Pvt. Ryan: The Rest of the Story

This message was preached on 28 May 2017 from the historic pulpit of the Fort Snelling Memorial Chapel as "The Rest of the Story: PVT Ryan" ... based on St. John 15:9-17. This sermon was one-of-nine in a sermon series – "The Rest of the Story." It, along with over 500+ other titles, is available on CDs and DVDs.

How many of you have seen the Steven Spielberg movie, Saving Private Ryan? This Hollywood movie, unlike many other war films, struck a realist note with many war veterans. The first 30-minutes re-enact the storming of Omaha Beach during the D-Day landings. Men are disemboweled, limbs severed, and the beach washes red with such realism that war veterans disturbed by watching the film had their own hotline to call for trauma counseling. Spielberg commented, "Everything you see might be over the top in graphic honesty, but I still pull back from what I was told really happened."

The D-Day assault on the coast of Nazi-held France, called Operation Overlord, has been called "the most difficult and complicated operation ever to take place" in military history (according to Winston Churchill).

A part of the magic of the film was that Spielberg took many specific historical incidents of World War II from the books of the historian, Stephen Ambrose [especially D-Day, June 6, 1944, and Band of Brothers]. The film wove together many isolated incidents in a manner that told an engrossing story. As Captain John Miller (played by Tom Hanks) and his squad of 8-soldiers went on their mission to find Pvt. Ryan (played by Matt Damon), they demonstrated many actual events as reported in Ambrose's books. Critics have hailed the film as possibly the greatest Second World War film ever.

I would suspect many of my fellow veterans were troubled in seeing this squad put their lives at risk for the sake of finding one soldier. It would be fair to ask – Why? The answer (in part) can be traced back to the Battle of Guadalcanal in 1942. The USS Juneau was torpedoed by the Japanese. On board were five Sullivan brothers ... who had enlisted together and wanted to serve together. Tragically, they perished together. [Imagine Mrs. Sullivan receiving that notification.] Well after that loss, the War Department developed the sole survivor policy ... which brings us back to the Saving Private Ryan movie.

In real life, 'Private Ryan' was Sergeant Frederick 'Fritz' Niland, of the 101st Airborne - from Tonawanda, NY (near Niagara Falls and close to the US-Canada border). Stephen Ambrose tells the story in his book, Band of Brothers: On the same day in June 1944, Mrs. Augusta 'Gussie' Niland received three Western Union telegrams: (1) Sergeant Edward Niland, 31, Army Air Corps radio operator and gunner, was the first to be drafted. After him, his brothers and cousin Joe enlisted. They had gone to college together in the 1930’s (Canisius College) and now served together. Edward was reported missing in Japanese-occupied Burma and presumed dead.

(2) Lieutenant Preston Niland, 29, 4th Infantry Division. He had been one of the first to go ashore at 6 a.m. at Utah beach. By the next day he and his men had broken through to the top of the sea wall and had destroyed a dozen of the German machine-gun nests. They hoped the worst was over. By that night, a headcount revealed two men missing. Preston went to search for them and was killed by a shot from a German sniper.

(3) Sergeant Robert Niland, 25, 82d Airborne Division, parachuted into France as part of the D-Day landings and was pinned down with enemy fire outside the town, St. Vire Eglise. He fought until his ammunition was exhausted. He had been missing since D-Day and was presumed dead. In fact, he was killed while trying to carry a wounded soldier to safety.

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President’s Corner

Memorial Day will be celebrated at the Chapel on Sunday, May 24, 2020. Our byline is “Where the Veteran is Remembered.” Clearly, Memorial Day Sunday at the historic Chapel is a significant time to remember America’s fallen veterans—and particularly so this year since it marks the 75th anniversary of the end of WW2.

We respect our living veterans but we also pay respects to those veterans who are no longer with us.

- We encourage the wearing of red poppies in honor of those who died serving the nation during war.
- We encourage the visiting of cemeteries, particularly military cemeteries, and decorate graves of the deceased with flowers, flags and wreathes.

I look forward to seeing all of you and your guests for this most reverent Sunday of worship.

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Saturdays ... @ Foundation Office
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If you would like a copy of the 2019 Annual Report, please secure one in the Fellowship Hall or call the Foundation Office at (952) 888-1525 and leave your name/mailing address that we may send you a copy of this impressive report.

After wearing the "Red Bull" patch for 26-years, U.S. Army Chaplain (LTC) Philip A. Winn was selected (effective 15 Mar) to be the MN State Chaplain – JFHQ-MN. This will result in his future promotion to COL.

We rejoice in the wisdom of the military leadership for their outstanding selection and to Buddy for his recognized abilities to lead!

— Your Personnel Committee
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‘Gussie’ Niland had only one son left – her youngest, 23-year old ‘Fritz.’ He, too, had taken part in the D-Day invasion. A commando with the 101st Airborne Division, he had parachuted deep behind enemy lines on the 6th of June. Her nephew later recalled that she prayed all night that ‘Fritz’ would be spared.

The Niland’s were the first test of the War Department’s new sole survivor policy. President Roosevelt had sworn that if any family lost more than 2-sons, their remaining boys would be taken to safety. The plan was to pluck ‘Fritz’ Niland from the Normandy battlefield and bring him home; and Saving Private Ryan tells the story of the rescue.

So, again, we ask why a squad was needed to find one soldier. In the film, the soldiers in the squad discuss this from time to time. Listen: The squad in the film is a creation of film maker Spielberg, representing the melting pot of US society, and giving him an opportunity to weave together many actual stories that were a part of the D-Day invasion.

The fact is: Only one person was sent on this mission – a chaplain! Chaplain (CPT) Francis Sampson – he was the Regimental Chaplain of the 501st Parachute Regiment, 101st Airborne Division. Chaplain Sampson, a Roman Catholic priest from Iowa, entered the Army to serve as a chaplain at the beginning of WW II. He said that he volunteered for an airborne assignment as a paratroop chaplain without understanding that this meant that he would have to jump from an airplane!

The 101st Airborne’s mission was to take the bridge and road at St. Come-du-Mont, near the strategic town of Carentan. For 5-days, ‘Fritz’ Niland and his comrades fought their way through hostile territory, inflicting heavy losses on German opposition. French Resistance fighters helped them reach Carentan. It was there that Chaplain Sampson found Sergeant Niland.

Chaplain Sampson told the youngest Niland that his brother Edward was presumed dead in Burma and that Robert had fallen on the battlefield nearby. He took him to a tent serving as a morgue to identify his brother Robert. While there, ‘Fritz’ also recognized the body of his brother Preston who had not yet been reported as dead.

Like the film, ‘Fritz’ at first refused to return to America. He said, “Tell my mother that I am staying with the only brothers I have left.” However, the War Department was adamant. His cousin later recounted that ‘Fritz’ never got over his feelings of guilt, that he had survived. He returned to become a military policeman in Tonawanda.

In March 1945 ‘Gussie’ Niland received one more telegram – astonishingly ‘Fritz’ was not the only Niland brother to survive. It was discovered that the first brother, Edward, survived as a POW and he also returned home. After the war, ‘Fritz’ was trained as a dentist, married and raised a family. He lived until 1988.

Sometimes it takes a squad of infantry to accomplish a mission. Other times it takes one unit ministry team -- a chaplain and a chaplain assistant! [Pardon me, I couldn’t resist!]

Chaplain Sampson went on to have an illustrious career in the Army and the Chaplain Corps. Several books tell of his exploits and his excellent reputation. While his soldiers looked at Chaplain Sampson as a cool and heroic figure, he remembered that in those days of combat that began with D-Day, “no pair of knees shook more than my own, nor any heart ever beat faster in time of danger.”

Chaplain Sampson moved around the battlefield in a captured German motorcycle that his soldiers gave him.

During the D-Day assault, Chaplain Sampson was at the regimental aid station in a farmhouse which also housed the unit’s command post. When the fighting became intense, the headquarters moved away to a safer location, but the Chaplain and the medics stayed with the wounded. They were taken as POWs by the Waffen SS, threatened with being shot, interrogated, released back to the aid station, and were liberated by American troops. Chaplain Sampson was later awarded the Distinguished Service Cross, the nation’s second highest American military award, for his actions during these days. He was again taken prisoner during the Battle of the Bulge in 1944, imprisoned in Stalag II A, near Berlin, and stayed in the enlisted men’s prison at his own request. He and the others were liberated in April 1945 by Russian tanks after 4-months of winter imprisonment. His military career included action in Korea. He later served as the 12th Army Chief of Chaplains from 1967-71. He retired as a Major General. He died in 1996 at the age of 83.

As a part of his philosophy, he said this in a speech in 1971: “In civilian life many people misunderstand the military mission ... I have been asked how I can wear the uniform which symbolizes war and also wear the cross upon it symbolizing peace ... It is very easy for me to [say] that, by law and statute, the mission of the military of the United States is, first, to preserve peace. Second,

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to provide for the security of our country, its borders and internal security. And third, to implement national policy as it pertains to peace treaties with friendly nations which of themselves cannot repel the aggression of avaricious neighbors... I see nothing in this mission that does not appeal to the highest ideals of any man—regardless of his religion. Indeed, it was Cardinal O’Neal, the great Churchman, who once said if he had not been a priest he most certainly would have had to be a soldier, because they are both called to the identical things—that is—the preservation of peace, the establishment of justice when it has been lost, and the providing of security with protection for the weak and the innocent."

In WW II, from D-Day to VE Day, there were 16,112,566 U.S. service members: 291,557 died in battle, another 670,846 were wounded. The 11-white crosses outlining the parking lot will tell you the casualties for each of our nation’s wars.

For this congregation in this Chapel "where the veteran is remembered," let us resolve this Memorial Day weekend to keep the memories of America’s war dead alive, and the heritage of freedom that they ensured for us.

And let us also resolve to do our individual and collective parts to be prepared for our own places in the long ‘parade’ of patriots that has gone before us!

Let us pray.
O God our Father, we remember this day the costly price paid for our liberties by those who have laid down their lives on the altar of sacrifice for our beloved country... that we might continue to live in freedom and do our part to preserve it. And just as we remember the life and death of these great Americans, we are reminded this day of Your great love for us in the gift of salvation made possible by the shed blood of Christ Jesus on Calvary’s cross... where the captives are set free from the bondage of sin. Lord grant that we may yet see the day when war and the fear of war will be no longer; the day when peace will have become our common possession; the day when Your will shall be done on earth as it is in heaven. But until that day, help us to stand in the gap... defending what we know to be true. Amen.

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— Your Publicity Committee
Seasons of the Faith—Easter

The season of Easter is the most important time period in the church calendar as Christians celebrate the resurrection of Jesus Christ and His victory over death. In the western church, Easter occurs the first Sunday after the full moon of the vernal equinox and continues for 50 days to Pentecost. Because the church calendar follows the cycle of the moon, the date for Easter may take place anytime between March 22nd and April 25th. This season is characterized by joy in the return to life of Jesus Christ as told to us in the Gospel of Matthew:

After the Sabbath, at dawn on the first day of the week, Mary Magdalene and the other Mary went to look at the tomb. There was a violent earthquake, for an angel of the Lord came down from heaven and, going to the tomb, rolled back the stone and sat on it. His appearance was like lightning, and his clothes were white as snow. The guards were so afraid of him that they shook and became like dead men. The angel said to the women, “Do not be afraid, for I know that you are looking for Jesus, who was crucified. He is not here; He has risen, just as He said. Come and see the place where He lay. Then go quickly and tell His disciples: ‘He has risen from the dead and is going ahead of you into Galilee. There you will see Him. Now I have told you.” (Matthew 28:1-7)

The resurrection is one of the central truths of the gospel and the foundation of the Christian faith. Without the resurrection, our belief in God’s saving grace would be meaningless—“And if Christ has not been raised, our preaching is useless and so is your faith ….” (1 Corinthians 15:14) When Jesus rose from the dead, He authenticated His identity as the Son of God, atoned for our sins and reconciled sinners to God.

During this season of Easter, let us remember the sacrifice of the cross and Jesus’ victory over death expressed most fully in the traditional Easter greeting and response: He is Risen! He is Risen indeed!

— Submitted by Eva Zorn

Fundamentals of the Faith — Gloria Patri

The Gloria Patri also known as Glory be to the Father is a doxology or short hymn of praise that is recited during Christian worship in many denominations around the world. While the author is considered anonymous, the hymn is very old and has been used in Christian worship since the second century. In addition to praising God, the doxology is considered a short declaration of faith in that it repeats the baptismal formula as recorded in Matthew 28:19 and reflects the everlasting unity and equality of the three persons of the Trinity. Traditionally, this doxology is recited following Old Testament psalms, New Testament canticles and after certain prayers or creedal statements. Here at the Chapel, we recite the Gloria Patri each Sunday following the prayer of confession and assurance of pardon.

— Submitted by Eva Zorn

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost; as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen. Amen.

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Book Review

The title of this book by Supreme Court Justice Neil Gorsuch is a well-known quote attributed to Benjamin Franklin. At the close of the Constitutional Convention of 1787 in Philadelphia, a lady asked Dr. Franklin, "Well Doctor what have we got a republic or a monarchy?" To which Franklin replied, "A republic if you can keep it." In this book, Justice Gorsuch shares personal observations, discussions and essays related to that exceptional republic known as the United States — with a special emphasis on the Constitution.

Gorsuch argues that our history as a republic cannot be taken for granted — that we need to constantly educate the people to ensure that we can function as a society and live together with mutual respect and civility. "But a government of and by the people rests on the belief that the people should and can govern themselves and do so in peace, with mutual respect. For all that to work, the people must have some idea of how their own government operates — its essential structure and what it was intended to do and prohibited from doing ..."

To that end, Gorsuch offers a series of essays on the separation of powers, the differences between judges and legislators, the rule of law, originalism vs a living constitution and a review of specific legal cases that demonstrate the impact of the law on the "lives of real people." He concludes his book with a tribute to his former "boss" Anthony Kennedy and offers a list of suggestions for recent graduates from college and law school — suggestions he wished someone would have given him at that same age.

A Republic,
If You Can Keep It
by Neil Gorsuch

Underneath it all, Gorsuch remains an optimist about the resiliency of America and its citizens. This book is accessible to the average reader and highly recommended for persons with an interest in American history, the founding documents of this great nation and the judicial branch. While the book is not an autobiography, it does review Gorsuch SCOTUS appointment and his journey through confirmation in the U.S. Senate.

— Submitted by Eva Zorn

"A republic, if you can keep it."
Benjamin Franklin

The Constitution allows "the people" to govern themselves, but it requires responsibilities of all citizens in order to continue to guarantee the freedoms and rights we enjoy.
PRAYERS FOR MEMORIAL DAY WEEKEND

Below you will find prayers under various titles for your self-lead meditation.

**In Time of War**

O God, I come to You, in the name of the Lord Jesus, to lift up in prayer our present military action. Lord, I pray that there might be a quick resolution to our action and that truth and righteousness would prevail. May You guide, bless and protect all those engaged in our current conflict. Heal the physical and spiritual wounds that may be inflicted. Lord God, the Gospel of the Kingdom must be preached to this nation. I pray that what Satan has intended and devised to hinder the Gospel You will turn to our good, that the Gospel will go into this nation unimpeded. Let all who hear Your Word turn to You for guidance, courage and hope. Amen.

**The Military**

Almighty God, in the name of the Lord Jesus, I lift up our military to You. I pray that You would make them the best-trained, best-equipped force in the world. I pray that nothing would take them by surprise, but that they would be aware of all potential aggression. Enable them to curtail hostile actions before they start. Lord, give our military favor with the governmental agencies of this country. I pray that our Congress would appropriate sufficient funds to keep our nation’s military preeminent in the world. O God, as our military is sent into war-torn countries, may they go not only as soldiers of our nation, but also as soldiers of the Cross. May they not only know Your saving grace, but Your saving power to keep them well, safe and protected. Fill their mouths with the Gospel of peace, that they may be shining witnesses of Your love and cause many to believe. Amen.

**POWs**

All-knowing God, in the name of Jesus, I pray for those who have been taken captive in war. Give them the courage to persevere and also the knowledge that they have not been forgotten. May our nation find ways to rescue them safely and quickly. Guide our political negotiators in their resolute efforts to gain the freedom of these courageous people. I pray that they will not be used as pawns to the advantage of our enemies. When their freedom is restored, let our POWs walk with pride and dignity because of the suffering they have endured, as our grateful nation owes them a debt of honor. Amen.

**MIAs**

Ever-present God, in the name of Jesus, may we find more efficient ways of tracing and identifying those who are missing in action. Let them not be forgotten. Fill them with the hope of freedom and the knowledge that their loved ones and comrades anxiously await their return. I pray the truth would come to light quickly so that the living may be rescued and the families of the deceased may find timely closure. For those whom You have received into eternity, we pray that the peaceful shadows of the setting sun will rest gently upon their graves. Amen.

**The Families of Our Military**

Gracious God, in the name of the Lord Jesus, I lift up to You in prayer the families of our military. I pray that the Gospel will extend to them, that they might know Him and the power of His resurrection. Lord, I desire that these families might be a prayer force for our nation and our military. May they know abundance and no lack. May they be well provided for and well taken care of. God, give them the courage of warriors. May the peace that passes understanding sustain them in seasons of separation. Comfort them with Your Word, that they might have faith to see their sons, daughters, husbands and wives returned to them in wholeness and safety. Amen.

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Veterans

Precious Lord, in the name of Jesus, I thank You for our veterans. I thank You for their willingness to risk all so that our nation might dwell in peace and safety. May they find the honor and recognition they deserve. In the name of Your divine Son, I pray that You will heal the physical and psychological wounds some of these veterans have suffered. Bring peace to those who mourn the loss of comrades. God, I pray that our nation would learn to respect and acknowledge those who have served their country well. Amen.

Peace

Lord God, I clearly see that it is Your will for us to dwell in peace and safety. In obedience to Your Word, I continue to pray, in the name of the Lord Jesus, that those in authority will make decisions to keep our nation safe, just as I pray for peace in other nations. May our nation continue to help nations that are in trouble and are less fortunate than we are. I ask You to make our nation a blessing to all the nations of the earth. Amen.

National Protection

O God, in the name of the Lord Jesus, I thank You for the guidance of the Holy Spirit in prayer as I seek Your intercession for the protection of our nation. I do this remembering the promise of Your Son that what we ask of You in His name will be given to us. Our schools have become centers of violence; the workplace has become a target for the distraught and disgruntled to vent their anger; and our neighborhoods have been plagued with hate crimes. I know You will not abandon us, and I ask You to restore the peace and love that we have permitted to be overshadowed by our interest in secular values. Please alert me if there is anything I can do to deter any impending danger through my authority in Christ and my Spirit-led prayers. Amen.

Protection From Nuclear and Chemical Weapons

God, I thank You that You make a difference between the righteous and the unrighteous. If You spared Israel from the Egyptians, You will spare Your people now. As You would have spared Sodom and Gomorrah for the sake of ten righteous people, so, too, I pray You will spare the cities of our nation for the sake of the righteous. Therefore, I pray in the name of the Lord Jesus that You will alert us of any hidden dangers, that we might pray as the need arises. I pray You would keep our nation strong, so that our might would deter offenders. Amen.

Protection From Terrorism

Dear God, in the name of Jesus, I pray that the secret things will be revealed. I pray that the intentions of the wicked against our nation will be thwarted. May knowledge of terrorist acts become known to those who provide our national and international security. May they act swiftly to avert all danger. Give our protectors the strength, courage and urgency to act in order to prevent terrorist acts against our nation, and give them the defenses to apprehend and punish all offenders. Amen.

Families of KIAs

O God of life abundant (here) and life eternal (hereafter): While we remember the supreme sacrifice of our nation’s warriors, our hearts ache for the families of our fallen for whom the untimely death of their loved one brings sadness. May the fond memories of times past-shared bring a ray of sunshine into their darkened world. We pray that the resurrection hope of Christ Jesus will serve to comfort them with the blessed assurance of Your loving embrace of their precious one, and the confidence that we will see one another again ... where there is no war, but fullness of joy. Amen.
Great Hymns of the Faith —
"Shall We Gather at the River"

This beloved old hymn was written by Baptist minister Robert Lowry in the summer of 1864, in Brooklyn, New York. While the hymn was written in 1864, it was not published until 1865 in Lowry's collection of hymns entitled, "Happy Voices."

The text for the hymn came to him one hot afternoon, while meditating on Revelation 22:1— "Then the angel showed me the river of the water of life, as clear as crystal, flowing from the throne of God ..." Lowry wondered why so little had been written about this "river of life" which prompted him to compose the text and tune to this anthem.

The first stanza asks a question about gathering at the river that is answered in the refrain — "yes, we will gather at the river." This river is the "beautiful" stream of life that flows by the "throne of God" as depicted in the book of Revelation. Who will gather at this river? The "saints" who have preceded us in death along with those "saints" on earth who look forward to the great heavenly conclave.

The hymn reminds us that our journey on earth is but temporary for our true home is in heaven. The apostle Paul tells us— "I consider the sufferings of this present time not worth comparing with the glory that is to be revealed in us ..." (Romans 8:18) All the sufferings of this present age are insignificant when compared to the blessings and glory that await believers in heaven— where we will "walk and worship" our Lord Jesus Christ "all the happy golden day!"

— Submitted by Eva Zorn

SHALL WE GATHER AT THE RIVER?

Shall we gather at the river,
Where bright angel feet have trod,
With its crystal tide forever
Flowing by the throne of God?

Refrain: Yes, we'll gather at the river,
The beautiful, the beautiful river;
Gather with the saints at the river
That flows by the throne of God.

On the margin of the river,
Washing up its silver spray,
We will walk and worship ever,
All the happy golden day.

Soon we'll reach the shining river,
Soon our pilgrimage will cease;
Soon our happy hearts will quiver
With the melody of peace.

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The Dash Between the Dates
by Lucille Britt

Memorial Day was over now,
All had left and I was alone.
I began to read the names and dates
Chiseled there on every stone.
The dates which showed whether
It was mom or dad
Or daughter or baby son.
The dates were different
But the amount the same,
There were two on every one.
It was then I notice something,
It was but a simple line;
It was the dash between the dates
Placed there, it stood for time.
All at once it dawned on me
How important that little line.
The dates placed there belong to God,
But that line is yours and mine.
It’s God who gives this precious life
And God who takes away;
But that line between He gives to us
To do with what we may.
We know God’s written the first date down
Of each and every one,
And we know He’ll write the last date down,
And soon, we know, for some.
But upon the line between my dates
I hope He’ll write “well done.”

Special
Patriotic/
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Events . . .

Sun, 24 May 20 — Memorial Day Remembrance — honoring the memory of those armed forces service members who gave the ultimate sacrifice.

Sun, 5 July 20 — Independence Day — celebrating the 244th birthday of our nation ... culminating in an ice cream social.


Sun, 13 Sept 20 — U.S. Constitution Sunday — remembering our founding document.

Sun, 20 Sept 20 — POW/MIA Remembrance — remembering those who are prisoners of war and those missing in action.

Sun, 27 Sept 20 — Gold Star Day — recognizing the families of those service members who paid the ultimate price on the altar of liberty.

Sun, 8 Nov 20 — Veterans Day Remembrance — recognizing U.S. veterans of all branches of the armed forces.

Sun, 6 Dec 20 — Pearl Harbor Remembrance — recognizing survivors ... with the tolling of the ship bell for those who have passed away since last year.

Mark your calendar with these dates ... and join us at 11:00 a.m.

— Your Worship Committee
Last year in July, I drove out to Denver to attend school. After finishing school, I headed out across the mountains for a little trout fishing. (I didn't get skunked, but because of the late snow-out in Colorado, the rivers and streams were still roaring way too fast for fly-fishing. It wasn't until I hit Spearfish Canyon in the Black Hills, that I scored some brown trout.) Ok, back to my story—. On the west side of Colorado, I headed north across the mountains and plains for a planned stop at Dinosaur National Monument. On the way, I saw and photographed many landscapes and mountain ranges, and on that drive, it occurred to me: There is no way that a person could take this remote drive and not see this area as a remnant of the massively destructive world-wide flood that took place some 4300 years ago. It really struck me that all the hills and mountains reveal that they were formed by a layer-upon-layer deposition of flood deposits and the subsequent erosion due to the retreating waters of the flood. All this, later sent me back to my book titled Flood By Design—Receding Water Shapes the Earth's Surface by Mike Oard. This is an interesting book to me because it relates what you see when travelling across the earth, to the worldwide flood of Noah’s time. One of the concepts that I learned from the book was that of Quartzite boulders with percussion marks (hammer-like impressions) on the outside of the boulders. Knowing how hard these rocks are, I can’t even imagine two rocks slamming into each other at a speed that would leave marks like that. Those rocks are thought to be responsible for creating the many “flat-topped hills and mountains, known as “steamboats” that we see especially out west. The following article talks about these Quartzite boulders.

Quartzite boulders provide powerful testimony to the global flood. Quartzite rock was once sedimentary sandstone but became a hard metamorphic rock under tremendous heat and pressure. Billions of rounded quartzite boulders and cobbles are found scattered throughout the northwestern United States and western Canada. Where did they come from? How did they become so widely scattered?

The nearest source of quartzite rock is near the Continental Divide in Montana, Idaho, and British Columbia. Yet we find quartzite rocks scattered eastward and westward up to 600 miles from their source. Many of these hard quartzite rocks have percussion marks, which indicate collisions during transport within violently moving waters. The speed of current needed in order to carry boulders over 600 miles into Saskatchewan and N Dakota has now been calculated. To transport and suspend a rock 6 inches in diameter would require currents of at least 65 mph and water depths of 200 feet. These rates are almost incomprehensible to modern geologists stuck in uniformitarian thinking. Modern flash floods seldom exceed 20 mph yet do enormous erosional damage. The billions of quartzite boulders distributed 300-600 miles from their source are powerful evidence for the watery catastrophe of the Genesis Flood.

"And the waters prevailed upon the earth a hundred and fifty days" (Genesis 7:24)

--- Submitted by: John Kruse

1 INSPIRED EVIDENCE: Only One Reality
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The Fort Snelling Veterans Memorial Chapel is a unique Minnesota memorial
— a splendid monument to the patriotism, the moral earnestness and the
convictions of the people of this state — a shrine to commemorate those
who have died for their country. Weekly Sunday worship is sponsored by
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| 31  | Pentecost  
11:00 a.m. Holy Communion  
Sermon: "Making Ready"  
Music: Tim Dahl, Guitar/Voice | Fort Snelling Memorial Chapel Foundation Staff  
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| 4   | 5   | 6   | 7 Nat. Day of Prayer |     |     |     |
| 3   | 4th Sunday of Easter  
10:00 a.m. Christian Education  
11:00 a.m. Worship Service  
Sermon: "The Greatest Soldier"  
Music: Singleton Street Band |     |     |     |     | 1   | 2   |
| 8   |     |     |     |     |     |     |
| 8   |     |     |     |     |     |     |
| 9   |     |     |     |     |     |     |
| 10  | 5th Sunday of Easter  
Mother's Day  
10:00 a.m. Christian Education  
11:00 a.m. Worship Service  
Sermon: "A Mother's Day Discovery"  
Music: John Kruse, Vocal/Guitar |     |     |     |     | 15  |     |
| 11  | 12  | 13  | 14  |     |     |     |
| 15  | Peace Officers Memorial Day |     |     |     | 16  | Armed Forces Day |
| 16  |     |     |     |     | 9:00 a.m. Crafty Ladies Mtg. |     |
| 17  | 6th Sunday of Easter  
10:00 a.m. Christian Education  
11:00 a.m. Worship Service  
Sermon: "Five Great Functions of the Holy Spirit"  
Music: Litchfield Men's Choir |     |     |     | 21  |     |     |
| 18  | 19  | 20  | 21 Ascension Day |     | 22  |     |
| 22  |     |     |     |     |     |     |
| 24  | 7th Sunday of Easter  
Memorial Day Sunday  
11:00 a.m. Worship Service  
Sermon: "Remember the Price of War"  
Music: Heidi Satterberg, Vocal/Piano | 25  | Memorial Day | 26  |     | 27  |     |
<p>| 26  |     |     |     |     |     |     |
| 27  |     | 6:30 p.m. Membership Comm Mtg. |     |     | 28  |     |
| 28  |     |     |     | 6:30 p.m. Publicity Committee Mtg. |     |     |
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