

THE SHEPHERD'S LOVE

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From the Pastor's Desk

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Now therefore hearken, O Israel, unto the statutes and unto the judgments, which I teach you, for to do them, that ye may live, and go in and possess the land which the Lord God of your fathers giveth you.

² Ye shall not add unto the word which I command you, neither shall ye diminish ought from it, that ye may keep the commandments of the Lord your God which I command you.

³ Your eyes have seen what the Lord did because of Baalpeor: for all the men that followed Baalpeor, the Lord thy God hath destroyed them from among you.

⁴ But ye that did cleave unto the Lord your God are alive every one of you this day.

⁵ Behold, I have taught you statutes and judgments, even as the Lord my God commanded me, that ye should do so in the land whither ye go to possess it.

⁶ Keep therefore and do them; for this is your wisdom and your under-

standing in the sight of the nations, which shall hear all these statutes, and say, Surely this great nation is a wise and understanding people.

⁷ For what nation is there so great, who hath God so nigh unto them, as the Lord our God is in all things that we call upon him for?

⁸ And what nation is there so great, that hath statutes and judgments so righteous as all this law, which I set before you this day?

⁹ Only take heed to thyself, and keep thy soul diligently, lest thou forget the things which thine eyes have seen, and lest they depart from thy heart all the days of thy life: but teach them thy sons, and thy sons' sons; (Deuteronomy 4:1-9)

This is the Old Testament reading for the first Sunday in September. Moses is addressing the children of Israel during their wilderness wanderings. He's encouraging them to keep the Lord's Word and reminding them that it is sufficient for them. We can receive this encouragement today too. God's Word is sufficient for us and our children. This month is back to school month for those in our local area. I am very thankful that the Lord provides us with teachers in our public school system who have a heart for educating our youth. It is a high calling. Too often we take them for granted. As Christians, we unite in

prayer for our public-school teachers, recognizing the challenges they face. One of the difficulties they encounter is that many parents have, unfortunately, shifted their God-given responsibility to educate and nurture their children onto the teachers. I've been told when Sunday School was first introduced in America there was a great deal of pushback from people who were afraid that it would result in parents not teaching their children at home. As Moses was called to deliver God's Word to the children of Israel, so too are we, as parents, called to teach it to our children. We see the consequences of neglecting this responsibility within our homes, where so many distractions vie for our attention. As we send our kids back to school—whether public, home, or Sunday school—let us not forget Moses' words and remember that God has appointed you, the parent, as the first and foremost teacher of your children.

"Only take heed to thyself, and keep thy soul diligently, lest thou forget the things which thine eyes have seen, and lest they depart from thy heart all the days of thy life: but teach them thy sons, and thy sons' sons." (Deuteronomy 4:1-9)"

God's Peace,
Pastor Nicholas Kandoll

Thou art my hiding place and my shield: I hope in thy word.

Psalm 119:114

***Grace is one of the hardest lessons for us to learn about God. Some show their ignorance of God's grace by working hard to be good enough. They pay lip service to the idea of God's grace but don't really understand it. Others display their misunderstanding of God's grace by concluding it's inaccessible to them. They know they cannot be good enough for God, so they despair of ever having a relationship with Him.

It is this second group that Julia Johnston was writing for. She knew how important it was to understand and experience the simple, yet difficult, truth of God's gracious forgiveness. Johnston, who lived in Peoria, Illinois, was a Sunday school teacher and became a noted expert in Sunday School curriculum. Though she penned texts for more than five hundred hymns, this is the only one widely known. It powerfully teaches this essential Christian truth: God's grace is far greater than any sin you have committed. All you have to do is receive it.

*Marvelous grace of our loving Lord,
Grace that exceeds our sin and our guilt!
Yonder on Calvary's mount outpoured--
There where the blood of the Lamb was spilt.*

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*Sin and despair, like the sea waves cold,
Threaten the soul with infinite loss;
Grace that is greater--yes, grace untold--
Points to the refuge, the mighty cross.*

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*Dark is the stain that we cannot hide--
What can avail to wash it away?
Look! There is flowing a crimson tide--
Whiter than snow you may be today.*

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*Marvelous infinite, matchless grace,
Freely bestowed on all who believe!
You that are longing to see His face,
Will you this moment His Grace receive?*

CHORUS

*Grace, grace, God's Grace,
Grace that will pardon and cleanse within,
Grace, grace, God's grace,
Grace that is greater than all our sin!
(Hymn no. 344 in Hymns & Songs of Zion)*

Jesus, You're Always There for Me

When the world comes crashing
in

And chaos rules my mind,
I turn my heart to you, Lord,
And pure, sweet peace I find.

You lift me out of trouble
You comfort me in pain;
You nourish, heal and cleanse
me,
Like cool, refreshing rain.

In times of joy and bliss,
When things are going right,
You lift me even higher,
And fill me with delight.

You listen to my prayers;
You hear my every plea;
I'm safe because I know
You're always there for me.

By Joanna Fuchs



And he said unto me, My grace is sufficient for thee: for my strength is made perfect in weakness. Most gladly therefore will I rather glory in my infirmities, that the power of Christ may rest upon me.

2 Corinthians 12:9

I love the Lord, because he hath heard my voice and my supplications. Because he hath inclined his ear unto me, therefore will I call upon him as long as I live.

Psalm 116:1-2

The NYM Bible Reading Marathon Committee wants to THANK Apostolic Lutheran Church for your participation. Fourteen of you read the Word during the Marathon. Thank you for your financial contribution. Thank you for being a big part of this Christian outreach to the NYM area. The Lord bless you all.

Sandra Bentley

"Cheap grace means grace sold on the market like cheapjacks' wares. The sacraments, the forgiveness of sin, and the consolations of religion are thrown away at cut prices. Grace is represented as the Church's inexhaustible treasury, from which she showers blessings with generous hands, without asking questions or fixing limits. Grace without price; grace without cost! The essence of grace, we suppose, is that the account has been paid in advance; and, because it has been paid, everything can be had for nothing. Since the cost was infinite, the possibilities of using and spending it are infinite. What would grace be if it were not cheap?...

Cheap grace is the preaching of forgiveness without requiring repentance, baptism without church discipline, Communion without confession, absolution without personal confession. Cheap grace is grace without discipleship, grace without the cross, grace without Jesus Christ, living and incarnate.

Costly grace is the treasure hidden in the field; for the sake of it a man will go and sell all that he has. It is the pearl of great price to buy which the merchant will sell all his goods. It is the kingly rule of Christ, for whose sake a man will pluck out the eye which causes him to stumble; it is the call of Jesus Christ at which the disciple leaves his nets and follows him.

Costly grace is the gospel which must be sought again and again, the gift which must be asked for, the door at which a man must knock.

Such grace is costly because it calls us to follow, and it is grace because it calls us to follow Jesus Christ. It is costly because it costs a man his life, and it is grace because it gives a man the only true life. It is costly because it condemns sin, and grace because it justifies the sinner. Above all, it is costly because it cost God the life of his Son: "ye were bought at a price," and what has cost God much cannot be cheap for us. Above all, it is grace because God did not reckon his Son too dear a price to pay for our life, but delivered him up for us. Costly grace is the Incarnation of God."

— Dietrich Bonhoeffer, [The Cost of Discipleship](#)



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920 AM KWAD**

Sunday mornings
English at 8:05 am

*Sponsored by
New York Mills, Spruce Grove
and Menahga Apostolic
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Sunday Schedule

Bible Study @9:15
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 on the
first Sunday
Group 9 for Sept
Group 10 for Sept 15
Group 7 for Oct

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

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CALL NYM CULTURAL CENTER
218-385-3339

CONNIE WARNER
218-385-2853 (work Mon–Thurs)
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400 S WALKER AVE
NEW YORK MILLS, MN

FOOD SHELF HOURS

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

July 29, 2024

August 26, 2024

Sept. 30, 2024

Oct. 28, 2024

Usage limit 1 time per month

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