

**April 22, 2018**

## **GENERAL ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**Today:** We hope to have a morning catechism (#51) reading service and a 2:30 p.m. service with Student de Leeuw. He serves Sioux Center this evening.

**-Next Week:** We hope to have a morning catechism reading service and an evening service with Rev. Vogelaar.

### **Advance Notices:**

- Wednesday, May 2 7:30 p.m. Student Witvoet in Sioux Center (National Prayer Day)
- Thursday, May 3 7:30 p.m. Student Witvoet in Rock Valley (National Prayer Day)
- Thursday, May 10 7:30 p.m. Rev den Hoed in Rock Valley, Rev. Vergunst in Sioux Center (Ascension Day),
- May 20 - 2:30 p.m. Student de Leeuw (Pentecost)  
-All the Lord willing-

**Offerings** Today: 1<sup>st</sup> General Fund    Next week: 1<sup>st</sup> General Fund  
2<sup>nd</sup> Theological School    2<sup>nd</sup> NRC Book & Publ.

### **We Remember in Prayer:**

-Those who have been unable to gather with us for some time, our widows and widowers, our elderly, the unborn, prodigal sons and daughters, any others who are unable to gather with us today, are under doctor's care, and all those who have hidden crosses.

## **MEDITATIONS**

Take warning when God gives warning. God warns you by sounding the trumpet of His Word. How often have ministers shown you the godly in Abraham's bosom! How often have they shown you the place of torment, and bid you look down in to the bottom of the lion's den, and to beware that it never be your lot to come into it? And will ye neglect God's command, and condemn God's threatenings? Will ye slight and disregard the tender heart and compassions of your crucified Lord, yearning over your dying souls? How canst thou escape, O sinner, if you neglect so great salvation? Will not heathen Nineveh condemn thy hard-heartedness?

Doth God knock at thy door by the ministry of His Word? Do not stop thine ears like the adder. Doth He knock by the sweet inspirations of His Holy Spirit? Dost thou hear a voice behind thee, saying, "This is the way, walk ye in it"? Obey God's voice, and resolve presently, lest, death knocking suddenly at the door, it be too late. It is said of Charles

IV, King of France, that being affected at one time with a sense of his many sins, he fetched a deep sigh, and said, "Now, by the help of God, I will so carry myself all my life long, that I never offend God anymore." As soon as he had uttered these words, he presently fell down and died. Oh, resolve speedily not to go in your own strength, but to take the strength of Christ, and the strength of the Spirit with you. God delights to bind up the broken heart, and to exalt the abased sinner. God can just as soon deliver His Son to a second crucifixion, as not have compassion on a melting, broken, bleeding Christian. Only see that thy abasement be followed with amendment of life, and thy brokenness of heart with the breaking off of thy sins by righteousness.  
~Andrew Gray

They would dance with the devil all day--and then dine with Christ at night! They would live all their lives in Delilah's lap--and then go to Abraham's bosom when they die! "There are many who desire to *die* the death of the righteous--but do not endeavor to *live* the life of the righteous. Gladly would they have their *end* like theirs--but not their way. They would be saints in Heaven--but not saints on earth. If you resolve to serve God--you must renounce all competitors with Him!"  
~Matthew Henry

### **The Time is Short**

The time is short! – the season near,  
When death will us remove,  
To leave our friends, however dear,  
And all we fondly love!

The time is short! sinners, beware,  
Nor trifle time away;  
The word of "great salvation" hear,  
"While it is called today."

The time is short! ye rebels, now  
To Christ the Lord submit;  
To mercy's golden scepter bow,  
And fall at Jesus' feet.

The time is short! ye saints rejoice –  
The Lord will quickly come;  
Soon shall ye hear the Bridegroom's voice,  
To call your spirits home.

The time is short! it swiftly flies –  
The hour is just at hand,  
When we shall mount above the skies,  
And reach Emmanuel's land. ~ R. M. M'Cheyne

# NOTES

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*But lay up for yourselves treasures in  
heaven, where neither moth nor rust  
doth corrupt, and where thieves do not  
break through nor steal:  
Matthew 6:20*

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