

May 15th, 2022

Schedule of Events:

This Week: 9:30 AM Rev Vogelaar Baptism. No Classes
Rev Vogelaar hopes to baptize Anneke Jaelyn Timmer and
Indi Sue Van Beek
6:30 PM Rev Vogelaar

Next Week: 9:30 AM Reading Service, Classes
6:30 PM Reading Service

Wednesday: Bible Study 7:00 PM at Living Bread

Friday: Sing-a-long at Inwood Community Center at 7:30 PM. All Welcome, feel free to bring a snack to share.

-All the Lord willing-

Announcements:

Offerings: 1st offering: General Fund

2nd offering Today: Prison Diary

2nd offering next week: Emeritus

Remember in Prayer:

- 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. Continued

5. Yet the water is not changed into the blood or Spirit of Christ, nor is the blood of Christ present in the water, or in the same place with the water. Nor are the bodies of those who are baptized washed with this visibly; nor is the Holy Spirit, by his substance or

virtue, more in this water than elsewhere; but he works in the hearts of those who are baptized in the lawful use of baptism, and sprinkles and washes them spiritually by the blood of Christ, whilst he uses this external symbol as a means, and as a visible word or promise to stir up and confirm the faith of those who are baptized.

6. When baptism is, therefore, said to be the laver or washing of regeneration, to save us, or to wash away sins, it is meant that the external baptism is a sign of the internal, that is, of regeneration, salvation and of spiritual absolution; and this internal baptism is said to be joined with that which is external, in the right and proper use of it.

7. Yet sin is so washed away in baptism, that we are delivered from exposure to divine wrath and from the condemnation of everlasting punishment, whilst the Holy Ghost commences in us the work of regeneration and conformity with God. Remissions of sins, however, continue to the end of life.

8. All, and only those who are renewed or being renewed, receive baptism lawfully, being baptized for those ends for which Christ instituted this sacrament.

9. The church administers baptism lawfully to all, and only to those whom she ought to regard among the number of the regenerate, or as members of Christ.

10. Since the infant children of Christians are also included in the church, into which Christ will have all those who belong to him to be received and enrolled by baptism; and as baptism has been substituted in the place of circumcision, by which (as well to the infants as to the adults belonging to the seed of Abraham,) justification, regeneration and reception into the church were sealed by and for the sake of Christ; and as no one can forbid water that those should not be baptized who have received the Holy Spirit purifying their hearts, it follows that those infants should be baptized, who are either born in the church, or come into it from the world with their parents.

11. As the promise of the gospel, so baptism being unworthily received, that is, before conversion, is ratified and tends to salvation to those who repent, so that the use of it which was before unlawful is now lawful.

12. The impiety of the minister does not make baptism void, if only it be performed in the promise and faith of Christ. It is for this reason that the true church does not re-baptize those who have been baptized by heretics, but instructs them in the true doctrine respecting Christ and baptism.

Notes:

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

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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