

Family Information

Today's Sermon Title

Fruit of the Spirit

Theme Passage

Galatians 5:22

Thoughts to Consider

- 1) Have you memorized the fruit of the Spirit?
- 2) Which of the fruit do you struggle with the most?
- 3) Which of the fruit comes most easily to you?

Camp

Fort Hill Church Camp Registration - A \$20 discount is offered if you register and pay by May 15th. Camp Week is July 14-20, Let Josh Evans know if you are interested in attending.

VBS theme- My God is so big

Northland Church Picnic

Saturday May 11th, 4:30 pm at Blendon Woods Metro Park - Sycamore Shelter. Come Join the Family Fun! Please bring your own meat and a side dish to share! Paper goods and water will be provided. Lawn Chairs come handy as well!

Calendar

May

- 11 Congregational Spring Picnic
Blendon Woods Sycamore Shelter
- 12 Mothers Day
- 12 Single Sisters Lunch
- 17 Teen Game Night
- 17 TGIF
- 27 Memorial Day
- 29 Singing At Willow Brook Village 10:30am

For The Month of May

Invitation/ Responses: Jim Robbins

Foyer Duty: Josh Evans

Greeters: Art and Kythrie Silva

Announcements: Art Silva

Communion Servers

Jake Bowman	Jack Evans
Josh Evans	Michael Evans
Mike Evans	Bobby Graham Jr.
William Nixon	Paul Silva

Contribution

Last Week	Average YTD
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General:	\$4651	\$4962
Designated:	\$155	\$184

Services

Sunday Bible Study	9:30 am
Sunday Ghana Bible Study	9:30 am
Sunday Worship Service	10:30 am
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Sunday Spanish Worship	3:00 pm
Wednesday Evening	7:00 pm

Minister: Caleb Dillinger

Elders: Roy Estep, Mike Evans, Jeff McVicker, Jim Robbins

Deacons: Lynn Champney, Perry Coate, Glenn Culler, Darrell Estep, Jack Evans, John Lindsay, Don Milnor, Art Silva

Spanish Ministry: Elmer Renderos



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Carrying The Tabernacle

(& Learning From Canada Geese)

The Lord had said to Moses: You must not count the tribe of Levi or include them in the census of the other Israelites. Instead, appoint the Levites to be in charge of the tabernacle of the covenant law—over all its furnishings and everything belonging to it. - Numbers 1:48-50

God no longer counts us among the world's nations, for he has redeemed us as his own, and in his overflowing grace he makes everyone who turns to Jesus his own sons and daughters. God has appointed us to carry his tabernacle with us wherever we go, for when we follow Jesus, God sanctifies us and makes our hearts a temple for his Spirit. *They are to carry the tabernacle and all its furnishings; they are to take care of it and encamp around it. Whenever the tabernacle is to move, the Levites are to take it down, and whenever the tabernacle is to be set up, the Levites shall do it. - Numbers 1:50-51*

As priests of the New Covenant, we no longer live for ourselves alone, and our inheritance is in eternal things, just as God had said to the Levites, *The Lord is their inheritance (Deuteronomy 10:9)*. So God simply asks us to remain in him, to set up our tent close to him so that he may protect us from spiritual foes that are too strong for us - *The Levites, however, are to set up their tents around the tabernacle of the covenant law . . . The Levites are to be responsible for the care of the tabernacle. - Numbers 1:52-53*

Canada geese are known for their V-formation in flight. This helps them conserve energy, as the geese takes turns at the head of the formation where they face more wind resistance. God has also taught them to synchronize their wing beats to take maximum advantage of air currents, so none of them flaps too quickly or too slowly.

Similarly, God asks us not to run ahead and not to wander off, instead he gently reminds us *Since we live by the Spirit, let us keep in step with the Spirit (Galatians 5:25)*. For within each of us is the treasure of God's presence in our jars of clay. None of us in ourselves is up to the task of carrying this tabernacle, or of proclaiming God's words, yet in his overflowing grace our Father in heaven *has made us competent as ministers of a new covenant (2 Corinthians 3:6)*.

Each goose realizes that they need one another for support and protection, and as they fly, they continually call out to reassure one another. If a goose completely tires or is injured, a couple of the others accompany it to the ground, where they wait together for another flock to come by.

God has also brought us together, and in a much deeper way he calls to us and reassures that he will be with each of us, whether we are weary or joyful or discouraged or hopeful. For God makes a new covenant with everyone who walks by faith in Jesus; and his compassion and his faithfulness endure forever.

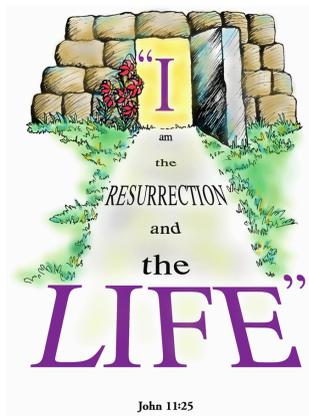
- Mark Garner

The Giver Of Life

O, You who are ever giving life to all life, moving all creatures, root of all things, washing them clean, wiping out their mistakes, healing their wounds, You are our true life, luminous, wonderful, awakening the heart from its ancient sleep.

. . . You are the cause of all movement. You are the breath of all creatures. You are the salve that purifies our souls. You are the ointment that heals our wounds. You are the fire that warms our hearts. You are the light that guides our feet. Let all the world praise you.

- Hildegard of Bingen,
1098-1179



Teens Wanted

Looking for a Sunday morning Bible class for your teens?

We offer a class on Sunday mornings for middle and high school teens starting at 9:30am. We have a talented rotation of teachers serving God to prepare teens for life. Currently we are finishing up the book of Ephesians which has highlighted important aspects of God's truth and love. Starting at the beginning of May we will be studying Galatians where we will look at the difference between salvation by law and salvation by grace. We hope to see you Sunday morning! If you have any questions, feel free to send us a message or see Josh Evans!



There Is No One Like The Lord, Our God

In recent weeks, some of Northland's members have been writing about some of God's qualities that are beyond us to understand fully, aspects of God's nature that are 'too wonderful' for us to grasp completely. This week, Caleb Dillinger writes about God's transcendent peace.

God's Transcendent Peace

We live in a chaotic world. Watch the news in the morning or evening and there is chaos. Research for five minutes on the political state of our country or the world and you find once again, chaos. A look at our own souls and battles with sin, and there the culprit remains: chaos. Yet God offers us a way around the chaos: peace.

The peace God offers you and I is not the peace of compromise. God does not say "Give up some of your sin and I will give you some of my peace." Nor does he say "If you work hard in righteous deeds, I'll loan you peace from time to time." We can rest assured that our God is the God of peace who gives freely to those who ask. I love the prayer Paul offers to the Thessalonian church: "Now may the Lord of peace himself give you peace at all times in every way" (2 Thessalonians 3:16). We have the God of peace on our side whenever we feel like we are drowning in chaos.

The peace of the Lord is so well illustrated in the story of Jesus sleeping on a boat that was being tossed about by chaotic winds and waves. The disciples are frightened and think they will drown, but Jesus needs only say "Peace, be still" to calm everything. Why does he need to say so little? Because he is the embodiment of peace. He was peace in the physical storm surrounding his disciples and he is the peace for us as we face storms today.

I cannot accurately tell you how God grants peace to his followers, for the peace of God surpasses all understanding because it is transcendent. How God gives peace to so many at once in unique ways is beyond me. But I have witnessed God do it. Time and time again, I have seen God freely give peace to those in need. When chaos seemingly reigns, the Lord speaks forth peace into the storm.

Some of you reading this article are in desperate need of peace. Some are basking in the peace recently given. Some are treasuring the peace they have had for a long while. But rest assured, all of the peace to be given and received comes from the same source: the Almighty God. How and why is beyond my understanding, but I am eternally grateful for the peace of God in my life.

- Caleb Dillinger