

August 8, 2021

GENERAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

This Week: 9:30 a.m. Reading Service, 6:30 p.m. Catechism Reading Service. Scripture reading following morning service.

Next Week: 9:30 a.m. Reading Service, 6:30 p.m. Catechism Reading Service. Scripture reading following morning service. A Q&A time following scripture reading. See note below

Our annual **church picnic** hopes to be held this week Tuesday, August 10 at 7:00 p.m. at Sertoma Park. We encourage all of our church family and regular attendees to come join us for a time of fellowship. Please bring a salad, side, dessert, or beverage to pass. We will not have a singalong this week.

-All the Lord willing-

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

Religious Exemption request forms are available from the consistory if your workplace or school is requiring the COVid 19 vaccination and you believe you should not take this. Anyone with questions is welcome to stay after the scripture reading next Lord's Day for a time of questions and answers.

We Remember in Prayer:

- Those who have been placed over us, in the keeping within the boundaries and limitations of their authority.
- Our widows, widowers and lonely ones, the unborn, prodigal sons and daughters, those undergoing treatments, and all those with hidden crosses.

MEDITATIONS

Dear Congregation, "But all that heard him were amazed, and said; Is not this he that destroyed them which called on this name in Jerusalem?" (Acts 9:21a). What a grief his former life must have been to Saul. In all the work he did for the Lord, he performed that work with love and zeal for the Saviour who had sought and saved him. However, there was always the reminder of his former life—the time when he had destroyed those who called on the name of Jesus. When his enemies (also enemies of Christ) heard him, they knew that not long before this time Saul

had stood by and consented to the death of Stephen. Is it any wonder that at a certain time of his ministry Saul said, "I, the greatest of the sinners"? Yes, we may know that the Lord has forgiven his sins, and that is a wonder of God's grace, but those sins, although forgiven, continued to be a source of grief in Saul's life. My young people, what may we learn here? We learn that it is not a matter of indifference how we live when the Lord stops us and converts us; we will be shown what our sins are and have been in the sight of a holy God. It will then be a matter of the greatest, deepest joy when we learn that in the blood of the Saviour our sins are forgiven, but just as Saul of Tarsus, we will always remember our former life. What I am saying is, "Be careful with your walk here below. The sins you do not commit will not be a grief to you later." The people who were amazed at Saul's words pointed to God's children in Jerusalem—those whose life gave a testimony that they belonged to Jesus. People of the Lord, may it be seen in your life that you belong to Jesus, not because you sought Him but because He sought you? What a blessing it is when others may say regarding God's children, "They called upon the name of Christ." ~ Rev. J. den Hoed

"Those that wait upon the Lord...shall mount up with wings as eagles." The flight of eagles is very light and easy on account of the quantity of their feathers and the span of their wings. The flight of eagles, on account of the strength of their wings, is very steady, for which reason they can carry their young upon their wings; thus the Lord says to Israel, that He had "born them on eagles' wings." The flight of eagles is very constant and untiring. Believers in their mounting up are untiring in the Lord's work; yes, they are settled without being drawn away by the world's flatteries or threatenings, for, having once seen, they shall not look back. With purpose of heart they keep close to the path, which in comparison makes all else less than nothing. Also, the flight of eagles is very swift; there is no bird that flies faster. This was one of those things which was too wonderful for Solomon: "the way of an eagle in the air." The flight of eagles is exceeding high. This is a true likeness of the exalted state and condition of the Lord's children, who walk upon high places. When do believers mount up on eagles' wings? When they are hard pressed and can find no safety here below. Then the believer cries unto God, that he may be led to the Rock that is higher than he. ~Rev. Alexander Comrie

NOTES

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*Exalt the LORD our God, and
worship at his holy hill; for the
LORD our God is holy.
Psalm 99:9*

All who would like to stand for the 3rd song are welcome to.

Consistory

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