

**Dec 25th, 2022**

## **Schedule of Events:**

**This Week:** 9:30 AM Reading Service, no classes  
2:30 PM Rev Witvoet

**Next Week:** 9:30 AM Reading Service, classes after  
6:30 PM Catechism Reading

-All the Lord willing-

## **Announcements:**

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

**2nd offering Today:** Kingdom Boundary

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

## **House Visitation:**

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

**Jan 9th:** 1st Tyler Johnson, 2nd Jeannie Johnson

**Jan 16th:** 1st Tom Johnson, 2nd Brandon Van Beek

**Jan 23:** Derek Kattenberg 2nd Paul Johnson

## **Remember in Prayer:**

- The Synod hopes to meet Jan 25th-26th. It has been several years since the Synod has met. Pray for wisdom, peace, traveling mercies, and God's blessing on the decisions made at the meeting.
- 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." Psalm 102:17)

## **Meditation:**

### ***The Necessity of Self-Examination - Continued***

*Fifthly, to neglect this self-examination due to laziness, discouragement, or despair, robs a person of all comfort and joy, obstructs his growth, and denies God His honor. Therefore, examine yourself frequently, and often give answer to the question, "Simon, lovest thou Me" (John 21:17). It is also God's express command; whoever neglects this, not surrendering to His will, is disobedient toward God. How can such a person prosper? "Let us search and try our ways" (Lam 3:40); "Gather yourselves together, yea, gather together, O nation not desired" (Zeph 2:1).25 "Let a man examine himself" (1 Cor 11:28); "Examine yourselves, whether ye be in the faith; prove your own selves. Know ye not your own selves, how that Jesus Christ is in you, except ye be reprobates" (2 Cor 13:5). Submit to the counsel and command of God, and you will prosper.*

*Sixthly, it is possible for one to come to the knowledge of his spiritual state—whether one is in the covenant of grace with God, and whether or not one is a believer. To imagine that such is impossible causes a decline in serious concern about spiritual matters and therefore I wish to state that it is possible for one to know this. The bride knew that Jesus was hers: "My Beloved is mine, and I am His" (Song 2:16). "For I know that my Redeemer liveth" (Job 19:25); "... and thou shalt know that I the Lord am thy Saviour and thy Redeemer, the mighty One of Jacob" (Isa 60:16). "For I am persuaded," etc. (Rom 8:38). "Now we have received, not the spirit of the world, but the Spirit which is of God; that we might know the things that are freely given to us of God" (1 Cor 2:12). "I am crucified with Christ: nevertheless I live" (Gal 2:20).*

*Thus it should be noted that it is possible for a person to be assured. Therefore, strive to attain to such assurance. It is also possible, however, for a natural man to be convinced that he is still in an unregenerate state.*

*Seventhly, even though it is possible to come to this realization by the grace of the Holy Spirit, not everyone does. Many thousands will go to hell who imagine that they will enter heaven. There will also be many, however, who will enter heaven who feared that they would not arrive there. And even those who at times may stand strong, can readily become weak and come into darkness. "In my prosperity I said, I shall never be moved. Lord, by Thy favor Thou hast made my mountain to stand strong: Thou didst hide Thy face, and I was troubled" (Ps 30:6-7). In some true partakers of the covenant of grace there is still much darkness, so that they do not*

*have a clear perception of what constitutes sufficient light and life.*

*Although they know this when considering it divorced from themselves, and would be capable of stating this clearly to others, they nevertheless lack sufficient light to observe these graces in themselves. Moreover, so much of the old man yet remains in them—a fact upon which they focus to such an extent that they question whether this can coexist with grace—that they live between hope and fear. Hence they are poor, even though they possess much that is good. Others have good opinions of themselves, but they deceive themselves miserably. “There is a generation that is pure in their own eyes, and yet is not washed from their filthiness” (Prov 30:12). Consider, therefore, how necessary it is that we scrutinize our hearts and examine ourselves as to who and how we are.*

*Taken from: the Christian’s Reasonable Service*

### **Notes:**

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

#### Consistory

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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