

THE SHEPHERD'S LOVE

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From the Pastor's Desk

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"45 Then Joseph could not refrain himself before all them that stood by him; and he cried, Cause every man to go out from me. And there stood no man with him, while Joseph made himself known unto his brethren.² And he wept aloud: and the Egyptians and the house of Pharaoh heard.³ And Joseph said unto his brethren, I am Joseph; doth my father yet live? And his brethren could not answer him; for they were troubled at his presence.⁴ And Joseph said unto his brethren, Come near to me, I pray you. And they came near. And he said, I am Joseph your brother, whom ye sold into Egypt.⁵ Now therefore be not grieved, nor angry with yourselves, that ye sold me hither: for God did send me before you to preserve life.⁶ For these two years hath the famine been in the land: and yet there are five years, in the which there shall neither be earing nor harvest.⁷ And God sent me before you to preserve you a posterity in the earth, and to save your lives by a great deliverance.⁸ So now it was not you that sent me hither, but God: and he hath made me a father to Pharaoh, and lord of all his house,

and a ruler throughout all the land of Egypt.⁹ Haste ye, and go up to my father, and say unto him, Thus saith thy son Joseph, God hath made me lord of all Egypt: come down unto me, tarry not.¹⁰ And thou shalt dwell in the land of Goshen, and thou shalt be near unto me, thou, and thy children, and thy children's children, and thy flocks, and thy herds, and all that thou hast:¹¹ And there will I nourish thee; for yet there are five years of famine; lest thou, and thy household, and all that thou hast, come to poverty.¹² And, behold, your eyes see, and the eyes of my brother Benjamin, that it is my mouth that speaketh unto you.¹³ And ye shall tell my father of all my glory in Egypt, and of all that ye have seen; and ye shall haste and bring down my father hither.¹⁴ And he fell upon his brother Benjamin's neck, and wept; and Benjamin wept upon his neck.¹⁵ Moreover he kissed all his brethren, and wept upon them: and after that his brethren talked with him." -Genesis 45:1-15

Imagine you were in Joseph's shoes, you are second in command of Egypt, you stand before your brothers who betrayed you years ago. They are desperate, starving, and unaware that you are their long-lost brother. What would you do? Would you use your

power to take revenge? Would you demand their life? A fitting punishment would be to sell them into slavery.

Instead of bitterness or revenge, Joseph responds with grace. He tells them not to worry because their actions, though sinful, were used by God for a greater purpose. Here we see a clear picture of how Jesus treats us.

God is in control and his love is not limited by our sin. He takes us in our brokenness and weaves us into His perfect plan. This does not excuse sin or sweep it under the rug, but shows us that God uses sinners to accomplish his will. Joseph points us to Christ, who endured betrayal and suffering to bring life and salvation to the world. Just as Joseph forgave his brothers and provided for their needs, Jesus forgives us and reconciles us with God.

As we near the season of Lent and Easter, let us remember that God is always at work—even in the messiness of life. He uses the trials we face to shape us, and He calls us to trust Him, even when we cannot see the full picture.

God's peace,

Nicholas Kandoll



We would like to keep a list of church members who may be willing to house visitors coming to our church, such as when we had the pastors meeting last summer. It was a bit of a scramble to try to find housing. We should be more organized in the future.

If you are interested in being contacted for a future event, please let us know. Some things to think about:

1. Are you willing to host a single person, a married couple or a family with children?
2. Where do you live - in the town of New York Mills, outside town (how far) or in another community?

We recognize that people have their own plans throughout the year, so you always have the ability to say no to any particular call.

Please give your information to:

Tammy Mursu 218-371-8223 or

Teresa Muckala 763-843-3269

Albert Brumley 1905-1977 The son of tenant farmers in the Indian Territory that is now Oklahoma, Albert Brumley quit school after tenth grade and didn't have much of a future to look forward to--except to pick cotton for the rest of his life.

Then when he was sixteen years old, he attended a singing school in his farm community of Rock Island and discovered he could sing better than most adults and he could harmonize, too. So at nineteen he went to a music school in the Ozark Mountains to learn how to write music. He dropped out after a year and went back to picking cotton.

One day while picking cotton, he started singing a popular song called "The Prisoner's Song." I was like that prisoner, he thought. When he saw a bird flying away to a better place, young Albert got an idea for a new song. He returned to music school and continued to struggle with his idea for a song.

Seven years later, he felt the song was ready to be published. Immediately, it became a favorite. In time, Brumley became known as the world's most recorded song writer, but none of his songs rivaled the popularity of

"I'll Fly Away."

1. Some glad morning when this life is o'er, I'll fly away;

To a home on God's celestial shore, I'll fly away.

CHORUS:

I'll fly away, O glory, I'll fly away.

When I die, Hallelujah, by and by, I'll fly away.

2. When the shadows of this life have gone, I'll fly away;

Like a bird from prison bars has flown, I'll fly away.

CHORUS:

3. Just a few more weary days and then, I'll fly away;

To a land where joys shall never end, I'll fly away.

CHORUS:



CANDLEMAS– FEB 2

The final feast day in the season of Epiphany is the Feast of the Presentation of Our Lord Jesus Christ in the Temple. The Church also calls it the Feast of the Purification of the Blessed Virgin Mary or Candlemas. This feast lands on February 2nd, falling exactly 40 days after Christmas. It wraps up the full celebration of Jesus' infancy narratives from Christmas through the Epiphany season. It is the final epiphany where Jesus is revealed as the "light for revelation to the Gentiles" and our Savior.

The Feast of the Presentation is one of the oldest feast days from the ancient Christian Church, dating back to at least the fourth century.

On this special day, we celebrate the arrival of the Holy Family to the temple in Jerusalem, as recounted in the Gospel of Luke. This event is deeply rooted in Jewish tradition, where, according to the Law of Moses, a woman was considered unclean for 40 days after giving birth to a son. After this period, she was to present herself in the temple for purification and to present her firstborn to God ([Exodus 13:12-15](#) and [Leviticus 12](#)). They were required to give an offering for the purification of Mary and the birth of their first child, and we are told that the offering was a pair of young pigeons, the offering of the poor.

On November 19, 1863, Lincoln delivered his famous Gettysburg Address. The entire speech is only 267 words and is engraved on the Lincoln Memorial in Washington, D.C. In it, he talks about America as a nation under God:

Fourscore and seven years ago our fathers brought forth upon this continent a new nation, conceived in liberty, and dedicated to the proposition that all men are created equal. Now we are engaged in a great civil war, testing whether that nation, or any nation so conceived and so dedicated, can long endure.

We are met on a great battlefield of that war. We have come to dedicate a portion of that field as a final resting place for those who here gave their lives that that nation might live. It is altogether fitting and proper that we should do this.

But in a larger sense we cannot dedicate, we cannot consecrate, we cannot hallow this ground. The brave men, living and dead, who struggled here, have consecrated it far above our poor power to add or detract.

The world will little note, nor long remember, what we say here, but it can never forget what they did here. It is for us, the living, rather to be dedicated here to the unfinished work which they who fought here have thus far so nobly advanced.

It is rather for us to be here dedicated to the great task remaining before us — that from these honored dead we take increased devotion to that cause for which they gave the last full measure of devotion — that we here highly resolve that these dead shall not have died in vain — that this nation, under God, shall have a new birth of freedom — and that government of the people, by the people, for the people, shall not perish from the earth.

During the war, Lincoln overheard someone remark that he hoped "the Lord was on the Union's side." Lincoln responded with this sharp rebuke:

I am not at all concerned about that, for I know that the Lord is always on the side of the right. But it is my constant anxiety and prayer that I and this nation should be on the Lord's side.



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920 AM KWAD

Sunday mornings
English at 8:05 am

*Sponsored by
New York Mills, Spruce Grove
and Menahga Apostolic
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Sunday Schedule

Sunday School
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

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 7 for Feb
Group 8 for March

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 with cleanup
after coffee.**
Thank you!

NYM Emergency Food Shelf

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

CONNIE WARNER
218-385-2853 (work Mon–Thurs)
218-385-3669 (home)

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LOCATION
400 S WALKER AVE
NEW YORK MILLS, MN

FOOD SHELF HOURS

9:00-NOON and 4:30-6:30

***Dec 23, 2024**

Jan 27, 2025

Feb 24, 2025

Mar 31, 2025

Usage limit 1 time per month

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