

THE SHEPHERD'S LOVE

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From the Pastor's Desk

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"³¹ Then said Jesus to those Jews which believed on him, If ye continue in my word, then are ye my disciples indeed;³² And ye shall know the truth, and the truth shall make you free.³³ They answered him, We be Abraham's seed, and were never in bondage to any man: how sayest thou, Ye shall be made free?³⁴ Jesus answered them, Verily, verily, I say unto you, Whosoever committeth sin is the servant of sin.³⁵ And the servant abideth not in the house for ever: but the Son abideth ever.³⁶ If the Son therefore shall make you free, ye shall be free indeed." -John 8:31-36

Before Adam and Eve fell into sin, what did they know? Who was their final authority? How did they know right from wrong. The answer to all of these questions is simply "God". God was everything to them. After the fall their eyes were opened, and with the stolen knowledge of good and evil they became their own final authority. And this is really the problem with our

world. We don't keep the first commandment. Even those of us that worship him can't keep it. Though we acknowledge Him as God we still want to be in control. This is how it is for the Jews who were talking to Jesus. Though what he has said has resonated with them. They can't lay down their pride and acknowledge their utter slavery to sin. Like Adam and Eve they too have open eyes that blind them. They claim to be free, to be in control, they don't think they need

How is it for you? Are you free? There is freedom only in Christ Jesus our Lord. There is no freedom outside of Him. And it's a freedom from sin, not a freedom to sin. The Jews don't see this. They think they have free will, they think they are the master of their universe. Like Adam and Eve when they sinned, these Jews are their own final authority, and they can't see that they are truly in bondage. Jesus reveals this to them quite simply. "Whosoever committeth sin is the servant of sin". They don't see it, but He shows them. How is it for slaves? Can they truly free themselves? Even if they escape, they will be looking over their shoulder for the rest of their life. There

is no freeing yourself from slavery. The only way a slave can attain freedom is by being freed by their master! This is one of the chief articles of the faith that the reformation brought to light. Humanity, without Jesus, is enslaved to sin. We are all completely and utterly sinners. As one of my predecessors used to say, "We are sin from the top of our head to the bottom of our feet." And there's no saving ourselves. Salvation comes from outside of us, freedom comes from outside, life comes from outside! "If the son therefore shall make you free, ye shall be free indeed". He sets us free purely by his grace so that we can dwell with Him in His Father's house forever. So be at peace, slave though you were, in Christ you have been set free, and made into his child.

God's Peace,
Pastor Nicholas Kandoll



On Saturday, October 7 a group of 24 people went to work trimming trees, lifting sunken grave stones and cleaning up the Prairie Cemetery grounds. Their work was much appreciated and the Cemetery Board is thankful for all who came to help.



Helen and Mae Mursu, daughters of Peter and Amy Mursu, were baptized in the Name of the Father, Son and Holy Ghost into Christ. We pray God will bless and keep you all the days of your lives. We are blessed to have you as members of our church family.



The Pastor appreciation dinner was held Oct 8. God bless and keep our Pastor and the assistants.

Many hymns are somewhat autobiographical. The blind songwriter, Fanny Crosby, writes of looking forward to that day in heaven when she will see Jesus face-to-face. The former slave captain, John Newton, writes of God's amazing grace that saved "a wretch like me."

You might wonder about Johnson Oatman writing "*No, Not One*." The insurance business in which he worked wasn't satisfying to him. Although he was an ordained Methodist minister, he couldn't get a church, apparently because he wasn't a good preacher. He liked to sing, but everyone compared him to his father who was one of the best singers in the state. So even though he had above-average abilities in singing, he didn't know where he fit in. That's why he needed a friend like Jesus.

We all need that kind of friend. You don't have to be down and out or in the hospital to sing this song. We all go through times of stress and loneliness. We are all in need of a friend, and Jesus knows that!

No, Not One

1. *There's not a friend like the lowly Jesus, No, not one! No, not one!
None else could heal all our soul's diseases, No, not one! No, not one!*
 2. *No friend like Him is so high and holy, No, not one! No, not one!
And yet no friend is so meek and lowly, No, not one! No, not one!*
 3. *There's not an hour that He is not near us, No, not one! No, not one!
No night so dark but His love can cheer us, No, not one! No, not one!*
 4. *Did ever saint find this Friend forsake him? No, not one! No, not one!
Or sinner find that He would not take him? No, not one! No, not one!*
 5. *Was e'er a gift like the Savior given? No, not one! No, not one!
Will He refuse us a home in heaven? No, not one! No, not one!*
- CHORUS**
- Jesus knows all about our struggles, He will guide till the day is done;
There's not a friend like the lowly Jesus, No, not one! No, not one!
(Song no. 396 in Hymns & Songs of Zion)*

Psalm 50:23 Whoso offereth praise glorifieth me: and to him that ordereth his conversation aright will I shew the salvation of God.

Psalm 7:17 I will praise the LORD according to his righteousness: and will sing praise to the name of the LORD most high

Psalm 100 Make a joyful noise unto the LORD, all ye lands.

² Serve the LORD with gladness: come before his presence with singing.

³ Know ye that the LORD he is God: it is he that hath made us, and not we ourselves; we are his people, and the sheep of his pasture.

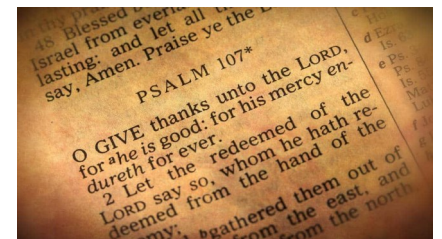
⁴ Enter into his gates with thanksgiving, and into his courts with praise: be thankful unto him, and bless his name.

⁵ For the LORD is good; his mercy is everlasting; and his truth endureth to all generations.



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Meals/potluck, will be served on the

first Sunday

Group 8 for Oct 29

Group 9 in Nov

Group 10 in Dec

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.

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***December 18, 2023**

January 29, 2024

February 26, 2024

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per month

*** 1 week early due to holidays.**