

THE SHEPHERD'S LOVE

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From the Pastor's Desk

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¹⁹ Now we know that what things soever the law saith, it saith to them who are under the law: that every mouth may be stopped, and all the world may become guilty before God.²⁰ Therefore by the deeds of the law there shall no flesh be justified in his sight: for by the law is the knowledge of sin.²¹ But now the righteousness of God without the law is manifested, being witnessed by the law and the prophets;²² Even the righteousness of God which is by faith of Jesus Christ unto all and upon all them that believe: for there is no difference:²³ For all have sinned, and come short of the glory of God;²⁴ Being justified freely by his grace through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus:²⁵ Whom God hath set forth to be a propitiation through faith in his blood, to declare his righteousness for the remission of sins that are past, through the forbearance of God;²⁶ To declare, I say, at this time his righteousness: that he might be just, and the justifier of him which believeth in Jesus.²⁷ Where is boasting then? It is excluded. By what law? of works? Nay: but by the

law of faith.²⁸ Therefore we conclude that a man is justified by faith without the deeds of the law. Romans 3:19-28

October 31st is Reformation Day. It's the day Martin Luther nailed up his 95 theses on the door of the Castle Church in Wittenberg Germany. In these verses, Paul declares that no one can be justified by the law. "Therefore by the deeds of the law there shall no flesh be justified in his sight: for by the law is the knowledge of sin." (v. 20). At that time the Catholic Church was selling indulgences, a piece of paper that said you or your loved ones' sins were forgiven. Luther protested this practice with the understanding that Justification, or our righteousness before God, could not be purchased or won with human efforts. No amount of money or hard work could earn forgiveness.

Paul explains in verses 21-24 how we can be saved. It is faith in Christ which makes us righteous in His sight. This faith can't be bought, it can't be earned, it doesn't have anything to do with our own efforts. As Luther explains in his explanation of the third article of the Apostles' Creed in the Small Catechism. "I believe that I cannot by my own reason or strength believe in Jesus Christ or know him; But the Holy Spirit has called me by the gospel, enlightened me with his gifts and

sanctified and kept me in the one true faith..." This was the heart of the reformation. Justification by faith alone. One might ask why we remember this event year after year. Why should we care about the reformation today? It's because we're thankful God raised up Luther and the reformers to stand against those who were mishandling God's Word. The temptation to rely on our own works for salvation is just as strong today as it was in Luther's time. We know we're justified by faith alone, but we still battle this sinful flesh that thinks it ought to justify ourselves. In learning from the mistakes of the past we are better equipped to make sure they aren't repeated. God is always reforming his church because we sinners are so prone to go astray. Our boasting is in Christ and his finished work on the cross. There he purchased salvation for us with his very own blood and delivers it to us freely by his grace. As we draw near to Reformation Day let us do so with thankful hearts, treasuring this precious gospel and its propagation throughout the world.

God's Peace,
Nicholas Kandoll



Baptism of Ehner Kyle Keskitalo, son of Kyle and Joslyn Keskitalo.

Godparents are Peter and Amy Ann Mursu and Chad and Cami Niskanen.



Baby Announcement



Chris and Beth Roberts are excited to introduce their newest grandson, **Baker Jeffrey Haverland**. He was born July 30, 2024 to Ty and Rhiana Haverland of Perham. Baker weighed 7 pounds, 6 ounces. His paternal grandparents are Jeff and Pam Haverland. His great-grandparents are Darwin and Jean Roberts, Armas and Pat Aho & John and Joyce Haverland.

Ordination of Jake Aho September 15, 2024



Jake is pictured below with a few of the Central Board members along with Ron Holmgren who performed the service.

L to R: Chuck Bylkas, John Isaacson, Ron Holmgren, Jacob Aho, Nicholas Kandoll, David Myllymaki, Reino Maunu and Tom Hanson.



Are you too busy with this everyday life?

God calls us to employ all our senses as we strive to seek and serve him. We must keep our entire beings--our bodies and our souls--tuned to God's every communication and prompting. In our busy lives we often miss the quiet promptings of God's Spirit. And when we do hear God speak, we often ignore the message. "I'm too busy now," we say. "I have more important things to do." This hymn calls us to watch, listen, and act on what we have seen and heard, sharing it with others.

Clara Scott, the writer of this hymn, was a music teacher who composed a great deal of instrumental and vocal music. She began teaching music when she was only eighteen at a small high school in rural northwestern Iowa, and that is where she spent most of her life. But God expanded her ministry through her instrumental and vocal compositions. She became known for her book of anthems. *The Royal Anthem Book*, which was published in 1882. Her eyes and ears were open to God's leading, and she was ready to obey. We should be ready to do the same.

Open My Eyes That I May See

1. *Open my eyes, that I may see, glimpses of truth Thou hast for me;
Place in my hands the wonderful key that shall unclasp and set me free.
Silently now I wait for Thee, ready, my God Thy will to see;
Open my eyes--illumine me, Spirit divine!*

2. *Open my ears, that I may hear, voices of truth Thou sendest clear;
And while the wave-notes fall on my ear, everything false will disappear.
Silent now I wait for Thee, ready, my God, Thy will to see;
Open my ears, illumine me, Spirit divine!*

3. *Open my mouth, and let me bear, gladly the warm truth everywhere;
Open my heart, and let me prepare, love with Thy children thus to share.
Silently now I wait for Thee, ready, my God, Thy will to see;
Open my heart, illumine me, Spirit divine!
(Song no. 466, Hymns and Songs of Zion)*

O Lord, thou art my God;
I will exalt thee, I will praise thy name;
for thou hast done wonderful things;
thy counsels of old
are faithfulness and truth.

Isaiah 25:1

We are Sinful and Broken

Luther, in accord with Scripture, believed that as human beings, we are powerless within ourselves to please God. We are unable to do anything but continue to sin. Salvation, therefore, must be wholly of divine grace, for we contribute nothing to our salvation. And so, any formulation of the gospel which amounts to saying that God shows grace, not in saving sinful humanity, but in making it possible for us to save ourselves, is to be rejected as a lie. The whole work of salvation from first to last, is God's. Therefore, all the glory for the salvation of sinful and broken human beings must be God's also.

Psalm 82

A Psalm of Asaph.

1 God standeth in the congregation of the mighty; He judgeth among the gods.

2 How long will ye judge unjustly, And accept the persons of the wicked? Selah.

3 Defend the poor and fatherless: Do justice to the afflicted and needy.

4 Deliver the poor and needy: Rid them out of the hand of the wicked.

5 They know not, neither will they understand; They walk on in darkness: All the foundations of the earth are out of course.

6 I have said, Ye are gods; And all of you are children of the most High.

7 But ye shall die like men, And fall like one of the princes.

8 Arise, O God, judge the earth: For thou shalt inherit all nations.

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Sunday mornings
English at 8:05 am

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Sunday Schedule

Sunday School 9:15
Bible Study 9:20
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 Oct
Group 8 for Nov

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!

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218-385-3339

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400 S WALKER AVE
NEW YORK MILLS, MN

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Oct. 28, 2024

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