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FROM THE DESK OF PASTOR DAN

ORIGINAL SIN:

The Bible teaches us clearly that all our thoughts, words, and actions are tainted by original sin. The problem of original sin began with Adam and Eve in the Garden of Eden. God placed them in Paradise and gave all Creation over to them. God allowed Adam & Eve to eat from every tree in the garden but forbid them to eat from the tree of the Knowledge of Good & Evil.

Satan stepped forward in the form of a serpent and debated the exact nature of the command with Eve. Catching Eve in an exaggeration, the serpent hissed that God was motivated jealousy rather than loving concern. God's command lost its force and authority.

Genesis 3:6

When the woman saw that the fruit of the tree was good for food and pleasing to the eye, and also desirable for gaining wisdom, she took some and ate it. She also gave some to her husband, who was with her, and he ate it.

Christians call this episode the Fall of Man, because Adam and Eve sinned against God's command, felt guilt and shame, and no longer lived in innocence and peace.

Adam and Eve revealed their new sense of shame by sewing clothes to cover their nakedness. They then attempted to hide from God, but that was impossible. God asked Adam what happened. Revealing his sinful nature, Adam blamed Eve—the woman whom thou gavest to be with me—for this sorry episode. Adam also implied in his response that God had created a defective wife for him. God turned to Eve and asked for her account. She blamed the serpent for beguiling her.

God drove Adam and Eve from the Garden of Eden and prevented their return. He cursed the serpent and promised a Messiah who would crush the head of the serpent. God promised Eve difficulty, pain, and sorrow in childbirth. God warned Adam that he would have to work extremely hard for his food, battle thorns and thistles, and die. Death entered the world through Adam because the penalty for sin is death.

Original sin means that we are born sinful rather than innocent. Although babies are relatively

innocent, they are inherently selfish and self-centered. Children raised without discipline or faith have no conscience, no concern for others, no sense of responsibility. Even when we have the best possible training and noblest intentions, we are all sinful, as Paul confessed.

Romans 7:18-19

I know that nothing good lives in me, that is, in my sinful nature. For I have the desire to do what is good, but I cannot carry it out. [19] For what I do is not the good I want to do; no, the evil I do not want to do--this I keep on doing.

In an age where we confess everyone's sins except our own, Paul's admission reminds us of our weakness and inability to resist temptation. Many classes of mankind pretend to have motives so pure that their words and actions are beyond criticism. However, God's Word does not recognize a perfection accomplished through works, whether it is pacifism, socialism, vegetarianism, ecumenism, or any other type of activism.

Romans 3:10-18

As it is written: "There is no one righteous, not even one; [11] there is anyone who understands, no one who seeks God. [12] All have turned away, they have together become worthless; there is no one who does good, not even one. [13] Their throats are open graves; their tongues practice deceit. The poison of vipers is on their lips. [14] Their mouths are full of cursing and bitterness. [15] Their feet are swift to shed blood; [16] ruin and misery mark their ways, [17] and the way of peace they do not know. [18] There is no fear of God before their eyes."

In fact, original sin is so powerful in all mankind that people deny it exists and cannot understand it with their own human reason. No one understands original sin unless the Holy Spirit teaches him through the Law that this is a profound corruption of our nature and not merely missing the mark. Christians refer to their sinful nature as the Old Adam, a reminder of the power of original sin. God has provided a remedy for the terminal illness of sin.



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1 Cor. 15:21-22

For since death came through a man, the resurrection of the dead comes also through a man. [22] For as in Adam all die, so in Christ all will be made alive.

The more we know about our sinful nature, the more we appreciate the forgiveness offered to us through the atoning death of Christ. The greatest sinners are the most grateful to God, because they know the magnitude of their own rebellion against God's Word and the suffering following from that opposition to His will.

THE POWER OF THE DEVIL'S KINGDOM:

"Even the history of the world shows how great is the power of the devil's kingdom. The world is full of blasphemies against God and of wicked opinions, and the devil keeps entangled in these bands those who are wise and righteous [many hypocrites who appear to be holy] in the sight of the world. In other persons greater vices manifest themselves. But since Christ was given to us to remove both these sins and these punishments, and to destroy the kingdom of the devil, sin and death, it will not be possible to recognize the benefits of Christ unless we understand our evils. For this reason pastors have diligently taught about these subjects, and have delivered nothing that is new, but have set forth Holy Scriptures and the judgments of the holy Fathers." [Quote taken from the Book of Concord, The Augsburg Confession, II. #50. Original Sin]

In Christ, Pastor Dan

THANK YOU

Everything done for our church comes from the help you give. There needs to be a special thank you given to all the people who make our Sunday Worship Happen. To the Ushers, Scripture Readers, Projector Operators, Parish Secretary, Pastor, Custodian, Office Helper, those who help with Communion and Our Members. These are some of the people who work so well together in our little church to make every Sunday a wonderful Worship experience. Praise be to God for wonderful helpers and Stewards.

NEWSLETTER DEADLINE

The September 2018 Newsletter Deadline will be August 16th .

NEWSLETTER INFORMATION

A special statement to the groups of our church: If you are not bringing your news articles or announcements to the office for publication in the newsletter, the people of our congregation will not know what is going on within our church or your group. Please help us save postage by having your newsletter e-mailed to you. Just e-mail the church at northlandchurch@hotmail.com Thank you.

PHONE NUMBER

If you change your primary phone number or you move, please keep the church office informed of your new contact information. Thank you, Laura

PLEASE UNPLUG!!

If you use any piece of equipment in the church office, please unplug it after you are done. With the lightening storm season upon us we do not want to take the risk of any of the equipment being shorted out by a lightning strike. Thank you. Laura J. Krogwold

CHECK OUT THE FAMILY CENTER

In the Narthex, you will see Christian based movies available for kids, family, and adults to check out and take home for a week. If anyone has a Christian based DVD that they would like to add to the Family Center, simply put your name on the back cover if you would like to maintain ownership. So when you come to church, check it out.

MEMORIAL CROSS

Northland has a Memorial Cross in the Narthex. The Memorial Cross has plaques with the names of people who have given money in memory of their loved ones. Each plaque is a minimum of \$100 with the money going to the Fundraising Fund of Northland Church. If you are interested in having a plaque put on the cross in memory of your loved one please contact Laura Krogwold at: 715-412-0799.



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HUNTING LAND

The Church's 40 acres of hunting land is available for rent. If you are interested please call Dean Lashua at: 715-445-3291.

JUST A REMINDER

There are always offering envelopes, extra monthly calendars, church directories, song request forms, and various pamphlets and church information on the table in the narthex under the bulletin board.

CONGRATULATIONS!!! AND THANK YOU

It is time to thank Terry Oligney for his 23 years of service as our church's custodian and grounds Keeper and as Groundskeeper of the Northland Cemetery. Your years of dedication have been much appreciated. Thank You So Much!!

DURING THE TRANSITION

Until the new custodian gets started please forward any concerns, questions or are interested in becoming the custodian please contact Laura Krogwold at 715-412-0799 or Dean at 920-572-4569.

TIME TO PARTY

In honor of Terri Oligney's 23 years of service at Northland Church. The Northland Church Council will be hosting a potluck to celebrate Terri's retirement. This will take place on August 19th following Worship.

CEMETARY ASSOCIATION

We would like to thank Sherman Wogsland and Roy Van Epern for their many years of service as the President and Treasurer/Secretary of the Northland Cemetery Association. Your new President of the Northland Cemetery Association is Greg Krogwold and the new Treasurer/Secretary is Jim Wrolstad. If you have questions please contact Greg at 715-570-2710. Thank you.

IN SYMPATHY

Please keep the family and friends of Audrey Kirchhoff in your prayers. She will greatly be missed by all that knew her, especially her family at Northland Church.

Please be with the family of Dan Holz (son for our former Pastor Gerald Holz and Joan) and give them comfort in their time of grief.

We ask that you keep the family of Vernon Amundson in your prayers as they cope with his passing.

JULY CHURCH INFORMATION

- **JULY USHERS:** Kevin & Pam Dahle
- **JULY ALTAR:** Dianne Erickson
- **JULY OFFERING COUNTER:** Craig Anderson
- **COUNCIL MEETING:** The July council meeting will be on Tuesday, July 10th at 7:00 PM. If you are unable to attend this meeting please contact Dean Lashua at 715-445-3291 or 920-572-4569.
- **PRAYER GROUP:** Prayer Group will meet every Thursday from 2:00 PM to 3:00 PM at Church
- **NORTHLAND WOMEN'S GROUP:** **NOTE DATE CHANGE** The Northland Women's Group will meet Wednesday, July 18th at 6:00 PM for their annual picnic at the Thirsty Perch. We do need reservations. If you would like to attend please call Marylyn at: 414-375-8598. We are all encouraged to bring a friend.
- **JULY PROJECTOR OPERATORS:**
 - 1st Craig A.
 - 8th Dale T.
 - 15th Carl T
 - 22nd Bruce M.
 - 29th Greg K.
- **JULY COFFEE HOUR SERVERS:**
 - 1st Mary Fiane
 - 8th Timdahl's
 - 15th Deb Thompson
 - 22nd Fran Moen
 - 29th Sue Halverson



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AUGUST CHURCH INFORMATION

- **AUGUST USHERS:**
- **AUGUST ALTAR:** Betty Gunderson
- **AUGUST OFFERING COUNTERS:** Nikki Olson
- **COUNCIL MEETING:** The August council meeting will be on Tuesday, August 14th at 7:00 PM. If you are unable to attend this meeting please contact Dean Lashua at 715-445-3291 or 920-572-4569.
- **PRAYER GROUP:** Prayer Group will meet every Thursday from 2:00 PM to 3:00 PM at Church.
- **NORTHLAND WOMEN'S GROUP:** The Northland Women's Group will meet September 5th at 1:30 PM. Hostess: Carol Lashua.
- **AUGUST PROJECTOR OPERATORS**
 - 5th Kevin D.
 - 12th Craig A.
 - 19th Dale T.
 - 26th Carl T.
- **COFFEE HOUR SERVERS FOR AUGUST:**
 - 5th Betty Gunderson
 - 12th Pam Dahle
 - 19th Betty Gunderson
 - 26th Pam Dahle

- 24th Le Roy Gilbertson, Sadie Voie
- 25th Denise Bergen
- 26th Eugene Gunderson, Bruce Mitchell
- 27th Larry Louison
- 28th Bradley Lehman
- 30th Betty Gunderson

AUGUST BIRTHDAYS

- 1st Bryan Louison, Nicholas Louison
- 2nd Roger Erickson
- 3rd Jake Stencil
- 6th Hannah Melum, Lily Pagel
- 7th Judy Uttecht, Audrey Kirchoff
- 8th Gordon Wrolstad
- 9th Jeff Rice
- 10th Carter Melum
- 11th Brett Allred
- 16th Robert Gerhardt
- 17th Sally Van Epern
- 18th Kevin Dahle, Jerelyn Amundson
- 21st Jade Wogsland
- 23rd Theodore Moen, Charles Vatter, Janet Tofte
- 24th William Lashua
- 25th Josephine Lashua
- 27th Shirley Hanson, Casey Wiza
- 28th Sherman Wogsland
- 29th Amy Rustad, Ella Tschurwald, Maustin Haman

JULY BIRTHDAYS

- 2nd Silvija Miller
- 3rd Mikala Hauser, Jeffery Kramer
- 4th Adam Wogsland
- 5th Mary Ann Rice, Taigan Anderson, John Overdahl
- 7th Barbara Lashua
- 10th Fran Moen, James Wrolstad
- 12th Ralph Peterson
- 13th Braden Louison
- 14th Holly Lashua, Brianna Finch, Melissa Timdal
- 15th Neil Oligney
- 16th Knox Wogsland, Jan Hoks, Reese Anderson
- 17th Brock Moen
- 21st Diana Anderson
- 22nd Steve Allred, Tyler Amundson, Morgan Reynolds
- 23rd Stacy Louis, Nancy Schlicher

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