

**June 9, 2019**

## **GENERAL ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**Today:** Reading services 9:30 a.m and 6:30 p.m.Pentecost

**Next Week:** Reading services 9:30 a.m. and 6:30 p.m.

-All the Lord Willing-

**Offerings** Today: 1<sup>st</sup> General Fund    Next week: 1<sup>st</sup> General Fund

2<sup>nd</sup> NAGMission\*

2<sup>nd</sup> Living Bread

*\*Special Annual Pentecost Collection*

### **We Remember in Prayer:**

- With thankfulness for the students passing their examinations and Mr. de Leeuw being declared candidate. Also remembering the call which will go out this week to him from our congregation.
- With thankfulness, the new student accepted to our theological school, Mr. Keijer from Lethbridge, Alberta.
- Those who have been unable to gather with us for some time, our widows and widowers, our elderly, the unborn, prodigal sons and daughters, those who are under doctor's care, and all those who have hidden crosses.

## **MEDITATIONS**

### **The Miracle of Pentecost**

Do not miss the miracle of Pentecost! The Spirit of God was poured out on human flesh. Yes, this was a miracle! How can there be communion between the Spirit of God and our human flesh? They are opposed to each other and cannot bear one another. The Spirit is holy and pure; the flesh is sinful and defiled.

What is flesh? It is not only perishable matter; it is also depraved matter. It was not created depraved, but it became such through sin. Flesh became the dwelling place of sin. Malignant anger, bad thoughts, and unclean desires live in human flesh. Those who have been exposed to this truth say with the apostle Paul, "For I know that in me, that is, in my flesh, dwells no good thing," and "I am carnal, sold under sin." These are the workings of the flesh.

How is it then possible that the Holy Spirit descends upon sinful flesh? Still, the Spirit came miraculously upon human flesh at

Pentecost. People saw and heard it happening. This event was called the Day of Pentecost. This miracle can never be explained in terms of human flesh, but only through the work of Christ.

The miracle of Pentecost can only be explained in connection to the miracle of Christmas. The Spirit of God descended on flesh because the Son of God descended in the flesh. This is the same flesh as that of Samson, out of which the Spirit was departed. The Son first took this flesh upon Himself, but with no sin, so that He would be able to pay the ransom price in this flesh. This happened when His flesh was nailed to the cross. Moreover, He also rose in this flesh after He had paid the guilt of the flesh. The basis of the miracle of Pentecost lies in the work of the Mediator. Pentecost could not have occurred if there had been no Christmas, Good Friday, and Easter.

~ Frans Bakker

### **The Holy Ghost**

Ho! Ye whose anxious seeking minds,  
To new pursuits new vigor binds,  
This question, sure, concerns you most;  
"Have ye receiv'd the Holy Ghost?"

He comes, and with a powerful ray,  
He drives the love of sin away;  
Those He wounds deepest love Him most;  
"Have ye receiv'd the Holy Ghost?"

Where'er He comes, He comes to dwell,  
And Christians like His presence well;  
He fits them for the heavenly host;  
"Have ye receiv'd the Holy Ghost?"

With love of sin, and cursed pride,  
The Holy Ghost will not abide;  
He scorns the Pharisee's vain boast;  
"Have ye receiv'd the Holy Ghost?"

Dear Lord, before Thy throne I bow;  
Decide this question for me now;  
Let me this heav'nly quest receive,  
And never more Thy Spirit grieve.

## Notes

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*Trust in him at all times; ye people, pour  
out your heart before him:  
God is a refuge for us. Selah.  
Psalm 62:8*

### Consistory

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