

THE SHEPHERD'S LOVE

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From the Pastor's Desk

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"And it came to pass, that, as the people pressed upon him to hear the word of God, he stood by the lake of Gennesaret, And saw two ships standing by the lake: but the fishermen were gone out of them, and were washing their nets. And he entered into one of the ships, which was Simon's, and prayed him that he would thrust out a little from the land. And he sat down, and taught the people out of the ship. Now when he had left speaking, he said unto Simon, Launch out into the deep, and let down your nets for a draught. And Simon answering said unto him, Master, we have toiled all the night, and have taken nothing: nevertheless at thy word I will let down the net. And when they had this done, they inclosed a great multitude of fishes: and their net brake. And they beckoned unto their partners, which were in the other ship, that they should come and help them. And they came, and filled both the ships, so that they began to sink. When Simon Peter saw it, he fell down at Jesus' knees, saying, Depart from me; for I am a sinful man, O Lord. For he was astonished, and all that were with him, at the draught of the fishes which they had taken: And so was also James, and John, the sons of Zebedee, which were partners with Simon. And Jesus said unto Simon, Fear not; from henceforth thou shalt catch men. And when they had

brought their ships to land, they forsook all, and followed him." Luke 5:1-11

One of the major themes of Epiphany is Evangelism. That God reveals himself to the world in our age through the church. This text is very comforting for Christians. God is the one that will bring you the catch. Jesus tells the disciples he will make them "fishers of people" if they follow him. Throughout the gospels he teaches them how to fish for people. Jesus met people where they were and met their physical needs as well as their spiritual needs. At the end of the Gospel of John the disciples are once again fishing unsuccessfully. Jesus tells them to cast their net on the other side, and they fill their nets instantly. This is not only about showing them who He is but also reminding them what he has called them to do. God has shown us how to evangelize through the life of Jesus. However, we can easily lose focus, put the emphasis on numbers. If we ever get discouraged about the size of the church the answer is not to find something new to draw people in. The answer is to return to the basics that Jesus laid out through his life. To focus on His Word and Trust that God will

provide. For God has promised that he will give the increase and give us the harvest.

"You are the light of the world. A city that is set on a hill cannot be hidden. Nor do they light a lamp and put it under a basket, put on a lampstand, and it gives light to all who are in the house. Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works and glorify your Father in heaven." Matthew 5:14-16

Jesus does not say that we must try to be the light of the world, he says that we are. He even goes on to say that our light cannot be hidden. As a Christian, we are joined with Jesus Christ. Jesus not only has taught us how to fish for people but he also directs us where to fish and he fills our nets. It is important to realize that God is the one that saves people. It is not up to the Christian, the Christian is merely a vessel that sows seeds. The cool thing is that when we do this we are serving Jesus too. Jesus has said that whatever we do for our neighbor we do for him. When we serve our neighbor, we are directly serving Jesus Christ. That's what it is to be a fisher of men.

God's Peace Nicholas Kandoll

NOTICE

If you have decent old furniture that you would like to donate, the furniture room at the Food Shelf is nearly empty. Single and double mattresses in good condition, and bed frames are much needed.

Other furniture, such as dressers, tables and chairs are helpful. Please, no electronics.

While I have heard that some families need every kind of furniture, my one year of helping has shown me families taking in adult or children relatives, and they don't have a bed or dresser for them.

Your kindness is appreciated.

Best,

Teresa Muckala

Please join us for dinner after the worship service on Mar 13.



If you would like a birthday listed in the newsletter, please let me know and I will put it in. Or other events- Anniversaries, etc.

The Shepherd's Love

Although, as I have said, inwardly, and according to the spirit, a man is amply enough justified by faith, having all that he requires to have, except that this very faith and abundance ought to increase from day to day, even till the future life; still he remains in this mortal life upon earth, in which it is necessary that he should rule his own body, and have dealings with men. Here then works begin; here he must not take his ease; here he must give heed to exercise his body by fastings, watchings, labor, and other moderate discipline, so that (1) it may be subdued to the spirit, and (2) obey and conform itself to the inner man and faith, and (3) not rebel against them nor hinder them, as is its nature to do if it is not kept under control. For the inner man, being conformed to God, and created after the image of God through faith, rejoices and delights itself in Christ, in whom such blessings have been conferred on it; and hence has only this task before it, to serve God with joy and in free love without constraint.

In doing this he offends that contrary will in his own flesh, which is striving to serve the world, and to seek its own gratification. This the spirit of faith cannot and will not bear [the flesh]; but applies itself with cheerfulness and zeal to keep it down and restrain it; as Paul says: "I delight in the law of God after the inward man; but I see another law in my members, warring against the law of my mind, and bringing me into captivity to the law of sin" (Romans 7:22-23). And again: "I keep under my body, and bring it into subjection, lest that by any means, when I have preached to others, I myself should be a castaway" (1 Corinthians 9:27). And: "They that are Christ's have crucified the flesh with the affections and lusts" (Galatians 5:24).

These works, however, must not be done with any notion that by them a man can be justified before God—for faith, which alone is righteousness before God, will not bear with this false notion—but solely with this purpose, **that the body may be brought into subjection, and be purified from its evil lusts, so that our eyes may be turned only to purging away those lusts. For when the soul has been cleansed by faith and made to love God, it would have all things to be cleansed in like manner; and especially in its own body, so that all things might unite with it in the love and praise of God.** Thus it comes that from the requirements of his own body a man cannot take his ease, but is compelled on its account to do many good works, that he may bring it into subjection. Yet these works are not the means of his justification before God, he does them out of disinterested love to the service of God; looking to no other end than to do what is well-pleasing to Him whom he desires to obey dutifully in all things.

Martin Luther

I Know a Fount

I know a Fount where sins are washed away
 I know a place where night is turned to day
 Burdens are lifted
 Blind eyes made to see
 There's a wonder working pow'r
 In the blood of Calvary

I know a Fount where living water flows
 I know a Name that heals the wounded soul
 Burdens are lifted
 Blind eyes made to see
 There's a wonder working pow'r
 In the blood of Calvary

I know a Fount from Heaven's throne came
 down
 I know a place where thorns were made a
 crown
 Redeemed, forgiven
 Guilty ones made free
 There's a wonder working pow'r
 In the blood of Calvary

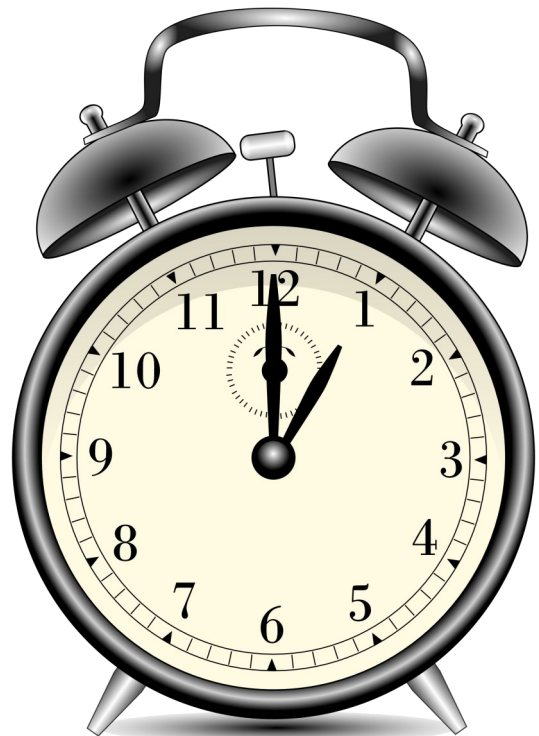
I have a Saviour, He's a faithful Friend,
 One who is with me, will be to the end,
 He, now in glory,
 intercedes for me,
 'Twas His precious cleansing blood
 That once flowed on Calvary.

I have a hope, my Lord will surely come,
 All His redeemed ones shall be gathered
 home.
 With Him in glory
 evermore to be,
 Then we'll praise Him for the blood
 That was shed on Calvary.

Isaiah 53:5 - But he was wounded for our transgressions, he was bruised for our iniquities: the chastisement of our peace was upon him; and with his stripes we are healed.



Daylight Savings Time begins Sunday March 13. Spring your clocks ahead.



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**Sunday School
@ 9:15.**

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@ 10:30 Sunday**

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

Louise Amberg-Jokela

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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 10 serves in Mar
Group 7 serves in Apr

The group will make the main dishes and others are asked to bring salads or desserts.

**Lenten services begin
Wed Mar 2. Men's group 3 serves.**

**Men's group 4 serves
Wed Mar 9**

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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