April 9, 2023

- This Week: 9:30 a.m. Easter Reading Service 6:30 p.m. Preparatory Reading Service No classes
- Next Week: 9:30 a.m. Rev. Adams Communion 6:30 p.m. Rev. Adams - Reflection
- Monday: 10:00 a.m. consistory meeting. Censura Morum will be held. 7:30 p.m. Asaph Choir practice.

Thursday: 7:00 p.m. Preparatory service with Rev. Adams

Advance Notices:

-There is a post high school and young married adult activity evening planned for Friday, **April 21** at 7:00 pm in the school gym, D.V. Refreshments will be provided. Please RSVP to Case Vogelaar (712-360-2725) or Beth Kelderman (605-987-7881) by Wednesday, April 19.

-April 23, Student Kleijer hopes to be in our midst for both services. -April 30, Rev. Vogelaar hopes to be in our midst in the evening.

House Visitations:

April 10 7:00 p.m. Mr. & Mrs. Cole Thompson April 17 7:00 p.m. Mr. & Mrs. Gus deWit

-All the Lord willing-

Collections: Today: 1st General FundNext week: 1st General Fund2nd Living Bread2nd NAGMission

We Remember in Prayer:

-Our widows and lonely ones, the unborn, our married couples, prodigal sons and daughters, and all those with hidden crosses.

MEDITATIONS

The resurrection of Christ is the grand proof that God the Father's justice was satisfied, because if it had not been, He would not have ever been raised from the grave.... May the Lord graciously deliver your poor soul from the spiritual deadness in which you lie and give

to you the assurance that you share in the resurrection of Christ. That would be the only comfort in life and in death.

~ Rev. J. Fraanje

"He is not here, but is risen:" Luke 24:6a

The resurrection of Christ is one of the greatest foundations of the faith of His people. Only in His victory over hell, death and the grave is there hope and peace. Fearful women received the message, "He is not here". They found an empty tomb, as a proof that the Lord Jesus did not only die, but rose again. By whose hands had Jesus' body been taken away? Certainly not by the hands of the priests, scribes and other enemies of Christ. If they would have had the body of Christ to show in disproof of His resurrection, they would have gladly shown it. Not the hands of the disciples or other followers of the Lord. They were far too frightened and dispirited to do this and they had nothing to gain by it.

No, women, He is not here. You are seeking the living among the dead, but you will not find Him here. He is no longer in the grave, under the curse, as Debtor to God's justice, in a state of humiliation and shame. He came out of the grave, justified. There is therefore no condemnation to them which are in Christ Jesus. In Him God's wrath is taken away, His justice satisfied, in Him there is peace and rest for a condemnable sinner. However, what Christ had merited He would also apply and the Prince of Peace Himself would visit His mourning people.

Are you longing for such a visit? Is it your need to hear it from Him: Peace be unto thee? Are there those who cannot find Him, not in the works of the law, in their frames, experiences, tears and conditions? He is not even in your sincerity, surrendering to Him, your obedience, love, self-denial, though these are fruits indeed, fruits of life, because He is alive. Everything outside of Him will fall away.

What could these women do with all what they had experienced when He was with them? They needed Him to speak to their soul, to remove the darkness and open their prison. The great Shepherd, Who had been smitten by the sword of God's justice, will turn His hand upon the little ones and comfort His scattered sheep. May there be such among us who cannot live without Him and who, with all what has been experienced, need a visit of the living Christ. He will not put to shame those that wait for Him.

~ Rev. C. Vogelaar

Christ's Resurrection. Matt. 20:19; Luke 24:2-7

J. Hart C.M.

1

See from the dungeon of the dead, Our great Deliverer rise; While conquests wreathe his heavenly head, And glory glads his eyes.

2

The struggling Hero, strong to save, Did all our miseries bear Down to the chambers of the grave, And left the burden there.

[See, how the well-pleased angel rolls The stone, and opes the prison! Lift up your heads, ye sin-sick souls, And sing, The Lord is risen.]

No more indictments justice draws; It sets the soul at large; Our Surety undertook the cause, And faith's a full discharge. 5

To save us, our Redeemer died; To justify us, rose; Where's the condemning power beside Has right to interpose?

6

The Lord is risen! thou trembling soul, Let fears no more confound! Let heaven and earth, from pole to pole, The Lord is risen resound!

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He is not here: for he is risen, as he said. *Come, see the place where the Lord lay.* Matthew 28:6