

October 11, 2020

GENERAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

Today: 9:30 a.m. Catechism Reading Service and **2:30 p.m.** service with Rev. Witvoet

Next Week: 9:30 a.m. Reading Service, 6:30 p.m. Catechism Reading Service

-All the Lord willing-

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

We Remember in Prayer:

-Mr. & Mrs. Leonard Spaans who were both admitted back to the COVid floor in the hospital this past week. Mr. Spaans was admitted with bilateral pneumonia and blood infection. He is still in the hospital on oxygen and stable. Mrs. Spaans was admitted with low blood pressure and dehydration. She is also stable in the hospital receiving IV treatment.

-Mr. James Decker who hopes to commemorate his 94th birthday this coming Saturday, October 17.

-The delegates to the classis, which hopes to meet this week in Michigan, for wisdom and traveling safety.

-Our elderly members who cannot come up to God's house from week to week, especially for safety and health with the coronavirus widespread in our area.

-Our healthcare workers for safety and strength in the coming days and weeks.

-Our widows, widowers and lonely ones, the unborn, prodigal sons and daughters, and all those with hidden crosses.

MEDITATIONS

"And the world passeth away, and the lust thereof"
1 John 2:17a

The world may seem to be so attractive to you, my young friends, and may promise much, but in the end it will disappoint you and leave you empty and miserable. Remember, those who love and serve the world will perish with the world. May we realize this and may we rather seek that Treasure which abides, the fear of God, to be reconciled to Him, to belong to that faithful Savior Jesus Christ, and to be prepared for the inheritance which is reserved in heaven for those who became pilgrims and strangers on this earth.

This is still the time of grace. Redeem the time that the Lord, in His longsuffering and patience, still gives unto you, *"But he that doth the will of God abideth for ever."* This will is revealed in God's Word. It is also to believe His Word and to obey. The apostle writes in 1 John 3:23, *"And this is His commandment, That we should believe on the name of His Son Jesus Christ, and love one another, as He gave us commandment."* The Lord has a right to this.

He may command what we can never do anymore, since in Adam we became lost and ruined sinners. But let the command lead to prayer, supplicating the Lord to give what He demands of us — of young and old. He is so worthy to be served. May the Lord send His Spirit among us, in our families, and in our congregations; so that sinners with a true sorrow may turn unto the Lord, confessing that they have forfeited all rights, but pleading for mercy.

People of God, it was only the Lord, Who by free and sovereign grace made a difference where there was no difference. May the Lord give a close walk with Him. The wilderness journey will soon come to an end and the battle will be over; then you will receive your wish. That is: to serve Him without sin and to see Him as He is. He, the blessed Savior, is faithful to His promise and will safely guide, lead, and protect you, also in the unknown future. May the Lord give childlike trust in Him. He will finish perfectly what He for you has undertaken. Salvation lies in almighty and faithful hands. May you cast all your burdens upon Him; He careth for you. ~Rev. C. Vogelaar

Prayer

Eternal Father, Lord of all,
By heaven and earth adored,
Regard thy guilty creatures' call,
Who would revere thy word.

Lord Jesus, Son of God most high,
Of all the rightful heir,
Adored by hosts above the sky,
And by thy people here;

Thee, Saviour of the lost, we own,
Incarnate God and Lord,
Refresh us now, and send us down
The blessings of thy word.

Thou, Holy Ghost, who dost reveal
The secret things of grace;
And knowest well the Father's will,
And his deep mind can trace;

Disclose the heavenly mysteries,
And bring the gospel feast;
Give gracious hearts and opened eyes,
That we may see and taste.
~J. Berridge

NOTES

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*O come, let us worship and bow
down: let us kneel before the LORD
our maker.
Psalm 95:6*

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