

May 27, 2018

GENERAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

Today: We hope to have a morning reading service and an evening catechism service. Rev. de Leeuw is in Rock Valley at 2:00 p.m.

-Next Week: We hope to have Student Witvoet in our midst at 9:30 a.m. and 2:30 p.m.

Congregational meeting on Monday, June 4 at 7:00 p.m. for the purpose of calling a minister

-All the Lord Willing-

Offerings Today: 1st General Fund Next week: 1st General Fund
2nd School Fund 2nd School Fund

We Remember in Prayer:

-The Curatorium that hopes to meet this week Wednesday and the students in their examinations.

-Mrs. Zomer who moved into Lutheran Manor for therapy.

MEDITATIONS

“Take heed lest any man deceive you.” Mark 13:5b

Congregation, the Word of God tells us that we are all upon the way unto our eternal home. That eternal dwelling place will be eternal woe because of our guilt and sin, or eternal well out of free and sovereign grace, in and through Jesus Christ. Let me try to reach out to you in this House of the Lord. We need to stand still a moment. Where is our journey going? “Take heed lest any man deceive you.” Thus sounds the warning voice of the great prophet and teacher of righteousness. And when He admonishes in this way, would the reason then be that there are many deceivers? We read of this in verse 6, “For many shall come in My name, saying, I am Christ and shall deceive many.” No, this is not some pessimistic theologian speaking, this is the great Prophet, Jesus Christ, the Son of God speaking. He is saying that there are many deceivers. They are voices that are not sent as a messenger with a God-given message, but voices that come to deceive pertaining to what is most important in our life. They will deceive many by laying a ground for the great eternity where no ground may be laid.

“Take heed lest any man deceive you.” Are the words you receive truth? Do they speak about our deep fall in Adam? Do they speak about the breach between God and your soul? Do they point to an only way opened for the sinner to be saved? Do they say you must be born again? And how are you under such a message? Is it a message which may touch

your heart? Oh, remember how many callings the Lord is placing amongst us during these days. They are saying, prepare thy house for thou shalt die. Please take these warnings to heart. ~Rev. J. den Hoed

NO PARDON OUT OF CHRIST

O ye sons of men, be wise;
Trust no longer dreams and lies.
Out of Christ, almighty power
Can do nothing but devour.

God, you say, is good. ‘Tis true,
But He’s pure and holy too;
Just and jealous in His ire,
Burning with vindictive fire.

This of old Himself declared;
Israel trembled when they heard.
But the proof of proofs indeed
Is, He sent His Son to bleed.

When the blessed Jesus died,
God was clearly justified.
Sins to pardon without blood
Never in His nature stood.

Worship God, then, in His Son;
There He’s love and there alone;
Think not that He will, or may,
Pardon any other way.

See the suffering Son of God
Panting, groaning, sweating blood!
Brethren, this had never been
Had not God detested sin.

Be His mercy, therefore, sought
In the way Himself has taught;
There His clemency is such,
We can never trust too much.

He that better knows than we,
Bids us now to Jesus flee;
Humbly take Him at His Word,
And your souls shall bless the Lord. ~J. Hart

NOTES

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*From the end of the earth will I cry
unto thee, when my heart is
overwhelmed: lead me to the rock that
is higher than I. Psalm 61:2*

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