

THE SHEPHERD'S LOVE

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From the Pastor's Desk

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Then cometh Jesus from Galilee to Jordan unto John, to be baptized of him. But John forbad him, saying, I have need to be baptized of thee, and comest thou to me? And Jesus answering said unto him, Suffer it to be so now: for thus it becometh us to fulfil all righteousness. Then he suffered him. And Jesus, when he was baptized, went up straightway out of the water: and, lo, the heavens were opened unto him, and he saw the Spirit of God descending like a dove, and lighting upon him: And lo a voice from heaven, saying, This is my beloved Son, in whom I am well pleased. Matthew 3:13-17

John preached "Repent for the kingdom of heaven is at hand". His baptism was a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins. So when Jesus walks up to John, He looks like a guy that has something to repent of. John assumes this too, this is why he attempts to forbid Him. "I have need to be baptized of thee, and comest thou to me? It's like he is saying "Lord, I'm the sinner, I need to repent, you're the savior, you're the one who brings forgiveness. You have this backwards." Jesus' response is telling. He says "suffer it to be so now for thus

it becometh us to fulfill all righteousness." Jesus is telling John that He has come to be baptized in order to take part in the baptism that these penitent sinners are undertaking, to join himself to them. This act reflects so perfectly with how Jesus will save his people from their sins. In this, He takes the place of sinful Adam and God is pleased with Him.



"For he hath made him to be sin for us, who knew no sin; that we might be made the righteousness of God in him." 2 Corinthians 5:21

It's no coincidence that after this, Jesus goes and confronts the devil, and defeats him. Where Adam and Eve fell, Christ is victorious. Where sinful Israel turned away, Jesus is obedient. Where you and I sin, He does not. It is here, that Jesus steps into our shoes, joins himself with sinful humanity, and begins to fulfill the law for us. The amazing thing is that in joining himself to us, God's pleasure isn't only directed at Jesus. It's directed to the race that Jesus has joined. God says this to each and every one of us in our baptism. "This is my beloved Son, in

whom I am well pleased".

God's Peace,

Pastor Nicholas Kandoll

Romans 13 11-13

¹ And that, knowing the time, that now *it is* high time to awake out of sleep: for now *is* our salvation nearer than when we believed.

¹² The night is far spent, the day is at hand: let us therefore cast off the works of darkness, and let us put on the armour of light.

¹³ Let us walk honestly, as in the day; not in rioting and drunkenness, not in chambering and wantonness, not in strife and envying.

Thank you

Andy and I sincerely thank each of you for your prayers, acts of kindness and care these past three month. It has been a long and scary time, but now Andy is feeling better and thankful to be back with his church family and friends.

We both wish you all a happy and healthy New Year!

"Enter His gates with thanksgiving and His courts with praise, give thanks to Him and praise His name." Psalm 100:4

Love and God's Peace!

Andy and Janet



Thank you

We would like to thank each of you, those that came to our party or sent cards & gifts. We truly appreciate all that each of you have done for us.

May God Bless you & give you a joyful Christmas & a wonderful New Year.

With our love,
Don and Vi Salo



The Sunday School Christmas program was held Sunday Dec 17.



The women's ministry put fruit baskets together for the less fortunate on Saturday the 16th.



Psalm 124 8-10

⁸ Who is this King of glory? The LORD strong and mighty, the LORD mighty in battle.

⁹ Lift up your heads, O ye gates; even lift them up, ye everlasting doors; and the King of glory shall come in.

¹⁰ Who is this King of glory? The LORD of hosts, he is the King of glory. Selah.

Text: Johann Jacob Rambach (1693-1735)

Tune: Georg Neumark (1621-1681)

1. A year again is now descending
Into the bosom of the past;
O may our souls not cease attending
To things that bring us peace at last!
O may each year that hurries by
Bear blessed fruit beyond the sky!
2. Our time is gone, our year departed;
But where is found the fruit we bore?
God oft has sought, and yet, sad-hearted,
Complain'd he found no fruit to store.
From row to row he goes and grieves,
For finding naught but withered leaves.
3. His wrath is kindled, hear him saying:
"Hew down at once the fruitless tree!
No mercy's warmth shall cause delaying;
Come death, and let it cease to be!
The ax to ev'ry root apply,
And hew it down and cast it by!"
4. But hear the Gard'ner for us praying?
"O let this tree yet stand a year!
I'll dig around it, overlaying
The roots, so fruit may yet appear.
O let it stand but one year more;
If still in vain, then hew it o'er!"
5. O Jesus, Lord, wilt thou us strengthen,
To bear good fruit for God this year!
Wilt thou the living powers lengthen
In leaf and branch that now are sere!
O send thy Spirit, mercy give,
That plant and fruit thy life may live.
Tr. Peter Sveeggen



Stuart Hamblen started as an entertainer when he was radio's first singing cowboy. For more than two decades, his radio programs kept him on top of the West Coast popularity charts.

Although he was the son of a traveling Methodist preacher and the husband of a devoutly Christian wife, Hamblen was boisterous and his world was filled with drinking, cheating, and lying. However, his wife didn't give up on him. She kept praying that her husband would be converted.

At a Billy Graham crusade, Hamblen was converted, and he began to write songs to glorify God. As a Christian he recognized that he didn't have answers to a lot of questions: Why is there suffering? Why is there so much evil? Why isn't the pathway smoother? But Hamblen was content to leave such questions in God's hands. Some day we will understand, but until then....

UNTIL THEN

**My heart can sing when I pause to remember,
A heartache here is but a stepping stone
Along the way that's winding always upwards,
This troubled world is not my final home.**

Chorus.

2. The things of earth will dim and lose their value
If we recall they're borrowed for awhile;
And things of earth that cause the heart to tremble,
Remembered there will only bring a smile.

Chorus

3. This weary world with all its toil and struggle
May take its toll of misery and strife;
The soul of man is like a waiting eagle,
When it's released it's destined for the skies.

Chorus

**But until then my heart will go on singing,
Until then with joy I'll carry on,
Until the day my eyes behold the city,
Until the day God calls me home.**
(No. 446 in Hymns & Songs of Zion)

**There will be a free
will offering fund-
raiser for Jamie
Aho on Sunday
Jan 28th from
11:30-2.**

Church Board Members: JIM KESKITALO – CHARIMAN; DICK CARLUND - VICE-CHAIRMAN; MARC TUMBERG - SECRETARY; ROSS KESKITALO - TREASURER; TOM MURSU; JACOB AHO; DARWIN ROBERTS

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Sunday mornings
English at 8:05 am

*Sponsored by
New York Mills, Spruce Grove
and Menahga Apostolic
Lutheran Churches*

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:

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 8 in Jan
Group 9 in Feb

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.

**NYM Emergency Food Shelf**

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CULTURAL CENTER 218-385-3339**

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LOCATION:

400 S WALKER AVE

NYM MN

FOOD SHELF HOURS

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

October 30, 2023

***November 20, 2023**

***December 18, 2023**

January 29, 2024

February 26, 2024

Usage limit 1 time

per month

* 1 week early due to holidays.