

Unbounded Love

The holiest day of Christian observance is once again close at hand. Like Christmas, we await Easter with joy and thanksgiving. Christmas heralds the fulfillment of promise of a Savior, while Easter, and the events preceding it, tell of the passion and love of the Savior of mankind who gave his life as a sacrifice for all. He then culminated God's plan for our salvation by arising from the grave, victorious over death, hell, and the power of the Devil. God's love, personified in his Son, is beyond our human understanding, yet in every believers heart there is a compelling power of his presence that calls, gathers, enlightens, and sanctifies his whole Christian church on earth. It is the inner working of God's Holy Spirit.

We rejoice today to read the words of Jesus when he said, "I am the good shepherd: the good shepherd giveth his life for the sheep." John 10:11 Dear friend, what does it mean to you to know that Jesus, the Good Shepherd, had to die on Calvary's cross for you? The debt of sin that was yours, he willing paid for with his holy precious blood. He who knew no sin, became sin for you and me, so that we would not have to die eternally. Such unbounded love we can never fully comprehend, but may our Heavenly Father reveal to each of us, individually, that it was for me that Jesus suffered and died and was raised up by the power of God on the third day.

When we pause in our busy lives to quietly consider the wonder of God's love for us, don't we find ourselves deeply humbled by it all? In this humbled condition let us allow ourselves to be drawn into communion with him, even as King David was when he prayed, "Search me, O God, and know my heart: try me, and know my thoughts: and see if there be any wicked way in me and lead me in the way everlasting." Psalms 139:23-24

As our Lord leads his children in the way that is everlasting, it is his desire that we all yield ourselves willingly and joyfully, prayerfully seeking his spiritual direction. Especially should we reach out to him for help and guidance as we recognize all the enticements in the world which are so appealing to

our sinful flesh. Many of these things appear to be so good and seemingly acceptable, but in reality they are designed to appeal to man's emotions. Many are

tempted to build their hope of salvation on these deceitful ploys of Satan. The truth always remains that man can only be saved by a simple, childlike faith in Jesus, which God gives freely to sincerely repentant sinners. To such is given the peace of a good conscience when by faith one believes the declaration of the gospel's power, which is the cleansing blood of Christ for the remission of his sins. For this reason King David states, "Blessed is he whose transgression is forgiven, and whose sin is covered." Psalms 32:1 We pray for strength to uphold these truths in this day of turmoil and confusion. Our witness of this truth may bring some poor seeking soul to the safe refuge Christ Jesus affords to all who come to him as beggars of grace.

May our life of faith in the redemptive work of Christ Jesus, our Lord, who is the Great Shepherd of the sheep, be one of everlasting gratitude. We pray that his love, peace, and joy would abound in our hearts this Easter season and forever. Hold fast to that which our Lord has promised dear Christian friend, for great is your reward in heaven. It is in the power of his resurrection that we are privileged to cling to this lively hope. Perhaps soon our faith and hope will be changed to sight, all by his unbounded love.

May you have a most blessed Easter,
Ken Storm – pastor

April 6	Ken Storm	11:00	Holy Communion
April 13	Jim Johnson	11:00	
Friday April 18	Don Salo	7pm	Good Friday
April 20	Don Salo Ken Storm	11:00 2:00	Easter Sunday Meals provided
April 27	Nathan Ruonavaara	11:00	

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burn sermons to CD upon request.

At this time you will not be able to download the mixlr broadcast to an .mp3 player. Please let me know if this is important to you. - Jennifer Miller

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The March 23 sermon has 5 minutes of 'dead air' at the beginning, please be patient!

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