

THE SHEPHERD'S LOVE

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From the Pastor's Desk

June 2023



"61 What shall we say then? Shall we continue in sin, that grace may abound? 2 God forbid. How shall we, that are dead to sin, live any longer therein? 3 Know ye not, that so many of us as were baptized into Jesus Christ were baptized into his death? 4 Therefore we are buried with him by baptism into death: that like as Christ was raised up from the dead by the glory of the Father, even so we also should walk in newness of life. 5 For if we have been planted together in the likeness of his death, we shall be also in the likeness of his resurrection: 6 Knowing this, that our old man is crucified with him, that the body of sin might be destroyed, that henceforth we should not serve sin. 7 For he that is dead is freed [1] from sin. 8 Now if we be dead with Christ, we believe that we shall also live with him: 9 Knowing that Christ being raised from the dead dieth no more; death hath no more dominion over him. 10 For in that he died, he died unto sin once: but in that he liveth, he liveth unto God. 11 Likewise reckon ye also yourselves to be dead indeed unto

sin, but alive unto God through Jesus Christ our Lord." Romans 6:1-11

This section of Romans opens with a question that our flesh loves to ask. "Shall we continue in sin that grace may abound?". Our flesh delights in sin and will seek any rationale or justification to continue in it. Paul has already told us in chapter 5 "Where sin abounded, grace abounded all the more". The response of the flesh is "Great! That means I can do whatever I want." Paul heads that off here. The idea that we can sin because there's grace is not a Christian one.

Grace isn't given so we can continue in sin. Using the gospel as an excuse to sin is an egregious error that ought to be rooted and stamped out wherever it rears its head. First and foremost, this needs to be done in our own heart, because this is what our sinful nature wants. Grace is a healing balm that is poured out on the sinner to restore him, not a free pass.

Could you imagine going into the doctor because you burned your hand on the stove, receiving a healing ointment and as soon as the wound is healed plunging it back into the fire? This is what Paul is getting at when he says, "How shall we who are dead to sin, live any longer therein?" How is this done? When did we die to

sin? Paul points us to our baptism into Christ. When we were baptized, we were joined to the death and resurrection of Christ. Have you ever transplanted flowers or plants in a garden from one place to another? This is the type of language that Paul uses to describe what our baptism does for us. In our baptism God has planted us together with him in the likeness of his death. We are joined to the finish work of Christ and can no longer stand to live in the old soil that is this world and the attitudes therein. Baptism is one of the many ways that God uses to give us His grace.

Because of the powerful working of the word in baptism our lives are hid with Christ in God. That we no longer reckon ourselves as living in the flesh in this world but instead find our identity in Christ and his finished work on the cross.

In this new identity we count ourselves as dead to sin and alive in Christ. For His part God does too. "Abraham believed God and it was counted to him as righteousness." We are counted righteous in the same way that Abraham was, by faith.

Be at peace dear saints, because God has planted you together with Christ and in him you are free from the bondage of sin and death.

God's Peace,
Pastor Nicholas Kandoll



Dennis, Jerry Anderson, Marge Keskitalo, Chuck Pentilla, Missy, Ross, Peanuts, Diane, Cindy Mohs, Brandt Welch, Lawrence, Jacob, Sherlyn Bentley, Leland, Joshua, Steve.

Leroy, DeDe, Tom Patron.

Neither rain nor snow nor cover of cloudy sky's could stop these volunteers from doing their job. On Saturday, May 6th, 19 volunteers were kept busy clearing out old flowers & trash, raising foot stones, adding soil & reseeding sites that were sinking. The cemetery board wants to thank everyone for their help and use of tractors, trucks, 4-wheelers & gator. The rain didn't keep anyone from enjoying the pizza & donuts. God bless you all.



Baccalaureate service was held May 21.

The 2023 graduates are:

Kaydi Mursu

and

Jada Newberg

May God ever lead and guide them



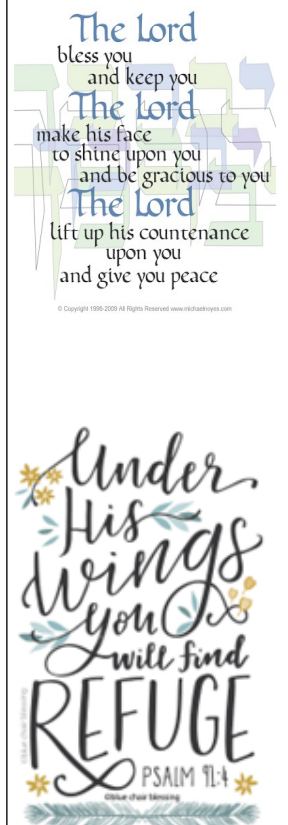
In the days following World War II, when Communists were overrunning China, the endangered missionaries found comfort knowing that a world dominated by the "Iron Curtain" and the "Bamboo Curtain" they could rest under the "Feather Curtain" of God. Psalm 91:4 says, "He shall cover you with His feathers, and under His wings, you shall take refuge." The biblical patriarch, Boaz, referred to Ruth as a woman who had come under the Lord's wings for refuge (Ruth 2:12). Later Ruth's great-grandson, King David, asked the Lord in Psalm 17:8 "Keep me as the apple of Your eye; hide me under the shadow of Your wings." A thousand years later, David's great descendant, Jesus of Nazareth, said to the people in Jerusalem. "O Jerusalem, Jerusalem, the one who kills the prophets and stones those who are sent to her! How often I wanted to gather your children together, as a hen gathers her chicks under her wings..." All these comforting word-pictures were woven together in the hymn, "Under His Wings," written by William Orcutt Cushing in 1823. In near despair, he asked God to give him something to do for the kingdom. Thus he began writing hymns producing more than 300 of them. If you find yourself in near despair with the

worries and fears of life, close your eyes and visualize the warm safety of the "Feather Curtain of God!" *****

1. Under His wings I am safely abiding, Tho the night deepens and tempests are wild; Still I can trust Him, I know He will keep me. He has redeemed me and I am His child.
2. Under His wings, what a refuge in sorrow! How the heart yearningly turns to His rest! Often when earth has no balm for my healing, there I find comfort and there I am blest.
3. Under His wings, O what precious enjoyment! There will I hide 'til life's trials are o'er! Sheltered, protected, no evil can harm me, resting in Jesus I'm safe evermore.

CHORUS Under His wings, Under His wings, who from His love can sever? Under His wings my soul shall abide, safely abide forever.

(Song no. 335 in Hymns & Songs of Zion)





2023 Convention

New York Mills, Minnesota • June 29 - July 2

"But if we walk in the light, as He is in the light, we have fellowship one with another, and the blood of Jesus Christ His Son cleanses us from all sin."



Convention News

We are in need of volunteers in the following areas: First Aid

Setting up the Nursery

Setting up a room for Elderly/ Handicap

Chaperones for Youth Gatherings

Help with Food at the Youth Gatherings

If you can help, let Jim or Elma Keskitalo know.

Thanks to all that have so graciously volunteered.

NOTICES

The VFW Post 3289 and VFW Auxiliary (no longer Women's or Ladies Auxiliary) New York Mills, donated a flag to the church. Both Luther and Lawrence Wiirre and I helped to put up the new flag.
Thank you
Shirley Quist



The fourth annual New York Mills Bible Reading Marathon

will be held on July 9-15, 2023. Please consider signing up to read for 15 minute increments! This reading will start at Genesis and continue through the Bible until ending at the end of Revelation.

We are still looking for sleeping accommodations for the Finnish/Swedish Youth Group coming to New York Mills during the summer convention (5 nights.) We would welcome the use of RV's or Ice Castle Fish Houses (needs to have air conditioning as this is the height of summer) that can be parked and plugged in at a host home, or the loan of extra rollaway beds, cots or mattresses, and pillows that can go to host homes to house one or more youth.

We are expecting about 36 in the group (most are ages 17-22, and also includes chaperones who are older, and one family with younger children). If you can help please contact someone on the housing committee.
Thanks!!

Science says that we need at least 4 basic elements to survive.

1. water; 2. Air; 3. Food; 4. Light

And look what the Bible tells us about Jesus.

1. **I am** the Living Water

2. **I am** the Breath of Life

3. **I am** the Bread of Life

4. **I am** the Light of the World

Science was right, we need Jesus to live!

Louise

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920 AM KWAD

Sunday mornings
English at 8:05 am

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

Church Hours

Worship @ 10 on Sundays

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 contribu-

Meals/potluck, will be served on

the

first Sunday

Group 10 in June

Group 7 for July

Men's Groups 3, 4, & 1

to serve June 28 @ 7p

The congregation is asked to bring goodies.

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

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

CONNIE WARNER

218-385-2853 (work)

218-385-3669 (home)

TERESA MUCKALA

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LOCATION:

400 S WALKER AVE

NYM MN

FOOD SHELF HOURS

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

June 26, 2023

July 31, 2023

August 28, 2023

Sept 25, 2023

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per month