

THE SHEPHERD'S LOVE

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From the Pastor's Desk



"⁴ Rejoice in the Lord always: and again I say, Rejoice.⁵ Let your moderation be known unto all men. The Lord is at hand.

⁶ Be careful for nothing; but in every thing by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known unto God.⁷ And the peace of God, which passeth all understanding, shall keep your hearts and minds through Christ Jesus.

⁸ Finally, brethren, whatsoever things are true, whatsoever things are honest, whatsoever things are just, whatsoever things are pure, whatsoever things are lovely, whatsoever things are of good report; if there be any virtue, and if there be any praise, think on these things.

⁹ Those things, which ye have both learned, and received, and heard, and seen in me, do: and the God of peace shall be with you.¹⁰ But I rejoiced in the Lord greatly, that now at the last your care of me hath flourished again; wherein ye were also careful, but ye lacked opportunity.

¹¹ Not that I speak in respect of want: for I have learned, in whatsoever state I am, therewith to be content.¹² I know both how to be abased, and I know how to abound: every where and in all things I am instructed both to be full and to be hungry, both to abound and to suffer need.¹³ I can do all things through Christ which strengtheneth me." Philippians 4:4-13

When Paul wrote these words, he was not sitting at a feast or surrounded by family. He wasn't enjoying a life of luxury and ease. He wasn't even free. He was in prison. Yet his letter is full of thanksgiving and joy. "Rejoice in the Lord alway, and again I say, Rejoice." These words hit harder when we recognize Paul lived the. His joy was not rooted in comfort or circumstance but in Christ Himself. Thanksgiving for the Christian is not limited to one day in November or to the times when life is going well. Paul reminds us that all our prayers are to include thanksgiving, in everything!

We often think of thanksgiving as something we do when life is good. We know to thank God for the good things, but Paul teaches us to give thanks in times of want as well as in plenty. It's hard to be thankful when we are undergoing difficult times or stressful situations. But even in the midst of our suffering the heavenly gifts we have in Jesus remain. He gives

us forgiveness, life, and salvation. We give thanks even for the trials because we know that God is forging in us a faith that will endure to eternal life. Paul knew hunger and plenty, freedom and imprisonment, encouragement and loneliness. Yet he had learned to be content because Jesus was enough. "I can do all things through Christ which strengtheneth me." Jesus is our source of peace and with him we can face all the trials that may come our way.

It's in this reality that we can take his advice to heart, and not be overcome with worry and anxiety, but bring those things to God our heavenly father with thanksgiving! When it's all been said and done we have Jesus and eternal life with Him to look forward to. May our gatherings, prayers and lives be full of gratitude not only for what we have but for who we have, our Lord Jesus Christ, who is our life.

God's Peace,
Nicholas Kandoll



By THE PRESIDENT
OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA.
A PROCLAMATION.
WHEREAS it is the duty of all nations to acknowledge the Providence for Almighty God, to obey his will, to be grateful to his benefits, and humbly to implore his protection and favor: And whereas both Houses of Congress have, by their joint committee, requested me "to recommend to the People of the United States, a Day of public Thanksgiving and Prayer, to be observed by acknowledging with grateful hearts the many and signal favors of Almighty God, especially by affording them an opportunity peaceably to establish a form of government for their safety and happiness."

Helen Lemmel was already a noted Christian singer and voice teacher when a missionary friend of hers handed her a gospel tract titled "Focus." The tract said that if you focus on Jesus, if you look full into His face, "you will find that the things of earth will acquire a strange new dimness." Those words had an impact on Helen. "Suddenly," she said later, "as if commanded to stop and listen, I stood still, and singing in my soul and spirit was the chorus, with not one conscious moment of putting word to word to make rhyme, or note to note to make melody." Later the same year the song was published, and soon it became a favorite of Christians in America, in England, and around the rest of the world. It's so easy to lose focus. Focus on Jesus, and the tawdry things of this world will lose their glamour "in the light of His glory and grace."

Turn Your Eyes Upon Jesus

*O soul, are you weary and troubled? No light in the darkness you see?
There's light for a look at the Savior, And life more abundant and free!*

CHORUS

*Turn your eyes upon Jesus, Look full in His wonderful face,
And the things of earth will grow strangely dim
In the light of His glory and grace.*

2. *Thro' death into life everlasting, He passed, and we follow Him there;
Over us sin no more hath dominion For more than conquerors we are!*

CHORUS

3. *His word shall not fail you He promised:
Believe Him, and all will be well;
Then go to a world that is dying, His perfect salvation to tell!*

CHORUS

(No. 327 in Hymns & Songs of Zion)

Psalm 95 O come, let us sing
unto the LORD: let us make a joyful
noise to the rock of our salvation.

² Let us come before his presence
with thanksgiving, and make a
joyful noise unto him with
psalms.

³ For the LORD is a great God, and
a great King above all gods.

⁴ In his hand are the deep places
of the earth: the strength of the
hills is his also.

⁵ The sea is his, and he made it:
and his hands formed the dry
land.

⁶ O come, let us worship and bow
down: let us kneel before the
LORD our maker.

⁷ For he is our God; and we are
the people of his pasture, and the
sheep of his hand. To day if ye
will hear his voice,

⁸ Harden not your heart, as in the
provocation, and as in the day of
temptation in the wilderness:

⁹ When your fathers tempted me,
proved me, and saw my work.

¹⁰ Forty years long was I grieved
with this generation, and said, It
is a people that do err in their
heart, and they have not known
my ways:

¹¹ Unto whom I swear in my
wrath that they should not enter
into my rest.



We celebrated Pastor Appreciation Sunday the 12 of October. We pray God's richest blessings on Pastor Nick and his beautiful family. May God bless and keep them always.



Local Food Shelf

We will keep a food shelf box at the church so people may continue to drop off food items whenever they have something extra they would like to share.

Praise, My Soul, the King of Heaven

"Praise, My Soul" is a great example of the appreciation for God's sovereignty commonly found in Christian songs and gospel. Inspired by **Psalm 103**, this joyous hymn praises the glory of God, "King of Heaven." We are encouraged to give our lives to God, and will be "ransomed, healed, restored, forgiven."

Lyrics:

1 Praise, my soul, the King of heaven;
to his feet your tribute bring.

Ransomed, healed, restored, forgiven,
evermore his praises sing.

Alleluia, alleluia!

Praise the everlasting King!

2 Praise him for his grace and favor

to his people in distress.

Praise him, still the same as ever,

slow to chide, and swift to bless.

Alleluia, alleluia!

Glorious in his faithfulness!

3 Fatherlike he tends and spares us;

well our feeble frame he knows.

In his hand he gently bears us,

rescues us from all our foes.

Alleluia, alleluia!

Widely yet his mercy flows!

4 Angels, help us to adore him;

you behold him face to face.

Sun and moon, bow down before him,

dwellers all in time and space.

Alleluia, alleluia!

Praise with us the God of grace!

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920 AM KWAD**

Sunday mornings
English at 8:05 am

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New York Mills, Spruce
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Sunday Schedule

Sunday School 9:15
Adult Bible Study 9:30
Worship @ 10:30
Holy Communion
1st Sunday of month.

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
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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 **monthly**.
Group 8 for November
Group 9 for December

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



**Looking for
volunteers to
help with
coffee and
cleanup.**

NYM Emergency Food Shelf

**FOR EMERGENCY HELP
CALL NYM CULTURAL CENTER
218-385-3339**

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218-385-2853 (work Mon–Thurs)
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IS CONFIDENTIAL**

LOCATION
400 S WALKER AVE
NEW YORK MILLS, MN

FOOD SHELF HOURS
9:00-NOON and 4:30-6:30

October 27, 2025

November 24, 2025

****December 22, 2025**
(early due to holiday)

January 26, 2026

February 23, 2026

March 30, 2026

Usage limit 1 time per month

CHURCH BOARD MEMBERS

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