

**April 17th, 2022**

## **Schedule of Events:**

**This Week:** 9:30 AM Reading Service, No Classes  
2:30 PM Rev Witvoet

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

**Wednesday:** Bible Study 7:00 at Living Bread.

-All the Lord willing-

## **Announcements:**

**Offerings: 1st offering:** General Fund

**2nd offering Today:** NAGM

**2nd offering next week:** Alpha Center

**Blue Book:** 412 and 413 are available in the back of the church.

### **March's Collections:**

General Fund = \$2130

Living Bread = \$589

Disaster Fund = \$1248

Hudson Taylor = \$209

School Fund = \$351

## **Remember in Prayer:**

- Treyton Zdenek is having foot reconstructive surgery on the 21st. (For he shall give his angels charge over thee, to keep thee in all thy ways. They shall bear thee up in their hands, lest thou dash thy foot against a stone. Thou shalt tread upon the lion and adder: the young lion and the dragon shalt thou trample under feet. Psalm 91:11-13)
- 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. Part 2 of several.*

From what we have now said, we may easily determine whether infants are to be baptized. If they are disciples of Christ, and included in the church, (which we may fully establish by the covenant itself, and many other passages of Scripture) they are fit subjects for baptism. The Catechism adduces four reasons why infants, as well as adults, are to be baptized.

First, all that belong to the covenant and church of God are to be baptized. But the children of Christians, as well as adults, belong to the covenant and church of God. Therefore they are to be baptized as well as adults. The major proposition is proven from the command of Christ, which requires the whole church to be baptized. "Go, and teach all nations, baptizing them, &c. And Paul says: "By one Spirit are we all baptized into one body." (1 Cor. 12:13.) The minor proposition is clear from the covenant itself in which God declares, "I will be a God unto thee and thy seed after thee:" and from what Christ says: "Suffer little children to come unto me; for of such is the kingdom of heaven" (Gen. 17:7. Matt. 19:14.)

Secondly, those are not to be excluded from baptism, to whom the benefit of the remission of sins, and of regeneration belongs. But this benefit belongs to the infants of the church; for redemption from sin, by the blood of Christ and the Holy Ghost, the author of faith, is promised to them no less than to the adult. Therefore they ought to be baptized. The major of this syllogism is proven by the words of Peter: "Repent, and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ; for the promise is unto you and your children." "Can any man forbid water, that these should not be baptized, which have received the Holy Ghost as well as we." (Acts 2:38,35; 10:47.) The same thing is established by this argument:

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*From the form for Administration of Baptism:*

Thirdly. Whereas in all covenants, there are contained two parts: therefore are we by God through baptism, admonished of, and obliged unto new obedience, namely, that we cleave to this one God, Father, Son, and Holy Ghost; that we trust in him, and love him with all our hearts, with all our souls, with all our mind, and with all our strength; that we forsake the world, crucify our old nature, and walk in a new and holy life.

And if we sometimes through weakness fall into sin, we must not, therefore, despair of God's mercy, nor continue in sin, since baptism is a seal and undoubted testimony, that we have an eternal covenant of grace with God.

### Notes:

# Netherlands Reformed Congregation

**Sioux Falls, SD**



*All who would like to stand for the 3<sup>rd</sup> song are welcome to.*

#### Consistory

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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