

**Nov 27th, 2022**

## **Schedule of Events:**

**This Week:** 9:30 AM Advent Reading Service, Catechism Classes  
6:30 PM Catechism Reading Service

**Next Week:** 9:30 AM Advent Reading Service, Catechism Classes  
6:30 PM Catechism Reading Service

-All the Lord willing-

## **Announcements:**

**Offerings: 1st offering:** General Fund

**2nd offering Today:** Prison Diary

**2nd offering next week:** School Fund

### **Membership meeting notes:**

Rev. Baan received the vote and has been contacted. Craig Timmer received the vote for elder and accepted. The new evening doxology will be 315 starting Jan 1st. Officer installation is tentatively scheduled for Jan 8th.

### **Advanced Notice:**

There is a young adult game night planned for Friday, December 16th, at 7:00 p.m. in the school gym.

Any post high school and young married adults are welcome to attend. Snacks and refreshments will be provided. For more information and to RSVP by December 13, please contact Case Vogelaar at 712-360-2725 or Beth Kelderman at 605-987-7881.

## **House Visitation:**

**1st = 6:30 PM, 2nd = 8:00 PM** If changes are needed please contact us as soon as possible.

**Dec 5th:** 1st Joyce Van Voorts, 2nd Norm Jongetjes

**Dec 12th:** 1st Gus deWit, 2nd Harlan Van Beek

**Dec 19th:** Clarence Zomer

## **Remember in Prayer:**

- Clarence Zomer is still in the hospital and is waiting on the results of a biopsy. (*2 Thes 3:5 And the Lord direct your hearts into the love of God, and into the patient waiting for Christ.*)
- Our widows, widowers and lonely ones, the unborn, prodigal sons and daughters, those undergoing treatments, and all those with hidden crosses. ("He will regard the prayer of the destitute, and not despise their prayer." Psalms 102:17)

## **Meditation:**

### **The Manner in Which God's Will is to Be Done**

The second part of the petition relates to the manner in which we are to be willing to do God's will: "On earth as it is in heaven." It is neither contrary to the text, nor to the matter itself to acknowledge here a contrast between heaven and earth, or rather, a oneness of heaven and earth. Thus the petition is: "Thy will not only be done in heaven as the angels and the souls of the just made perfect glorify Thee there by doing Thy will, but let also Thy will be done by men upon earth. May Thy Name thus be glorified in heaven as well as upon earth, and upon earth as well as in heaven. The devil and the reprobate upon earth are not deemed worthy by Thee of this, as they neither desire this nor will ever do so. However, Thou hast formed a people for Thyself in order that they would show forth Thy praise. Therefore, let Thy elect do so both in heaven—which they do and about which Thy children upon earth rejoice—and upon earth in Thy church, which is so imperfect and in order to do so is in need of a greater measure of grace and of the Spirit. Illuminate and sanctify them more and more in order that they may be equipped to do Thy will, and thus glorify Thy Name and that thus Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven." From this perspective all the elect are viewed as one congregation who all join together in glorifying God by doing His good pleasure. Observe the unity of the residents of heaven and the congregation upon earth: "But ye are come unto mount Sion, and unto the city of the living God, the heavenly Jerusalem, and to an innumerable company of angels, to the general assembly and church of the firstborn, which are written in heaven, and to God the Judge of all, and to the spirits of just men made perfect, and to Jesus the

Mediator of the new covenant” (Heb 12:22-24). They are one people who rejoice in each other’s activity; that is, in their mutual glorification of God. However, the comparison between heaven and earth can also be understood as referring to the manner in which the will of God is to be done—namely, that men upon earth do the will of God as heartily, eagerly, earnestly, joyously, and continually as the angels and the spirits of the just made perfect in heaven. It is not suggested here that it is done as perfectly. A believer indeed strongly desires this, strives for this, and will not rest until his obedience will be perfect. However, he does not desire to limit the Holy One of Israel. It is a gracious gift to be privileged and be able to do the will of God, and one is therefore grateful for the smallest measure of this, even though he longs for more. He does not dare to put restrictions on the measure, however, knowing that God will not make His children perfect here. Rather, it is His will to lead His children to perfection and felicity by faith in the Mediator who is given unto daily justification and sanctification. Therefore, this is not prayed in the absolute sense of the word and with the designation that perfection be attained in the present time. Rather, one joins the citizens of heaven in their endeavor and is desirous to emulate them in their zeal, desire, and love—praying therefore that he may have both grace and the Spirit to that end.

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## Notes:

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*All who would like to stand for the 3<sup>rd</sup> song are welcome to.*

### Consistory

Elders: Mr. Rick Rozeboom, President

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# Netherlands Reformed Congregation

Sioux Falls, SD



*O give thanks unto the LORD; call upon his name:  
Make known his deeds among the people.*

*Psalm 105:1*

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