijah represented the prophets, these ideas carry forward to our theology today. They represent the entire Old Testament, the Law and the Prophets. It's no accident then that they appear before Jesus in all of his glory to talk to him. In Luke's gospel we get a small glimpse of their conversation.

"...And spake of his decease which he should accomplish in Jerusalem." Moses and Elijah talk to Jesus about the cross! It's also worth noting that the Greek word for decease literally means exodus. Just as God delivered the people from the bondage of the Egyptians.

On the cross Jesus delivers us

from sin and death. His exodus brings us life. None of this should surprise us though. For in the books of Moses and the writings of the prophets we see that this was already foretold. Now it's on display. And if that's not enough, just when Peter decides he wants to stay up there and worship, God says "This is my beloved son hear him".

The point of all of this is that this event is not just for Peter, James and John. It's not just for one particular people, it's for the whole world. God reveals himself to us so that we can behold Jesus in all of His glory and know that truly He is the son of God. That truly His exodus is for us. That we have forgiveness through Him. That He keeps his promises and fulfills them for us.

This transfiguration we behold Jesus in all of his glory, and see the fulfillment of God's plan in His finished work on the cross.

God's Peace,
Nicholas Kandoll

Vidah Perala, daughter of Andrew and Kylee Perala, and Kylee, were baptized into the faith of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ on Jan 1, 2022.

Baptism is not just plain water, but it is the water included in God's command and combined with God's word.

Christ our Lord says in the last chapter of Matthew: "Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit." (Matt. 28:19)

We pray God's blessings on them.



Thrivent Choice Reminder

If you have 2021 Thrivent Choice dollars to direct, the deadline is March 31, 2022.

The church has received Thrivent Choice dollars from several people and we thank you. If you have questions about Thrivent Choice, speak with your Thrivent representative or call Thrivent at 800-847-4836.



Sharing the **Love** of Christ

February 13, 2022

Meal after worship service
with a short program
Everyone is Welcome

This is a Free Will
Love Offering Fundraiser
to help defray costs for
Pastor Conferences

Thrivent Action Team Event



Looking Ahead

A Church directory is going to be put together in March of 2022. Please plan to have your family picture taken and look forward to upcoming details.

If you would like a birthday listed in the newsletter, please let me know and I will put it in the newsletter. Or other events- anniversaries; births, etc.

Charity suffereth long, and is kind; **charity** envieth not; **charity** vaunteth not itself, is not puffed up, Doth not behave itself unseemly, seeketh not her own, is not easily provoked, thinketh no evil. 1 Corinthians 13:4-5

Cause me to hear thy lovingkindness in the morning;
for in thee do I trust:
cause me to know the way wherein I should walk;
for I lift up my soul unto thee. Psalm 143:8

And we have known and believed the love that God hath to us. God is love; and he that dwelleth in love dwelleth in God, and God in him. 1 John 4:16

And above all things have fervent charity among yourselves: for charity shall cover the multitude of sins.
1 Peter 4:8

Be kindly affectioned one to another with brotherly love; in honour preferring one another. Romans 4:10

There is no fear in love; but perfect love casteth out fear: because fear hath torment. He that feareth is not made perfect

There are plenty of passages that speak of the importance of love in general, but the Bible speaks of **charity** to point us to a specific kind of love. Charity is the love toward others that suffers long with them and is kind- 1 Corinthians 13:4, that does not behave unseemly, seek to get its own way, or is easily provoked. -1 Corinthians 13:5; that rejoices not in the iniquity of others -1 Corinthians 13:6; that bears, believes, hopes, and endures -1 Corinthians 13:7

Amazing Love

*And can it be that I should gain
An interest in the Savior's blood?
Died He for me, who caused His pain?
For me, who Him to death pursued?*

*Chorus: Amazing love! how can it be
That Thou, my God, should die for me?*

*Tis mystery all! The Immortal dies!
Who can explore His strange design?
In vain the firstborn seraph tries
To sound the depths of love divine!*

*Tis mercy all! let earth adore,
Let angel minds inquire no more.
He left His Father's throne above,
So free, so infinite His grace;*

*Emptied Himself of all but love,
And bled for Adam's helpless race;
'Tis mercy all, immense and free;
For, O my God, it found out me.*

*Long my imprisoned spirit lay
Fast bound in sin and nature's night;
Thine eye diffused a quickening ray,
I woke, the dungeon flamed with light;*

*My chains fell off, my heart was free;
I rose, went forth and followed Thee.
No condemnation now I dread;
Jesus, and all in Him is mine!*

*Alive in Him, my living Head,
And clothed in righteousness divine,
Bold I approach the eternal throne,
And claim the crown, through Christ my own.*



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Sunday mornings
English at 8:05 am

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New York Mills, Spruce Grove
and Menahga Apostolic
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**Sunday School
@ 9:15.**

**Worship @
@ 10:30 Sunday**

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

Louise Amberg-Jokela

206 South Broadway #107 New York Mills, MN 56567.

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 9 serves in Feb
Group 10 serves in March

The group will make the main dishes and others are asked to bring salads or desserts.

There is a sign up sheet for Sunday coffee in the dining room.



REMEMBER IN PRAYER

Those who are hurting in body and mind; any that have lost loved ones; the lonely and alone; those that are struggling with depression, addictions, temptations, persecutions. Pray for the sick and relatives and/or friends that are ill or are awaiting surgeries. Also pray for our nations leaders for wisdom from on High to rule this great land; our military; first responders, fire fighters; mission workers.

And pray especially for the children of Christian parents who do not have Jesus as their Savior.

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