

July 8, 2018

GENERAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

Today: We hope to have a morning reading service and an evening catechism service.

-Next Week: We hope to have a morning catechism service and a 2:30 p.m Preparatory service with Rev. Adams.

Advance Notices:

- July 18, Sending out service for Mr. & Mrs. van Beek in S Center
- July 22, Rev. Hofman hopes to be in our midst for a 9:30 a.m. service with the Holy Supper and a 2:30 p.m. reflection service.
- July 26, the classis will meet to examine Candidate Witvoet. That evening, Rev. Hofman hopes to preach in Sioux Center and Rev. Vogelaar in Rock Valley
- August 5, Student de Leeuw hopes to be in our midst 9:30 and 2:30
- August 26, Rev. Vogelaar at 9:30 for baptism

-All the Lord Willing-

Offerings Today: 1st General Fund Next week: 1st General Fund
 2nd Living Bread 2nd School Fund

We Remember in Prayer:

Those who have been unable to gather with us for some time, our widows and widowers, our elderly, the unborn, prodigal sons and daughters, any others who are unable to gather with us today, are under doctor's care, and all those who have hidden crosses.

MEDITATIONS

What Think Ye of Christ? Matthew 22:42.

O my brethren, my heart is enlarged towards you. I trust I feel something of that hidden, but powerful presence of Christ, whilst I am preaching to you. Do not reject the kingdom of God against yourselves; be so wise as to receive our witness. I cannot, I will not let you go; stay a little, let us reason together. However lightly you may esteem your souls, I know our Lord has set an unspeakable value on them. He thought them worthy of his most precious blood. I beseech you, therefore, O sinners, be ye reconciled to God. Behold, he calleth you; behold, he prevents and follows you with his mercy, and hath sent forth his servants unto the highways and hedges, to compel you to come in. Thus slow to anger, and of great kindness, was our all-merciful High-priest. And do you think he has changed his

nature, and forgets poor sinners; now he is exalted to the right hand of God? No, he is the same yesterday, today, and forever, and sitteth there only to make intercession for us. Come then, ye harlots, come ye publicans, come ye most abandoned of sinners, come and believe on Jesus Christ. Though the whole world despise you and cast you out, yet he will not disdain to take you up. O amazing, O infinitely condescending love! Even you, he will not be ashamed to call his brethren. ~Rev. George Whitefield

"I will trust, and not be afraid." Isa. 12. 2

Begone, unbelief, my Saviour is near,
 And for my relief will surely appear;
 By prayer let me wrestle, and he will perform;
 With Christ in the vessel, I smile at the storm.

Though dark be my way, since He is my Guide,
 'Tis mine to obey, 'tis His to provide;
 Though cisterns be broken, and creatures all fail,
 The word He has spoken shall surely prevail.

His love in time past forbids me to think
 He'll leave me at last in trouble to sink;
 Each sweet Ebenezer I have in review
 Confirms His good pleasure to help me quite through.

Determined to save, He watched o'er my path,
 When, Satan's blind slave, I sported with death.
 And can He have taught me to trust in His name,
 And thus far have brought me to put me to shame?

[Why should I complain of want or distress,
 Temptation or pain? He told me no less;
 The heirs of salvation, I know from His word,
 Through much tribulation must follow their Lord.

How bitter that cup, no heart can conceive,
 Which He drank quite up that sinners might live!
 His way was much rougher and darker than mine;
 Did Christ, my Lord, suffer, and shall I repine?]

Since all that I meet shall work for my good,
 The bitter is sweet, the medicine is food;
 Though painful at present, 'twill cease before long,
 And then O how pleasant the conqueror's song!

~J. Newton

Notes

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*Blessed is that man that maketh
the LORD his trust
Psalm 40:4a*

Church Times: 9:30 a.m. and 2:30 or 6:30 p.m.