

May 8th, 2022

Schedule of Events:

This Week: 9:30 AM Reading Service. No Classes
2:30 PM Rev deLeeuw

Next Week: 9:30 AM Rev Vogelaar Baptism. No Classes
6:30 PM Rev Vogelaar

Monday: Consistory meeting at 1:30 PM
As a friendly and general reminder, the consistory meeting is published to the congregation in order to allow members to come with questions, suggestions, issues, etc. at that time.

Wednesday: Confession of Faith Class
Senior graduation at 7:00 PM

-All the Lord willing-

Announcements:

Offerings: 1st offering: General Fund

2nd offering Today: Living Bread

2nd offering next week: Prison Diary

Remember in Prayer:

- Treyton Zdenek's surgery went well and he is home recovering with minimal pain. (But unto you that fear my name shall the Sun of righteousness arise with healing in his wings; and ye shall go forth, and grow up as calves of the stall. And ye shall tread down the wicked; for they shall be ashes under the soles of your feet in the day that I shall do this, saith the Lord of hosts. Mal 4;2-3)
- Earl Girton has been readmitted to the hospital with an infection. May the Lord use these callings to the softening and turning of the heart. (And he said, If now I have found grace in thy sight, O Lord, let my Lord, I pray thee, go

among us; for it is a stiffnecked people; and pardon our iniquity and our sin, and take us for thine inheritance. And he said, Behold, I make a covenant: before all thy people I will do marvels, such as have not been done in all the earth, nor in any nation: and all the people among which thou art shall see the work of the Lord: for it is a terrible thing that I will do with thee. Ex 34:9-10)

- 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:

Dr. Ursinus' commentary on the Heidelberg Catechism Question 74.

1. Baptism is a sacrament of the New Testament, by which Christ testifies to the faithful who are baptized with water in the name of the Father, Son, and Holy Ghost, the forgiveness of all their sins, the giving of the Holy-Spirit, and ingrafting into the church and into his own body; whilst they, on the other hand, profess to receive these benefits from God, and will and ought, therefore, henceforth, to live unto him and to serve him. This same baptism was begun by John the Baptist, and carried forward by the Apostles. John baptized in the name of Christ, who was to suffer and rise again; the Apostles baptized in the name of Christ, as having suffered and risen from the dead.

2. The first end of baptism instituted by God is, that he might thereby declare and testify to us, that he cleanses those who are baptized by his blood and Spirit from all their sins, and therefore engrafts them into the body of Christ and makes them partakers of all his benefits. 2. That baptism might be a solemn reception or initiation of every one into the visible church, and a mark by which the church might be known from all other religions. 3. That it might be a public and solemn profession of our faith in Christ, and of our obligation to faith and obedience to him. 4. That it might be an admonition of our burial in afflictions, and of our rising out of them and deliverance from them.

3. Baptism has the power to declare or seal according to the command of God, and the promise which Christ has joined to it in its lawful use; for Christ baptizes us by the hand of his ministers, just as he speaks through them.

4. *There is, therefore, in baptism a double water; the one external and visible, which is elementary; the other internal, invisible and heavenly, which is the blood and Spirit of Christ. There is, also, a double washing in baptism; the one external, visible, and signifying, viz: the sprinkling and pouring of water, which is perceptible by the members and senses of the body; the other is internal, invisible, and signified, viz: the remission of sins on account of the blood of Christ shed for us, and our regeneration by the Holy Spirit and engrafting into his body, which is spiritual, and perceived only by faith and the Spirit. Lastly, there is a double dispenser of baptism: the one an external dispenser of the external, which is the minister of the church, baptizing us by his hand with water; the other an internal dispenser of the internal, which is Christ himself, baptizing us with his blood and Spirit.*

To be Continued

Notes:

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

Consistory

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

Psalm 105:1

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