

Family Information

Sermon By Lynn Rosenbaum

Sermon Passage

John 6:1-15 & Matthew 14:13-21

Thoughts to consider

- 1) How far would you travel to hear Jesus preach?
- 2) What's the most incredible thing you've seen in your faith?
- 3) How could God use your talents?

February Challenge: Communicate with 1 person this week that you didn't connect with last month.

Sympathy

We want to express our sympathy to Geneva Bundy at the death of her brother, Lonnie.

Northland Staff

The elders at this time would like to recognize the contribution of the Northland staff. To recognize not only our Church staff but also our Child Care staff. God has blessed us with wonderful dedicated individuals. We encourage all our members to personally thank them. At this time the elders would also like to recognize their contribution by a salary increase. These increases will take effect in February.

The elders would like to ask the congregation if you haven't recently, to consider increasing your contribution so the work here at Northland can continue to grow.

Calendar

February

14-16 Winterfest

March

4 Singing At Willow Brook Home 10:30am
6 Teen Game Night 6:30 pm - 1:00 am
8 Daylight Savings Time Begins
8 Single Sisters Lunch

Contribution Statements

Contribution statements for 2019 are available in the church office. See Pam Estep or Glenn Culler to pick up your statement.

For The Month of February

Invitation/ Responses: Jim Evans

Foyer Duty: Joshua Evans

Greeters: Jeff and Robbie McVicker

Announcements: Mike Evans

Communion Servers

Jack Evans	Josh Evans
Michael Evans	Mike Evans
John Lindsay	Frank Rynearson
Paul Silva	Yaw Tiekou

Contribution

	Last Week	Average YTD
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General:	\$4274	\$4842
Designated:	\$100	\$160

Services

Sunday Bible Study	9:30 am
Sunday Ghana Bible Study	9:30 am
Sunday Worship Service	10:30 am
Sunday Ghana Worship Service	10:30 am
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

Like The Sound Of Rushing Waters

(With Thoughts From Hildegard Of Bingen)

On the Lord's Day I was in the Spirit, and I heard behind me a loud voice like a trumpet, which said: Write on a scroll what you see and send it to the seven churches . . . I turned around to see the voice that was speaking to me. - Revelation 1:10-12

When John hears Jesus' call, he turns to see and hear things that human words cannot begin to describe fully. The apostle's vivid description helps us to realize that God is vaster, more glorious, more compassionate and understanding than mortal minds can begin to imagine.

Hildegard of Bingen (1098-1179) was known both for her devotion to God and also for her studies in science and nature. She often expressed how nature can help us understand our Heavenly Father, as she wrote, "Glance at the sun. See the moon and the stars. Gaze at the beauty of earth's greenings. Now, think."

As we consider the blessings and encouragement and sustenance these give us, then as we consider how large the sun really is, and how far away the stars are, we can realize that these are just a glimpse of God's vastness and his care and his splendor. Likewise, John uses images that are meant to encourage us to look at things from a spiritual perspective - *I saw seven golden lampstands, and among the lampstands was someone like a son of man . . . The hair on his head was white like wool, as white as snow, and his eyes were like blazing fire. - Revelation 1:12-14*

Just as Jesus was walking among the lampstands, he is among us today, his Spirit lives within each of us, and God is always near with us all. Hildegard reminds us of the many ways this can comfort us and reassure us when we face this world's sorrows and fears, "God is in our midst. Whoever knows him can never fall. Not in the heights, nor in the depths . . . For he is love, which the vast expanses of evil can never still." John then describes Jesus's voice as sounding like rushing waters. Similarly, spiritual nourishment and grace and guidance flow freely from God to those who follow his Son - *And his voice was like the sound of rushing waters . . . His face was like the sun shining in all its brilliance. - Revelation 1:15-16*

John is so overwhelmed by all this, he has no idea of what to say or do, so Jesus touches him and reassures him of his care and compassion - *When I saw him, I fell at his feet as though dead. Then he placed his right hand on me and said: Do not be afraid. I am the First and the Last. I am the Living One; I was dead, and now look, I am alive for ever and ever! - Revelation 1:17-18*

As Hildegard once said, "The mystery of God hugs you in its all-encompassing arms." For Jesus is our First and our Last, his message gives us hope all day long, and he gives us the trustworthy promise of eternal life with God.



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- Mark Garner

The Crucifixion

Why did the sun his beams conceal
As if unwilling to reveal
That deed of mankind on the day
When Jesus, at the altar, lay
A willing sacrifice.

Earth, too, in terror shook, when He
The Mighty, died on Calvary;
When for our sins He bowed His head,
Gave up the ghost, and quickly sped
To regions of the dead.

And some who had for ages long
Been wrapped in slumber deep and strong,
Awoke, and by their converse showed
That death no more dominion had
In that He died.

Why did He die? Ah! blissful thought,
When we near death and hell were brought,
He left His father's courts above—
O, list to such amazing love—
And died to save.

Why did He die? 'Twas love divine
That caused Him all things to resign—
A heavenly choir, celestial home,
Exalted seat, seraphic song,
And all to save.

- Mary Weston Fordham, 1897



“...the LORD has
laid on him the
iniquity of us all.”

Isaiah 53:6b

Sing To The Lord A New Song

This week, Franklin Agyei writes about the many things that we can praise and thank God for.

The Song of My Life

*I will bless the LORD at all times;
His praise shall continually be in my mouth.
My soul shall make its boast in the LORD;
The humble shall hear of it and be glad.
Oh, magnify the LORD with me,
And let us exalt His name together.
I sought the LORD, and He heard me,
And delivered me from all my fears.
They looked to Him and were radiant,
And their faces were not ashamed.
This poor man cried out, and the LORD heard him,
And saved him out of all his troubles.
The angel of the LORD encamps all around those who fear Him,
And delivers them.*

*Oh, taste and see that the LORD is good;
Blessed is the man who trusts in Him! - Psalm 34:1-8 (NKJV)*

Brethren, join me and let's side with David and give thanks and praises to the Most High God. He has been so good and faithful to me. Even when I'm weak and down He strengthens me. When I look back where I came from, I didn't know there is someone called Jesus Christ, because I was born into a Muslim family but by God's grace, now I'm a living soul in Christ Jesus. I have hope which is so great in Christ.

Hallelujah is my song for the Lord is so merciful to everyone including the lost ones.

Great is His love and His grace is abundant to all mankind.

Amen.

- Franklin Agyei