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FROM YOUR PASTOR'S DESK -June 2020



Dear members of Prince of Peace

Recently I read that early in his career, Dr. Paul Brand, who became an eminent surgeon, attended a lecture given by Mead, which he later documented in his book *The Gift of Pain*.

"What would you say is the earliest sign of civilization?" she asked, naming a few options. A clay pot? Tools made of iron? The first domesticated plants? "These are all early signs, she continued, "but here is what I believe to be evidence of the earliest true civilization."

High above her head she held a human femur, the largest bone in the leg, and pointed to a grossly thickened area where the bone had fractured and solidly healed.

"Such signs of healing are never found among the remains of the earliest, fiercest societies. In their skeletons we find violence: a rib pierced by an arrow, a skull crushed by a club. But this healed bone shows that someone must have cared for the injured person—hunted on his behalf, brought him food, served him at personal sacrifice."

With Margaret Mead, I believe that this quality of shared pain is central to what it means to be a human being.... And the presence of a caring person can have an actual, measurable effect on pain and on healing.

Civilization begins with care.

Here at Prince of Peace we are a community of care. God has cared for us and we are charged to care for one another and for the world. Unfortunately with the coronavirus we haven't been able to join together as much as we would have liked. We minister to each other in word and sacrament. I hope that you've been watching the services and have heard the word. We have had to cancel so much of our caring due to social isolation but that seems to be easing up now.

Beginning on Sunday the seventh of June we will resume sacramental services in a truncated way. We will continue with our Morning Prayer service at 10:15. At noon and again at one there will be a small communion service. These will be limited to ten people. The species of bread and wine will not be handled by anyone including me other than setting them out for the service. This will be done with gloves and masks on. When the species are consecrated people will be invited to come forward one person or family at a time. The consecrated bread and wine will be on individual plates for you to take and self-administer the sacrament.

If you wish to reserve a slot, please call Maria at Prince of Peace and she will place your name on a sheet. Only those who have reserved a place will be allowed to come to the service and receive the sacrament.

On the following Wednesday at seven there will be a third service following the same format. Only those who pre-register will be allowed in for the sacrament. These will be short services and are in addition to the Sunday morning services.

In the coming weeks if there is a demand for more of these services I will be glad to add them.

I never anticipated doing anything like this and I hope that we will resume a more normal service soon. In any case we will follow the rules set by the state.

I hope that by the time that you read this you have been called by at least one elder. We will continue to reach out to you in this way. If you wish to speak with me call the church.

We will also be beginning a Church robocall to keep people informed of goings on. I will also include a little bible verse when we make the call. We will keep them to under a minute or two and of course we are not selling anything.

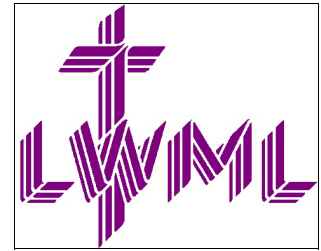
Yours truly

Pastor Fosse

I Have Loved You With An Everlasting Love

Written by: Pauline Groerich, Denver, CO Published by:
Lutheran Women's Missionary League 2001; Updated 2012

*... the LORD appeared to him from far away. I have loved you with an everlasting love; therefore I have continued my faithfulness to you.
(Jer. 31:3)*



Not long ago a pastor preached a sermon telling the story of a man walking down a street in New York City. Well, actually, it was about a little girl. As the man walked along a piece of paper fluttered down before him. He looked up to see where it had come from, and there he saw a little girl pressing her face against the window of a tenement building. She looked lonely. She could not come out into the street so she dropped her note from the window.

The gentleman opened the paper and there in scrawled printing were the words, "TO WHOEVER FINDS THIS – I LOVE YOU!"

These words are very much like the message we send out with our mites, prayers, and acts of love. In these cases, we often do not personally know those to whom our love goes. But many times there are those who "look up" searching for your face or mine, searching for concern and love. Do you wonder about the little girl? Was she lonely? She must have received some love, or else how would she have love to give? Was she without toys or without something to occupy her time? Yet she gave herself in a way that is hard to match.

And what about the man walking along the street? Was he so preoccupied with business problems he only looked up to make sure something dangerous would not fall on him? Or was he troubled and in need of support, reassurance, or encouragement?

In whose shoes do you find yourself? Maybe most of us would have to admit God permits times in our lives when we would easily fit the part of the little girl AND the man. But isn't it comforting to know God is in His heavens, dropping daily notes of reassurance, "To whoever – I love you!"

That's what the prophet Jeremiah needed to hear: "I love you!" Jeremiah, the weeping prophet, had been called by God to the hard and thankless job of fearlessly preaching the judgment in store for God's people: the destruction of Jerusalem and the Babylonian captivity. But God also permitted Jeremiah to fill the people with the fullness of God's grace – His promise of a new covenant in Christ.

God said, "I have loved you with an everlasting love." That makes all the difference in the world, knowing that God's undeserved love was given to His people at Jeremiah's time and is given to us day by day by day ... into eternity.

Because He first loved us, passionately and without equal, we too are asked to love (1 John 4:19). The love we are privileged to share is not the "fall into" kind. It is not an emotional, sudden thrill. It is not the "Recipe for Love" detailed with bold letters and colors in a magazine telling us to win our dear one's heart with "delicious chocolate cheesecake

with a dollop of whipped cream on top". It is not the myriad of love songs that have always found their way to the top of the charts. It is none of these.

Christian love is really God's love shining through His people. It is intentional, because He first loved us. First Peter 2:21 tells us God left us an example so that we might follow in His steps. How do we know what love really is? Jesus Christ laid down His life for us (1 John 3:16). Jeremiah began and ended with the promises of God. We begin at the foot of the cross where we see and feel God's everlasting love for all people.

Loving others may mean some heart pain and some shattered hopes, but even when there is no response to a loving approach, we will grow by taking the risk of loving. We are alive when we reach out in love and we grow in our ability to love each time we love (1 John 3:14b). Pray that as we give of ourselves daily, offer our ceaseless prayers and serve as God directs us, the Holy Spirit will fill us with a holy zeal, freeing us to be God's joyful, celebrating people who have the message on their lips, "To whomever needs me – I love you because my Savior first loved me!"

OLD TOMBSTONES

(submitted by Pastor Fosse)

* On the 22nd of June,
Jonathan Fiddle went out of tune.

* Here lies Robert J. Penny.
Reader, if cash thou art in want any,"
Dig six feet down and thou wilt find
a Penny.

* Sir John Strange.
Here lies an honest lawyer,
and that is Strange.

IMPORTANT JUNE DATES TO REMEMBER

The Holy Trinity	Sun., June 7th
Flag Day	Sun., June 14th
Board of Directors Mtg.	Sun., June 14th
First Day of Summer	Sat., June 20th
Father's Day	Sun., June 21st
The Nativity of St. John the Baptist	Wed., June 24th

COVID-19 Precautions at Prince of Peace

Being mindful of the health and well-being of our congregation, children and staff, all in-person events, projects and meetings have either been cancelled or postponed. Please keep checking back for further details or call the office if you have any questions.

**The mission of Prince of Peace
Lutheran Church is to know Christ
and inspire people
to be caring instruments of God in
spreading Christ's love, with joyous
enthusiasm, by word and deed.**

JUNE DEADLINE

If you have an article that you would like placed in the July 2020 newsletter, please email it or drop it off in the church office.

The church email address is
popchurch@optonline.net.

The deadline is Friday, June 26, 2020

To My Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

As we continue to navigate through this challenging time, we wanted to make it easier to support Prince of Peace for your weekly donations. While you can send your offering envelopes through the mail or set up a VANCO account we wanted to give you another option. We have setup a Venmo account for your convenience. It is an app on your smart phone, or you can setup an account online at venmo.com. It is free to use. You will have to connect it with your bank or credit card.

The church's name on Venmo is "PrinceofPeace-LutheranChurch". There is a picture of our church on the home page. Once you have found the church you can link or connect with Prince of Peace. If it asks for a code, put in the code "3540" (please note - this code has been updated from the April newsletter). From there you can make donations directly to Prince of Peace. Please mark "private" when you make your donations if you want your contributions kept confidential on the Venmo site.

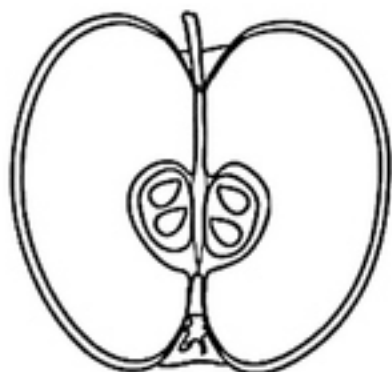
Please feel free to reach out to me with any questions. You can contact me via email at chornobroff@aol.com or cell phone 732-761-4433.

Thank you for your continued support of Prince of Peace through this uncertain time.

Sincerely,
Brandon Chornobroff
Treasurer, Prince of Peace



The Holy Trinity



The peel is like God the _____
because He protects us!

The flesh is like God the _____
because Jesus is God made flesh!

The seeds are like the _____
because He helps us grow!

The Trinity is three parts in one!

THE KIDS CORNER

A Sunday School teacher asked her class why Joseph and Mary took Jesus with them to Jerusalem. A small child replied: "They couldn't get a baby-sitter."

From Ken French, Stewardship Director



GIVE PLUS

I am writing to you today to let you know that there is another way to donate to Prince of Peace. Most of you know that you can sign up to have VANCO take money automatically from your checking account. You can decide if you want to make your donation monthly, weekly or any way that is convenient for you.

In addition, VANCO also has an app called "Give Plus". You download the app, create a password and then create a pin to make logging on easier. Then you search for a nearby church and Prince of Peace will be listed. Just choose the one that has our 434 Aldrich Road, Howell address. It will also ask for your bank information, for the transfer of funds. You then choose if it is a one-time payment or if you want recurring payments. Again, they give you the same choices such as weekly, monthly, biweekly, etc. Thank you in advance for supporting Prince of Peace!

New Members

Earlier this year, Paul Brinkman and George DiFazio were received as New Members into the congregation at Prince of Peace. Please extend a warm welcome to our two new parishioners.

Thank You

Thank you to the following individuals for donating their time and talents in service to the church and to the community:

...to Madison Maresca for using her tech knowledge to live stream our Sunday service each week.

...to Annette Maresca for keeping our church members connected by updating our Facebook page to share current information.

...to Andrew Tess and Madison Maresca for their grounds clean up efforts. During the quarantine, they have weeded, planted, watered, raked and pruned all the areas around the church.

Helping Hands Food Pantry

Amid the Coronavirus outbreak, our food pantry services are more critical now than ever before. Our dedicated food pantry volunteers are continuing to provide much needed food to clients. Each week, Pastor Fosse, Ed Greninger and Lynne Berghoff assist many people in need. Please continue to give what you can during these difficult times. You can leave any donations behind the back doors of the church.

Here is a list of our MUCH NEEDED items: Jelly, canned proteins (tuna, chicken, spam, beef), canned pasta, jar pasta sauce, paper towels, bathroom tissue, napkins, tissues, cereal, hearty soups, canned potatoes, personal hygiene products and water (gallons and bottles.) Sugar-free items are frequently requested by our diabetic clients.

Thank you to everyone (both within and outside the church) who have recently donated time, talent, food or money to our pantry. Your generosity is very much appreciated by our staff and our clients.



Annette and William Maresca would like to proudly announce that their daughter, Madison Shea, has graduated Magna Cum Laude from Concordia College, Bronxville, NY.

She has earned her bachelor's degree in Interdisciplinary Studies with a focus in English, History, and New Media. Madison plans to continue pursuing her Masters in Library Science in the fall at Rutgers University. We are beyond proud of her and all of her accomplishments!



THIS PANDEMIC IS TEMPORARY

)by Matthew C. Harrison

(President of The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod.

There really is “nothing new under the sun” (Eccl. 1:9). Pandemics and plagues have come and gone over the millennia. Christ has sustained His church. When the bacteria-borne black plague struck Wittenberg in Luther’s day, he wrote a letter of counsel to a good friend:

“Use medicine; take potions which can help you; fumigate house, yard, and street; shun persons and places wherever your neighbor does not need your presence or has recovered, and act like a man who wants to help put out the burning city. What else is the epidemic but a fire which instead of consuming wood and straw devours life and body? You ought to think this way: “Very well, by God’s decree the enemy has sent us poison and deadly offal.” Therefore, I shall ask God mercifully to protect us. Then I shall fumigate, help purify the air, administer medicine, and take it. I shall avoid places and persons where my presence is not needed in order not to become contaminated and thus perchance infect and pollute others, and so cause their death as a result of my negligence. If God should wish to take me, he will surely find me and I have done what he has expected of me and so I am not responsible for either my own death or the death of others. If my neighbor needs me, however, I shall not avoid place or person but will go freely. ... See, this is such a God-fearing faith because it is neither brash nor foolhardy and does not tempt God” (LW 43:131).

Luther says he would “go freely” because he decided to remain in the city and provide spiritual care even as his parishioners, dear friends and loved ones died. Today, medical professionals place themselves in danger to serve those with COVID-19.

This current trouble points us to eternity

Luther most likely wrote our favorite Reformation hymn, “A Mighty Fortress Is Our God,” around 1527 — during the plague. Temporal tragedy points us to eternal hope and consolation. Jesus foretold what we see: “Nation will rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom. There will be great earthquakes, and in various places famines and pestilences. And there will be terrors and great signs from heaven” (Luke 21:10–11).

We see such things now. Great fear has spread across the globe. Confusion abounds. The church is stressed and pressed. I am hearing of LCMS pastors in deep distress as parishioners die in hospital quarantine outside of their pastor’s spiritual care. Virtually all of us are having to forgo gathering as the church, receiving the Sacrament from our pastors only in small groups or not at all.

Jesus also reassures us: “Now when these things begin to take place, straighten up and raise your heads, because your redemption is drawing near” (Luke 21:28). We have been redeemed, paid for by Christ’s death on the cross, declared righteous by His resurrection (Rom. 4:25). We anxiously await the “redemption of our bodies” (Rom. 8:23) — that is, the resurrection of our bodies to live with Christ for eternity. We do not cower, least of all in the face of a pandemic. “Straighten up!” says Jesus. “Lift up your heads.” “Surely I am coming soon” (Rev. 22:20).

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This crisis defines our task today

I'm worried. I'm forever self-centered. I'm a sinner. Crises move me to repentance. Thank God I'm forgiven. But not all fear is sinful. It's not sinful to run and get out of the way of a tornado or an oncoming train. We are using our God-given smarts when we wisely follow the advice of medical authorities. How shall I live now? "It is no longer I who live, but Christ who lives in me. And the life I now live in the flesh I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave himself for me" (Gal. 2:20).

As Luther acted during the plague and as he once said, "The need of my neighbor is my call to mercy." What is my vocation? I shall honor government officials (Fourth Commandment) — specifically as they ask and require me to act responsibly regarding my own health and that of others (Fifth Commandment).

Where I am called to serve others, even at some risk to myself (Luther left this decision to the individual conscience), so shall I do, trusting that God is my helper and that I'm in His hands. I shall do my best to demonstrate love to others, especially my family and the friends God has given me. I shall be generous in my prayers for all, especially my pastors, church workers and congregation. I shall pray for those in authority. Where I cannot come together for worship, I shall concentrate on the Word of God. I shall continue to be generous in my stewardship and a blessing to the mission of my congregation and Synod so that others may know Christ.

This crisis forces us to begin to ask, "How shall we act when it's over?"

Crises always force us to ask foundational questions. Who is Christ? What does the church mean in our lives? How are we relating to our families? Are we living lives of fear or joyfulness in Christ's abundant gifts? Have we learned something about our congregation and community? What renewed or new appreciation do we have for our congregation? Have we learned something about caring for each other within the congregation? Have we learned something about reaching out? Have we learned something about the blessing of being in this together as the LCMS? Have we found strength in the fundamental teachings of the catechism? Have we learned something from the Scriptures about faith and life? Is our congregation really caring for its pastors and workers? How might we better prepare for the next crisis? How might we work together with the LCMS congregations in our circuit for the sake of the Gospel?

Even as you think through some of these things, count on the fact that "for those who love God all things work together for good, for those who are called according to his purpose" (Rom. 8:28). And for that reason, we can dare in Christ to be confident that we shall be stronger for passing through this crisis — stronger together.



We understand the need everyone has to participate in worship services. With that in mind, each week, the 10:15 a.m. Sunday worship service will be live streamed through our Facebook GROUP page, which can be found on our Prince of Peace Facebook PAGE. So you can follow along with the service, prior to each Sunday, we will email the worship bulletin in advance to the congregation.

Stewardship Newsletter Article for June 2020

(Reprinted from the LCMS website)

The sin of the world is paid for. God's Law has been kept perfectly on our behalf. The prophecies have all been fulfilled. Jesus Christ has finished it all! And that, dear Christians, should fill us with complete confidence in our salvation. Since Jesus has finished all these things in His self-sacrifice, we can be fully certain our sins are forgiven, and we have everlasting life!

St. Paul wrote: "I appeal to you therefore, brothers, by the mercies of God, to present your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable to God, which is your spiritual worship." (Rom. 12:1)

We hear the same teaching in 1 Peter. "As you come to him, a living stone, rejected by men but in the sight of God chosen and precious, you yourselves, like living stones, are being built up as a spiritual house, to be a holy priesthood, to offer spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God through Jesus Christ." (1 Peter 2:4-5)

It's the very thing Malachi foretold of the Lord, that He would come and purify His priestly people, that they may offer to Him an offering in righteousness. (Mal. 3:3)

So, what does this mean? In view of God's mercies – that is, because Jesus sacrificed Himself to make us pure, giving His entire self into death – Paul said that we are to sacrifice ourselves entirely to God, offering Him our whole lives. For our Savior did not give Himself for us in part. So, we do not give back to Him in part.

We don't offer ourselves to God just on Sunday mornings or Wednesday evenings, for example. Rather, we give Him our whole selves, all the time. We understand that offering ourselves to God as living sacrifices involves the giving of our time. It requires us to be faithful stewards of the time He has given us. Yes, it means we devote to our Savior all our time. Otherwise we are not sacrificing our whole lives.

You see, God both teaches us, and has graciously qualified us, to present ourselves to Him as living sacrifices – to live as His holy priests, who offer Him acceptable sacrifices through Jesus Christ, all day, every day, in our various callings.

In the passages from Romans and 1 Peter, we hear several examples of Christian self-sacrifice: serving, teaching, encouraging, giving, leading, showing mercy, living peaceably with others, submitting to governing authorities and those over us in the workplace, wives submitting to husbands, husbands honoring wives, showing compassion, and suffering patiently in doing good.

In all these things, and in all our other everyday activities, we sacrifice ourselves by using our time, not just for our own benefit, but also and especially for the well-being of others. Work time, school time, exercise time, study time, mealtime, chore time, recreation and relaxation time, even sleep time – it's all God's gift to us to use for purposes that please and honor Him.

This challenges us to think about the way we spend our time, how we utilize our talents, and the way we spend our treasures. Whatever it is I'm doing, am I doing it "for the Lord"? (Col. 3:23) Am I presenting God a living sacrifice? Am I conducting myself as a holy priest, whose sacrifice is acceptable to God?

Because our Lord sacrificed Himself wholly for us, we offer ourselves wholly to Him as living sacrifices. This is following Jesus in self-sacrifice. By His saving mercy, yes, our sacrifice is acceptable to God. For the sake of Jesus' finished work, God is pleased with us.

PROPERS PREVIEWS

A look at the readings to help you prepare for worship

June 7, 2020

The Holy Trinity

Genesis 1:1–2:4a The Triune God works together to create the universe.

Acts 2:14a, 22–36 Peter shows how God sent the Son, and the Son sent the Holy Spirit for one purpose—to save us.

Matthew 28:16–20 We are baptized into the Triune God.

June 14, 2020

The Second Sunday after Pentecost

Exodus 19:2-8 Remember the exodus as the supreme redemptive act of the Old Testament in order that you may be “a kingdom of priests and a holy nation.”

Romans 5:6-15 God’s work of salvation in Christ is the heart of the disciples; faith and the content of their message.

Matthew 9:35-10:8 The sending of the Twelve to do Christ’s work.

June 21, 2020

The Third Sunday after Pentecost

Jeremiah 20:7–13 (The Lord is with me and has delivered my life.

Romans 6:12–23 The free gift of God is eternal life in Christ.

Matthew 10:5a, 21–33 You are of great value to your heavenly Father.

June 28, 2020

The Fourth Sunday after Pentecost

Jeremiah 28:5–9 The prophet who prophesies peace.

Romans 7:1–13 We are released from the Law and have new life in the Spirit.

Matthew 10:34–42 Christ has come to bring a sword to the earth.

THOSE WHO SERVE

**ASSISTING MINISTERS AT 10:15 a.m. SERVICE
FOR THE MONTH OF JUNE
HAVE NOT BEEN SCHEDULED**

Brandon Chornobroff will be the Elder
at the 8:00 a.m. services (unless otherwise noted)

Lynne Berghoff will be the Lector
on the first Sunday of each month.

Denise Abdul-Malak, Head Elder, 732-406-1531,
schedules Assisting Ministers

ALTAR GUILD

Lisa Tess, Elba Hillis and Anne McDonnell

Lisa Tess, 732-905-0687,
is Directress of the Altar Guild.
Members serve for one month on a rotating basis.

ALTAR FLOWERS

Please place \$25 per bouquet in a
Flower Fund Envelope
(which can be found in the Flower Book)
and place it in the offering plate. There is a maximum
of three bouquets on the altar each week.

**USHERS and ACOLYTES are asked to remain home
until further notice.**



DISTRICT PRAYERS

That the nations of the earth may
seek peace; and that the leaders of
our country may pursue justice,
righteousness and peace,
let us pray to the Lord:
Lord, have mercy.

That the pandemic may come to an
end, and that livelihood and
common life may resume, let us pray
to the Lord: Lord, have mercy.



Holy Yoga, which was originally hosted at Our Savior Lutheran Church is now hosted live on ZOOM every Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday. They invite you to join them via the links listed below. Amanda, the yoga teacher for these classes, does accept donations for her classes through her Venmo account (<https://venmo.com/Amanda-Foulkes>). She asks that you bring your bible, journal, and whatever you need to release to God.

MONDAY 6PM - ALL LEVELS

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://zoom.us/j/341038157>

Meeting ID: 341 038 157

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TUESDAYS 10AM - ALL LEVELS

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://zoom.us/j/723101318>

Meeting ID: 723 101 318

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WEDNESDAYS 10AM - CHAIR/GENTLE

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://zoom.us/j/757289329>

Meeting ID: 757 289 329

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The Zoom links will stay the same each week.

Wawa

As I think most of you know, the church picks up from Wawa every Friday morning. Currently there are four volunteers so each person generally only picks up once a month. These volunteers are Donna Greco, Lynne Berghoff, Larry Landis and myself.

However, Ellen and I hope to move to Delaware the first week in August reducing the volunteers to three. It would be appreciated if one or two people were to volunteer starting in August. Many hands make light work.

Again it would only be once a month most months. We drive to the Wawa in Manasquan and then bring some to Hope Lutheran Church with the remainder going to our Food Pantry. It only takes about two hours.

Faithfully yours,
Ken French

Nobody Riding the Roads Today

by June Jordan

(submitted by Pastor Fosse)

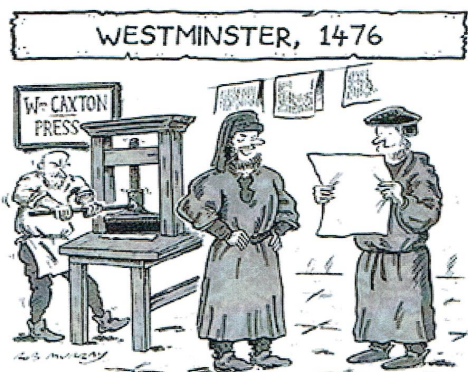
Nobody riding the roads today
But I hear the living rush
far away from my heart

Nobody meeting on the streets
But I rage from the crowded
overtones of emptiness

Nobody sleeping in my bed
But I breathe like windows
broken by emergencies

Nobody laughing anymore
But I see the world split
and twisted up like open stone

Nobody riding the roads today
But I hear the living rush
far away from my heart



'They get to read the first page for free, but if they don't subscribe the rest appears in Latin.'

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There is no calendar of events at this time.