

THE SHEPHERD'S LOVE

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From the Pastor's Desk

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"O Jerusalem, Jerusalem, which killest the prophets, and stonest them that are sent unto thee; how often would I have gathered thy children together, as a hen doth gather her brood under her wings, and ye would not!" Luke 13:34

Mothers day is May 8th, 2022. It's a day we set aside to remember and celebrate our Mothers. There is something special about motherly love. You see it in every day events. Waking up in the middle of the night to feed a hungry baby, changing a poopy diaper, taking care of a sick child. A mothers love is self sacrificing, so it's no surprise that God sometimes uses motherly language to describe his love for us. Here he speaks over a people that he loves, his children, who have by and large rejected him. He wants to gather them in and protect them like a mother hen

would gather her chicks but they would not have it! I've heard stories of farmer's finding live chicks under the body of a mother hen in a collapsed chicken coop or barn. In those situations the mother protected her young with her very life. This is the love that Jesus has for all of us. His love is self sacrificing, by his death he gives us life. Jesus also shows us how we ought to treat our mothers: "When Jesus therefore saw his mother, and the disciple standing by, whom he loved, he saith unto his mother, Woman, behold thy son! Then saith he to the disciple, Behold thy mother! And from that hour that disciple took her unto his own home." John 19:26-27 Most historians agree that at this point Joseph, the husband of Mary, has died. In those days Jesus, being the eldest son, would be responsible for taking care of his mother. He entrusts her into the care of his beloved disciple. At the end, with the weight of the world on his shoulders, Jesus takes care of his mother. This also shows us that Jesus is still, on the cross, perfectly keeping the law.

"Honor Your Father and Mother". Notice that this commandment has no qualifications or conditions. The law doesn't say honor your mother if she deserves it. It doesn't say honor her unless she doesn't live up to your standards. God simply commands us to honor them. A mother isn't honored by virtue of her performance she is honored by virtue of God's commandment. The greatest tragedy is that there are some Mothers who, like Mary, have had to experience the death of their children. Who find this day that is set aside for them as a reminder of their grief. Know that just as Jesus remembered Mary he also remembers you.

God's Peace,

Nicholas Kandoll





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Thank you for all the prayers, meals, cards, calls and visits during my hospitalization and recovery. May God bless you all.

God's Peace,
Dennis & DeDe Windel

The Sunday School Program and Picnic will be held May 15th. This marks the end of Sunday School until this fall.

Group 7 will provide the meal.



²⁵ Strength and honour *are* her clothing; and she shall rejoice in time to come. ²⁶ She openeth her mouth with wisdom; and in her tongue *is* the law of kindness. ²⁷ She looketh well to the ways of her household, and eateth not the bread of idleness. ²⁸ Her children arise up, and call her blessed; her husband *also*, and he praiseth her. ²⁹ Many daughters have done virtuously, but thou excellest them all. Proverbs 31:25-30

In Flanders fields the poppies blow
Between the crosses, row on row,
That mark our place; and in the sky
The larks, still bravely singing, fly
Scarce heard amid the guns below.

John McCrae 1892-1918



Spring services will be held the 6th-Friday and the 7th-Saturday @ 7p. Also Sunday morning the 8th @ 10:30.

Guest speakers are Ed Hulkonen, Dennis Hannu and Gerry Southerton.

Baccalaureate service will be announced at a later date.

THE HAND THAT ROCKS THE CRADLE

Blessings on the hand of women!
 Angels guard its strength and grace.
 In the palace, cottage, hovel,
 Oh, no matter where the place;
 Would that never storms assailed it,
 Rainbows ever gently curled,
 For the hand that rocks the cradle
 Is the hand that rules the world.

Infancy's the tender fountain,
 Power may with beauty flow,
 Mothers first to guide the streamlets,
 From them souls unresting grow —
 Grow on for the good or evil,
 Sunshine streamed or evil hurled,
 For the hand that rocks the cradle
 Is the hand that rules the world.

Woman, how divine your mission,
 Here upon our natal sod;
 Keep — oh, keep the young heart open
 Always to the breath of God!
 All true trophies of the ages
 Are from mother-love impearled,
 For the hand that rocks the cradle
 Is the hand that rules the world.

Blessings on the hand of women!
 Fathers, sons, and daughters cry,
 And the sacred song is mingled
 With the worship in the sky —
 Mingles where no tempest darkens,
 Rainbows evermore are hurled;
 For the hand that rocks the cradle
 Is the hand that rules the world.

by William Ross Wallace (1819-1881)



The song, *“The Love of God”* has an amazing history. Part of it can be traced back almost a thousand years to a Jewish hymn written in Aramaic by a cantor in Worms, Germany. The words (which are verse 3) were later found scribbled on the wall of a patient’s room in an insane asylum.

Then, in the early 1900s Pastor Frederick Lehman heard the words quoted. He was deeply stirred by them and decided to adapt them into a hymn. He wrote later, “The profound depth of the lines moved us to preserve the words for future generations. One day...we picked up a scrap of paper and, seated upon an empty lemon box pushed against the wall, with a stub pencil, added the first two stanzas and the chorus of the song.” From a Jewish cantor in Germany, from a patient in an insane asylum, and from a pastor seated on an empty lemon box comes this majestic hymn about the love of God.

Song #302 in Hymns and Songs of Zion

1. *The Love of God is greater far than tongue or pen can ever tell;
 It goes beyond the highest star and reaches to the lowest hell;
 The guilty pair, bowed down with care, God gave His Son to win;
 His erring child He reconciled and pardoned from his sin*
2. *When hoary time shall pass away and earthly thrones and kingdoms fall,
 When men, who here refuse to pray, on rocks and hills and mountains call,
 God’s love so sure shall still endure, all measureless and strong;
 Redeeming grace to Adam’s race the saints’ and angels’ song.*
3. *Could we with ink the ocean fill and were the skies of parchment made,
 Were every stalk on earth a quill and every man a scribe by trade.
 To write the love of God above would drain the ocean dry,
 Nor could the scroll contain the whole, Tho’ stretched from sky to sky.*

CHORUS

*O Love of God, how rich and pure! How measure-less and strong!
 It shall forevermore endure, the saints’ and angels’ song.*

Submitted by LA-J

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New York Mills, Spruce Grove
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Sunday School @ 9:15.

Worship @ 10:30 Sunday

If you choose to watch the services online and would like to donate to the church please send checks to:

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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 9 serves in May
Group 10 for Spring Services
Group 7 serves for Sunday School picnic
Group 8 serves in June

The group will make the main dishes (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.



REMEMBER IN PRAYER

Those who are hurting in body and mind; any that have lost loved ones; the lonely and alone; those that are struggling with depression, addictions, temptations, persecutions. Pray for the sick and relatives and/or friends that are ill or are awaiting surgeries. Also pray for our nations leaders for wisdom from on High to rule this great land; our military; first responders, fire fighters; mission workers.

And pray especially for the children of Christian parents who do not have Jesus as their Savior.

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