

THE SHEPHERD'S LOVE

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From the Pastor's Desk

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⁹ After this I beheld, and, lo, a great multitude, which no man could number, of all nations, and kindreds, and people, and tongues, stood before the throne, and before the Lamb, clothed with white robes, and palms in their hands;

¹⁰ And cried with a loud voice, saying, Salvation to our God which sitteth upon the throne, and unto the Lamb.

¹¹ And all the angels stood round about the throne, and about the elders and the four beasts, and fell before the throne on their faces, and worshipped God,

¹² Saying, Amen: Blessing, and glory, and wisdom, and thanksgiving, and honour, and power, and might, be unto our God for ever and ever. Amen.

¹³ And one of the elders answered, saying unto me, What are these which are arrayed in white robes? and whence came they?

¹⁴ And I said unto him, Sir, thou knowest. And he said to me, These are they which came out of great tribulation, and have washed their robes, and made them white in the blood of the Lamb.

¹⁵ Therefore are they before the throne of God, and serve him day and night in his temple: and he that sitteth on the throne shall dwell among them.

¹⁶ They shall hunger no more, neither thirst any more; neither shall the sun light on them, nor any heat.

¹⁷ For the Lamb which is in the midst of the throne shall feed them, and shall lead them unto living fountains of waters: and God shall wipe away all tears from their eyes."

Revelation 7:9-17

Christ is risen; He is risen indeed! Alleluia!

We celebrate this not just once a year on Easter but every day. The empty tomb testifies to God's faithfulness. Because Christ is risen, we know that we will rise also! We need this reminder every day. As this life is full of trials and temptations.

Our text is one of the many that is given to us to sustain us. John is given a vision of the Church in glory. No longer scattered or suffering but gathered around the throne and the Lamb. A multitude that no man can number, from every nation and tribe and language, clothed in white, with palm branches in their hands. They are the ones who have endured suffering and have received the crown of life.

They got there not through their own efforts, but through the blood of the Lamb. This is the promise given to us in Baptism. Jesus Christ, our Passover

lamb, shed his blood to cover all our sins. His blood gives us life. He not only bears our sins but also our burdens, He knows our griefs and carries our sorrows and will one day wipe every tear from our eye. We are joined to Christ and He carries us in this life and will lead us into the life in the world to come.

The Joy of being a child of God isn't found in material success or escaping trials. It's found in knowing that Jesus is alive and reigning, no matter what happens! The joy of the Lord is our strength as we walk by faith. He sustains us with the Word, feeds us with the Sacrament, and leads us all the days of our life.

"Tho' sorrows befall us and Satan oppose,

*God leads his dear children along;
Through grace we can conquer defeat
all our foes,*

*God leads his dear children along.
Some thro' the waters,*

some thro' the flood,

some thro' the fire but all thro the blood.

*Some thro' great sorrow but God gives
a song.*

*In the night season and all the day
long."* –

*"God Leads Us Along" # 448, Hymns
and Songs of Zion*

God's Peace,
Nicholas Kandoll

The **Woodland Cemetery** clean up day will be on **May 3rd** from 9 am to noon.

In case of rain, it will be moved to May 10th.

Any questions, please call Dennis Windel at 218-371-0189.

"My mother was an angel upon earth. She was a minister of blessing to all human beings within her sphere of action. Her heart was the abode of heavenly purity. She had no feelings but of kindness and beneficence; yet her mind was as firm as her temper was mild and gentle. She had known sorrow, but her sorrow was silent. She was acquainted with grief, but it was deposited in her own bosom. She was the real personification of female virtue, of piety, of charity, of ever active and never intermitting benevolence." – John Quincy Adams (Abigail Adams)

"1 A mother lined a basket

to keep her baby dry,
then rocked him on a river,
lest he awake and cry.
She let a princess name him
her son that he might live.
God's people had a leader.
She had such hope to give.

2 A mother sewed a jacket,
lined in the softest wool,
then dressed her little boy-child,
her cup of blessing full.
She brought him to the temple
where he would serve and live.
God's people had a prophet.
She had such faith to give.

3 A mother laid her baby
in manger lined with straw;
then, in the shepherds' story,
his call from God foresaw.
She nurtured him and taught him
the way that he must live.
God's people had a savior.
She had such love to give.

4 Like Jochebed and Hannah,
and Mary too, we know
the hardest part of loving
is learning to let go,
so when we send our children
out in the world to live,
grant us such hope and faith, God,
and love enough to give."

Ascension Day Sermon

1. We are to consider today the article of faith in which we say: "I believe in Jesus Christ, who ascended into heaven and sitteth at the right hand of God the Father." Our Gospel lesson briefly reviews the story of this ascension. But Luke treats the matter at greater length and writes, The Lord gathered all the disciples together, fully forty days after his resurrection, just as he had often shown himself to them, and spoke with them and gave them commandment what they should do, and as they were assembled together and spoke with him out at Bethany, whither he had led them, some asked him, saying: "Lord, dost thou at this time restore the kingdom to Israel?" And he said unto them: "It is not for you to know times or seasons, which the Father hath set within his own authority. But ye shall receive power, when the Holy Spirit is come upon you: and ye shall be my witnesses both in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and unto the uttermost part of the earth." And when he had said these things, he blessed them and bade them good night and departed from them and was taken up while they beheld him and a cloud received him out of their sight. And as they stood there, gazing after him, gaping at the heavens, behold, there came and stood hard by them two men in white apparel, who said: "Ye men

of Galilee, why stand ye looking into heaven? This Jesus, who was received up from you into heaven, shall so come in like manner as ye beheld him going into heaven." Hereupon they returned from Bethany, from the mount of Olives, to Jerusalem and assembled in the upper room of the house where they were abiding, and continued with one accord in prayer, with the women, and Mary the mother of Jesus. This is the story of our Lord Jesus Christ's ascension. Now let us consider the Gospel.

2. In the first place, there are in this Gospel two parts: one where the Lord commands the apostles to preach the Gospel in all the world; the other, treating of his ascension. We shall pass over the beginning of the text, where the Lord reproves their unbelief and hardness of heart, and take up the part where he says: "Go ye into all the world and preach the Gospel to the whole creation." Here you have in English what the Gospel really is, to wit: "He that believeth and is baptized, is saved." In these words all is comprehended; he that has them, has the Gospel.

Martin Luther

[https:// bethanylutheranworship.blogspot.com/2013/05/martin-luthers-ascension-sermons-mark.html](https://bethanylutheranworship.blogspot.com/2013/05/martin-luthers-ascension-sermons-mark.html)

Psalm 7:10 My defence is of God, which saveth the upright in heart.

11 God judgeth the righteous, and God is angry with the wicked every day.

What a diversity of people God has used to bring music to his church! Harry Emerson Fosdick, one of the leaders of the liberal Protestant movement of the 1920's and 1930's, was denounced by many conservatives, some of whom now sing this hymn he wrote. In 1930, when the new building for the Riverside Church in New York City was dedicated, this hymn was sung as the dedicatory hymn. It is a prayer of dedication that can be uttered any day. Some days in our lives are obvious turning points--a church dedication, the birth of a child, a wedding--but every day has its crucial moments. The prayer of our hearts should constantly be "Grant us wisdom, Grant us courage, For the facing of this hour."

God of Grace and God of Glory

*God of grace and God of glory, on Thy people pour Thy power;
Crown Thine ancient church's story, Bring her bud to glorious flower.
Grant us wisdom, Grant us courage, For the facing of this hour,
For the facing of this hour.*

*2. Lo! The hosts of evil round us Scorn Thy Christ, assail His ways!
From the fears that long have bound us, Free our hearts to faith and praise.
Grant us wisdom, Grant us courage, For the living of these days,
For the living of these days.*

*3. Cure Thy children's warring madness; Bend our pride to Thy control;
Shame our wanton, selfish gladness, Rich in things and poor in soul.
Grant us wisdom, Grant us courage, Lest we miss Thy kingdom's goal,
Lest we miss Thy kingdom's goal.*

*4. Set our feet on lofty places, Gird our lives that they may be
Armored with all Christ-like graces In the fight to set men free.
Grant us wisdom, Grant us courage, That we fail not man nor Thee,
That we fail not man nor Thee.*

(No. 250 in Hymns & Songs of Zion)

2025 Convention

The 2025 ALCA Annual Convention will be hosted by the Zion Lutheran Church congregation in **Hancock, Michigan on June 26th-29th, 2025**. Everyone is welcome!

We look forward to seeing you there. More information will be forthcoming.

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.



Our former pastor Don Salo has moved to another facility. He will be closer to most of his sons.

The address is posted on the bulletin board in the fellowship hall if you would like to drop him a line or visit him.

Don and his late wife served the New York Mills Congregation for many years and in so many ways. until his retirement 10 years ago. He continued to serve members of our congregation, often visiting and ministering to shut-ins.

Jake Aho and Pastor Nick Kandoll prayed a blessing on his last Sunday in NYM.

²⁰ Now the God of peace, that brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus, that great shepherd of the sheep, through the blood of the everlasting covenant,

²¹ Make you perfect in every good work to do his will, working in you that which is wellpleasing in his sight, through Jesus Christ; to whom be glory for ever and ever. Amen. (Heb. 13:20-21)

Church Information

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Sunday mornings
English at 8:05 am

*Sponsored by
New York Mills, Spruce Grove
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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 **monthly**.
Group 10 for May
Group 7 for June

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

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LOCATION
400 S WALKER AVE
NEW YORK MILLS, MN

FOOD SHELF HOURS

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

April 28, 2025

***May 19, 2025**

June 30, 2025

*** open 1 week early due to holiday**

Usage limit 1 time per month

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