

October 8, 2023

MEDITATIONS

This Week: 9:30 a.m. Catechism Reading Service (LD18) **
6:30 p.m. Reading Service

Classes will resume:

- The high school/adult class will go through the Holy War.
- The older group (11-13) will start the Shorter Catechism.
- The younger group (7-10) will start P. Dyksterhuis booklet.
- The youngest group (4-6) will start also. (no book)

Books will be provided if you do not have them.

Next Week: 9:30 a.m. Reading Service
6:30 p.m. Catechism Reading Service (LD19) **
Classes after the morning service. *

**assignments can be found on the website*

***catechism readings will alternate morn./eve.*

Advance Notices:

- November 1**, Rev. Slingerland will lead a Reformation Day service at 7:00 p.m.
 - November 12**, Rev. Witvoet hopes to serve us at 2:30 p.m.
 - November 19**, Rev. Baan hopes to serve us at 2:30 p.m.
 - Wednesday, **November 22**, Rev. Baan hopes to serve us for a Thanksgiving service at 7:00 p.m.
- All the Lord willing-

Collections: Today: 1st General Fund Next week: 1st General Fund
2nd School Fund 2nd Disaster Relief

We Remember in Prayer:

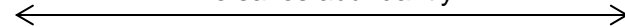
- Mr. and Mrs. Derek and Laura Kattenberg and family in the loss of her grandmother, Mrs. Shirley Techen, of Sheldon, IA, at the age of 85.
- Mrs. Jennie Johnson and further family in the loss of her sister, Mrs. Clazina Burgraaff, of Inwood, IA, at the age of 83.
- Mr. and Mrs. Bogie and Tara Webb (nee Thompson), who were blessed with a baby girl, Western Skye, on Wednesday, October 4.
- Mrs. van Voorst, who commemorated her 75th birthday on Thursday, October 5.
- Our widows and lonely ones, the unborn, our married couples, prodigal sons and daughters, and all those with hidden crosses.

Considering our latter end

Oh, are we foolish still?
And without saving grace?
Who knows how soon we will
Be called before God's face!

We cannot spare a day,
Our life is fleeting fast.
Make haste without delay,
Ere time of grace is past.

Do call upon God's Name
For pardon full and free.
The Saviour is the same:
He saves abundantly

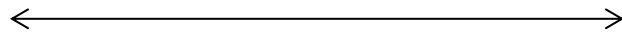


This is a faithful saying, and worthy of all acceptance, that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners." 1 Timothy 1:15

Hearken, my soul, to the proclamation from heaven! Is this the faithful saying of a faithful God? Surely, then, thou mayest well regard it, for it is for thy life. And if it be worthy of all acceptance, it must be eminently so of thine; for thou hast been a transgressor from the womb. But did Jesus indeed come to save sinners? Yes, so the proclamation runs. Sinner, enemies to God. Jesus, it is said, "received gifts for the rebellious, that the Lord God might dwell among them;" and with that tenderness which distinguished his character, he said himself, that he "came not to call the righteous, but sinners to repentance." Well, then, my soul, upon this warrant of the faithful word of a faithful God, wilt thou not so fully rely as to believe unto salvation? If any inquiries arise contrary to this belief, let this be thine answer: Christ came to save sinners; that is enough for me; for I am one. God's salvation is said to be for enemies; that is my name by nature. Jesus received gifts for the rebellious; to this character I plead also guilty. If men or devils would endeavor to work unbelief in my heart, this is my answer: "Christ came to save sinners." Let those that never felt sin, and consequently know not the need of a Saviour, stay and argue the point as they may; my soul's eternal welfare is concerned, and I will not lose a moment to close with the heavenly proposal. Lord Jesus, thou waitest to be gracious! The faithful saying of my God I accept on my bended knees. It is indeed worthy of all acceptance, and above all, of mine. Here while upon earth will I proclaim thy praise; and in heaven, the loudest of all voices must be mine, that "Christ came to save sinners, of whom I am chief." ~ Rev. Robert Hawker

For I know him, that he will command his children and his household after him, and they shall keep the way of the LORD, to do justice and judgement; that the LORD may bring upon Abraham that which he hath spoken of him.' Genesis 18:19

One reason the Lord assigns to why he would not hide this thing from Abraham is much to the honor of Abraham, and in this we are called upon to imitate him: I know him, that he will teach. May he give like grace to all who have families, to be wise and faithful in teaching and warning their children and servants. All who know and fear the Lord, whether parents or children, masters or servants, have a talent committed to you—some opportunities of speaking to those whom you love or who love you, or with whom you are acquainted or connected, concerning the things of God. Entreat the Lord to give you a concern for souls, for the honor of his name, and to teach you to speak in meekness a word in season [Isaiah 50:4]. To him that hath shall be given [Mark 4:25]; in attempting to water others you shall be watered also yourself. And if you have little opportunity in other ways, be careful of your conduct and example. By this, through the blessing, you may be greatly useful to win upon others; if you let your light shine before men, it shall be to the glory of God and to your own comfort. ~John Newton



Chief Shepherd of thy chosen sheep,
From death and sin set free;
May every under-shepherd keep
His eye, intent on thee!

With plenteous grace their hearts prepare,
To execute thy will
Compassion, patience, love and care,
And faithfulness and skill.

Inflame their minds with holy zeal
Their flocks to feed and teach;
And let them live, and let them feel
The sacred truths they preach.

Oh, never let the sheep complain
That toys, which fools amuse;
Ambition, pleasure, praise or gain,
Debase the shepherd's views.

He, that for these, forbears to feed
The souls whom JESUS loves;
Whate'er he may profess, or plead,
An idol-shepherd proves.

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*Let every thing that hath breath praise
the LORD. Praise ye the LORD.*

Psal'm 150:6

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