

February 6, 2022

GENERAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

This Week: 9:30 AM Reading Service, Classes after the service
6:30 PM Catechism Reading Service

Next Week: 9:30 AM Reading Service, Classes after the service
6:30 PM Catechism Reading Service

Confession of Faith Class: Wednesday the 9th, 8:30 PM

Church Sing-a-long: Friday the 11th in Church 7:30-9:00 PM

-All the Lord willing-

Offerings: 1st offering: General Fund

2nd offering Today: School Fund

2nd offering next week: Living Bread

House Visitation Schedule: 1st @ 6:30, 2nd @ 8:00

Monday, Feb 7th: 1st. Jordan deWit, **2nd** Norm deWit

Monday, Feb 17th: 1st. (7 PM) Judy, Tara & Cole Thompson

We Remember in Prayer:

- Leonard Spaans hopes to return to Riverview Ridge Monday. (Howbeit Jesus suffered him not, but saith unto him, Go home to thy friends, and tell them how great things the Lord hath done for thee, and hath had compassion on thee. Mark 5:19)
- Tanya Zdenek is scheduled for same-day surgery on Monday. (Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil: for thou art with me; thy rod and thy staff they comfort me. Psalm 23:4)
- Earl Girton is having a bone marrow biopsy on Tuesday. (For we know that if our earthly house of this tabernacle were dissolved, we have a building of God, an house not made with hands, eternal in the heavens. 2 Cor 5:1)

- 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)

MEDITATIONS

"Search me, O God, and know my heart." Psalms 139:23a

How glad Peter was with the omniscience of the Lord Jesus. He could appeal to this, and say, "Thou knowest all things; Thou knowest that I love Thee." Even when everything seemed to testify against him, and he mourned about his denial of his beloved Master, he could say that he truly loved the Lord Jesus. Our hearts are deceitful and desperately wicked and therefore cannot be trusted. However, the Lord knows the inner-most recesses of our heart. He will show those who are truly longing to know the truth about their relationship with Him, what He Himself has laid within them. Psalm 139 also speaks about the omniscience of God. The poet asks Him to search him and know his heart, to try him and see if there be any wicked way and to lead him in the way everlasting, the way in which sinners are brought back unto the Lord. A way that is so hidden for the wise and the prudent, but which He reveals unto His children. "Search" is a word used for a gold seeker, a treasure digger, and it implies thorough investigation.

Elisha said to the widow in 2 Kings 4:2, "What hast thou in the house?" Blessed are those who have nothing save a pot of oil, that is: who have been emptied, uncovered, and know themselves to be utterly guilt and unable to pay their

debts. However, they still have some oil, which speaks of the work of the Holy Spirit within. He will lead them to the greater Elisha - the Lord Jesus. The Spirit uncovers and strips away all our self righteousness, but also leads us poor and wretched, to Him Who still receives sinners and eats with them. Those that come to Him, with nothing in their hands, He will not send away empty.

For He is King, and He is so worthy to be confessed and honored, the chiefest among ten thousand and altogether lovely. They will not be put to shame who trust in Him. May you seek Him early, in the days of your youth. He has a right to your young lives and to be served and praised also by you. His service is a service of love which will never disappoint you.

May that be experienced, by grace, also by you my dear young people and children.

Rev. C. Vogelaar.

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*

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