

May 31, 2020

GENERAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

Services continue to be "listen live" through our website as well as meeting together according to the guidelines on the website(member's page).

Today: 9:30 a.m Pentecost Reading Service
6:30 p.m. Reading Service

Next Week: 9:30 a.m. and 6:30 p.m. Services

Advance Notice: June 21 Rev. Vergunst 9:30 a.m. baptism and 6:30 p.m. services.

-All the Lord willing-

Pentecost collection: The annual Pentecost collection is for the North American General Mission. Please find attached updates from the mission field. May we remember the special needs during this time. *Please send offerings to Mr. Norm de Wit.*

Periodicals: New periodicals are uploaded to the website

Directory Update: Mr. and Mrs. Richard and Karla Rozeboom
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We Remember in Prayer:

- Our classis which hopes to meet this week, we pray for safety and wisdom in the matters discussed.
- All those who have lost loved ones due to the coronavirus and those in the medical field.
- Our mission team in their continued lock down and unique circumstances. That the Word may still go out and be blessed.
- Our country in its state of unrest, also our city this evening.
- Our widows and widowers and lonely ones, the unborn, prodigal sons and daughters, and all those with hidden crosses

MEDITATION

One of the greatest gifts and benefits is the pouring out of the Holy Spirit. This was promised by His Father; Christ's work is rewarded. What is His reward? It is His church, all His own, from

Adam until the last which still must be gathered to His flock. He has received His children, and therefore they shall be brought to Him and united with Him. Unto Christ was promised the Holy Spirit, since the Holy Spirit should return the backsliding children to Him. Had not Christ said unto His disciples in John 14:16, "I will pray the Father, and He shall give you another Comforter, that He may abide with you forever; even the Spirit of truth?" This "Comforter, which is the Holy Ghost, whom the Father will send in My name, He shall teach you all things, and bring all things to your remembrance, whatsoever I have said unto you" (John 14:26).

After His ascension the disciples returned from the Mount of Olives to Jerusalem with great joy, expecting the fulfillment of the promise that the Holy Ghost would come upon them. In obedience they did not depart from Jerusalem until they were endued with power from on high. How did they tarry there? How did they wait upon the Lord? They all continued with one accord in prayer and supplication.

Are we also waiting in such a manner for the gift of Pentecost? Do we long after the coming and dwelling of the Holy Spirit in our hearts? Or, are we satisfied with our state, which is filled with the spirit of Satan? How poor we all are by nature! By our falling away from God we became synagogues of Satan. May the Lord teach us to continue in prayer and supplication, "Create in me a clean heart, O God; and renew a right spirit within me"(Psalm 51:10).

It becomes Pentecost for our hearts when God sends His Spirit. The Holy Spirit, who is the third Person of the Trinity, reveals Himself as Comforter, Teacher, and Leader. What a gift has been given at Pentecost to the disciples and women! What a benefit for God's children when they may receive the Holy Spirit! Water is poured upon him that is thirsty and floods upon dry ground. The Holy Spirit sent by God from above abides with them as the Comforter and Intercessor in their hearts, and He leads them to their Intercessor in heaven. It is the Spirit whom the world cannot receive because it seeth Him not.

Child of God, may you know Him; "for He dwelleth with you, and shall be in you" (John 14:17). He is your Comforter, Intercessor, Leader, and Guide, to the glory of a triune God and to your welfare for time and eternity. "He hath shed forth this, which ye now see and hear."

~Rev. J. C Westrate

NOTES

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*For thou wilt light my candle: the
LORD my God will enlighten my
darkness. Psalm 18:28*

Consistory

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