

November 5, 2017

## GENERAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

-**Today:** We hope to have a morning reading service and an evening catechism service (#33).

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

### Advance Notices:

November 19, Student de Leeuw at 2:30 p.m.

November 22, Rev. Adams 7:00 p.m Thanksgiving Day

November 26, Student de Leeuw 9:30 a.m and 2:30 p.m.

November 30, Congregational Meeting

December 24, Student de Leeuw 2:30 p.m. Christmas Eve

-All the Lord willing-

**Offerings** Today: 1<sup>st</sup> General Fund    Next week: 1<sup>st</sup> General Fund  
                                  2<sup>nd</sup> Special School\*\*                    2<sup>nd</sup> Benevolent Fund

\*\*Special School Collection: The tuition amount for this year is \$17667.00

### We Remember in Prayer:

-Those who have been unable to gather with us for some time, thinking especially of Mr. Roberts, and Mr. & Mrs. Hoogendoorn.

-Our widow and widower, 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

It is easy for people to say that they are thankful. But what do people mean by that, because even people who do not believe in anything sometimes say that they are thankful? I am afraid that many who say so are only happy, but not really thankful. The question is whether we have ever been thankful to God. He governs this world, and we should be especially thankful to Him as our Creator. He yet upholds the world. We believe in God's providence, but, if we do not believe in this, how can we be thankful? All the blessings we receive come from the Lord's hand. What is more, we may even hear the gospel and are called to return to God.

True thankfulness is more than knowing who has been good to us. We are only truly thankful when we are made humble and feel unworthy of God's blessings. In order to have such high and thankful thoughts about God, we need repentance and saving faith. Have we ever been truly thankful to God?

~Rev. P. Van Ruitenbureg

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### BEHOLD, I WAS SHAPEN IN INIQUITY!

How shall I come to Thee,  
O God, Who holy art,  
And cannot evil see  
But with a loathing heart!  
I am defil'd throughout by sin,  
And by my very birth unclean.

Soon as my heart could beat,  
It drank in various woe;  
Pride, lust, and self-deceit,  
Thro' all its channels flow;  
A captive born, a child of earth,  
It knows and craves no higher birth.

From this polluted spring  
All filthy waters rise;  
From this diseased thing  
I date my maladies;  
My heart, a most degenerate root,  
Produceth only canker'd fruit.

And what can wash me clean  
But Jesus' precious blood?  
This only purgeth sin,  
And bringeth nigh to God;  
Lord, wash my sores, and heal them too,  
And all my leprosy subdue.

Thy heavenly image draw  
Upon my earthly heart,  
And well engrave Thy law  
Upon the inward part;  
My fallen nature upward raise,  
And teach me how to love and praise.  
~ Rev. J Berridge.

*Notes*

# Netherlands Reformed Congregation

Sioux Falls, SD



*Bless the LORD, all his works in  
all places of his dominion: bless the  
LORD, O my soul.  
Psalm 103:22*

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