

THE SHEPHERD'S LOVE

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From the Pastor's Desk

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"1 The Revelation of Jesus Christ, which God gave unto him, to shew unto his servants things which must shortly come to pass; and he sent and signified it by his angel unto his servant John:² Who bare record of the word of God, and of the testimony of Jesus Christ, and of all things that he saw.³ Blessed is he that readeth, and they that hear the words of this prophecy, and keep those things which are written therein: for the time is at hand.⁴ John to the seven churches which are in Asia: Grace be unto you, and peace, from him which is, and which was, and which is to come; and from the seven Spirits which are before his throne;⁵ And from Jesus Christ, who is the faithful witness, and the first begotten of the dead, and the prince of the kings of the earth. Unto him that loved us, and washed us from our sins in his own blood,⁶ And hath made us kings and priests unto God and his Father; to him be glory and dominion for ever and ever. Amen.⁷ Behold, he cometh with clouds; and every eye shall see him, and they also which pierced him: and all kindreds of the earth shall wail because of

him. Even so, Amen.⁸ I am Alpha and Omega, the beginning and the ending, saith the Lord, which is, and which was, and which is to come, the Almighty."

When reading the book of Revelation, there are a few things that the reader needs to be aware of. First, as the first words point out, this is the Revelation of Jesus Christ given to John. It is not purely a roadmap of the end times. John is given a series of visions that depict the entire salvation history of God's people from the fall to Christ's return in glory. In his commentary on Revelation, Louis Brighton writes "Whatever the prophetic message of this book has to say, it is about Jesus Christ." John would have his readers take to heart the words of the prophecy, for the time is near (1:3). The time is near for the fulfillment of what is described, because the Lord is coming quickly (22:6-7). The purpose of the message of Revelation is therefor best summed up in this word: preparation. The hearer and reader are to be ready for what is to come to pass. It is a readiness that comes about through hearing the message. Such preparation consists of baptismal sealing (7:2-3), of being washed in the blood of the Lamb (1:5; 7:9; 13-14; 19:13; 22:14) and through such cleansing to stand ready for the coming Christ (22:12). As the Christian stands prepared for the coming Lord he is encouraged in the hope of his faith (2:10) and is inspired for the mission Christ has

given to his church on earth (10:11).

Second, these visions are open to interpretation. John is told from the visions that he sees, point to truths that must be interpreted. John begins by describing a vision he was given (1:10-20). He's shown seven lampstands, and Jesus in all his glory standing amid them. Jesus is described as holding seven stars in his hands. John is told that the seven lampstands represent the 7 churches in Asia, and the stars in the hands of Jesus are the angels of those churches. This clues us in to the fact that these visions will need to be interpreted.

Third, the book ends with the prayer "Even so come Lord Jesus". This is where we are left after reading this book. This is the prayer of the church for all ages, every day. No matter what eschatological theology we ascribe to, this is our conclusion. God is preparing us to face the days ahead with the certain hope of Christ's return in glory and our resurrection. Revelation is an immense comfort to Christians because it shows us that in the midst of the brokenness and suffering of this world Christ is reigning, and when the time is right, he will bring and end to all of it and take us into the life in the world to come. So, we pray "Come Lord Jesus".

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.

Martin and Helen Mursu

celebrated 75 years of marriage with a host of relatives and friends on Sat March 22. We pray that God would continue to bless them and their marriage.



Freewill Fish Fry

There will be a fish fry supper Friday April 11th from 5-7pm. It is to fundraise for bible camp. Whatever proceeds aren't used for bible camp will go into the youth fund.

Also, registration for bible camp at Lahti retreat center is open. Thie QR code will



**Several of the
Sunday School children
sang for the
Sweetheart supper
that was held in February.**



Which comes first, the words or the music? In most cases, the words come first and then a musician composes the tune. The blind hymn writer Fanny Crosby, who wrote eight thousand hymn texts, worked both ways. She often wrote the lyrics first and then sent them to a musician for him or her to set the lyrics to music. But sometimes she worked the other way.

In the case of this hymn, William Doane wrote the music first and asked Crosby if the music said anything to her. In such times, she would often say, "That tune says to me..." and then she would write a stirring text.

This hymn's tune reminded Crosby of the Cross and its importance in our lives. She knew that the Cross of Christ is the central point of history. Without the Cross, there would be no salvation, no eternal life, no hope. If we don't stay near the Cross, we lose our focus in life. Sometimes, although we acknowledge that the Cross is essential for salvation, we lose sight of the fact that it is also essential for our daily living.

*Jesus, keep me near the cross--there a precious fountain,
Free to all, a healing stream, flows from Calv'ry's mountain.*

Chorus

*In the cross, in the cross, be my glory ever,
Till my raptured soul shall find rest, beyond the river.*

*2. Near the cross, a trembling soul, love and mercy found me;
There the Bright and Morning Star sheds its beams around me.*

*3. Near the cross! O Lamb of God, bring its scenes before me;
Help me walk from day to day with its shadow o'er me.*

*4. Near the cross I'll watch and wait, hoping, trusting ever,
Till I reach the golden strand just beyond the river.*
(Hymns & Songs of Zion, no. 72)

For I have received of the Lord that which also I delivered unto you, that the Lord Jesus the same night in which he was betrayed took bread: And when he had given thanks, he brake it, and said, Take, eat: this is my body, which is broken for you: this do in remembrance of me. After the same manner also he took the cup, when he had supped, saying, this cup is the new testament in my blood: this do ye, as oft as ye drink it, in remembrance of me. For as often as ye eat this bread, and drink this cup, ye do shew the Lord's death till he

Christians Need the Sacrament of Holy Communion

But the Sacrament of the Holy Supper was instituted not merely that by its observance Christ might be honored; for He can truthfully say: *I need not thy praise, I am the Son of God, whether thou glorifiest me or not;* but also and especially for the reason that we stand in need of such a Testament and Supper, and that we might be benefited by it. Listen to the words with which He gives the bread: "Take, eat, this is my body, which is given for you," and with which, soon after, He gives the cup: "Drink ye all of it; this cup is the New Testament in my blood, which is shed for you, for the remission of sins."

This declaration is the Christian's most effective consolation; for he who really believes that Christ gave His body for him, and that He shed His blood for the remission of his sins, cannot despair, no matter what sin, the world and the devil may say. He knows that this treasure wherewith his sins have been cancelled is far greater than all his iniquities.

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

Thank you

to everyone who contributed to the New York Mills Area Food Shelf in March.

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.

Church Information

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**Echoes of Mercy
Radio Broadcast
920 AM KWAD**

Sunday mornings
English at 8:05 am

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

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 9 for April 20 -
Easter Dinner— Congregation
can bring pies or salads.

Group 10 for May

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.

NYM Emergency Food Shelf

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

CONNIE WARNER
218-385-2853 (work Mon–Thurs)
218-385-3669 (home)

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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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