

May 14, 2023

This Week: 9:30 a.m. Reading Service
6:30 p.m. Catechism Reading Service (dB LD2)

Next Week: 9:30 a.m. Reading Service
6:30 p.m. Catechism Reading Service (dB LD3)

Wednesday, May 17, Rev. Slingerland hopes to be in our midst at 7:00 p.m. for an Ascension Day service.

Advance Notice:

June 4, Rev. Witvoet hopes to be in our midst at 2:30 p.m.

-All the Lord willing-

Books Available: The three volume set of John Vreugdenhil's church history books, *God's Care and Continuance of His Church*, have been updated by NRC Book and Publishing. Recognizing the importance of teaching our families church history, we ask that you take a set in the narthex if you do not have one or want an updated set.

Collections: Today: 1st General Fund Next week: 1st General Fund
2nd Emeritus Fund 2nd Israel Mission

Collections Received:

March:	Emeritus Fund	\$ 589.00
April:	Kingdom Boundaries	\$ 192.00
	School Fund	\$ 101.00
	Living Bread	\$ 276.00
	Alpha Center	\$ 379.00
	NAGMission	\$1031.00
	General	\$2134.00

We Remember in Prayer:

-Mr. & Mrs. Tyler Maassen and further family in the passing away of their nephew, Walker, at the age of 20 months. The funeral was this past Friday.
-Our widows and lonely ones, the unborn, our married couples, prodigal sons and daughters, and all those with hidden crosses.

MEDITATIONS

God be merciful to me a sinner

*Hear, gracious God, a sinner's cry,
For I have nowhere else to fly;
My hope, my only hope's in Thee;
O God, be merciful to me!*

*To Thee I come, a sinner poor,
And wait for mercy at Thy door;
Indeed, I've nowhere else to flee;
O God, be merciful to me!*

*To Thee I come, a sinner weak,
And scarce know how to pray or speak;
From fear and weakness set me free;
O God, be merciful to me!*

*To Thee I come, a sinner vile;
Upon me, Lord, vouchsafe to smile;
Mercy, through blood, I make my plea;
O God, be merciful to me!*

*To Thee I come, a sinner great,
And well Thou knowest all my state;
Yet full forgiveness is with Thee;
O God, be merciful to me!*

*To Thee I come, a sinner lost,
Nor have I aught wherein to trust;
But where Thou art, Lord, I would be;
O God, be merciful to me!*

*To glory bring me, Lord, at last,
And there, when all my fears are past,
With all Thy saints I'll then agree,
God has been merciful to me!*

~S. Medley

"The Lord afflicts us at times; but it is always a thousand times less than we deserve, and much less than many of our fellow-creatures are suffering around us. Let us, therefore, pray for grace to be humble, thankful, and patient."

~ Rev. John Newton

'Although my house be not so with God; yet he hath made with me an everlasting covenant, ordered in all things, and sure: for this is all my salvation, and all my desire, although he make it not to grow.'
2 Samuel 23:5.

Can you adopt David's words, this is all my salvation, and all my desire?

Is it all your salvation? Do you understand this way? Do you approve it? The whole of it? Is Christ precious to you? In all his offices? If so, the covenant is yours. If not, you are yet in covenant with death, under the covenant of the law, bound down with a curse.

Is it all your desire? Then you are waiting upon the Lord, you are weary of sin, you love his ordinances, you account all things loss and dung compared with the blessings of the covenant. Such shall not be disappointed. Although your house be not as you could wish, although you are not made to grow so fast as you are taught to pray for, yet here is comfort: the Lord has made an everlasting covenant. He has made it known to you, drawn your heart to approve and desire it. This is a sign you are surely interested in it. Can you, with respect to disappointment, see sufficient compensation if you could be able to say upon good grounds, he hath made with me an everlasting covenant ...? Without his grace you could not have made this choice.

Fear not. You are in a good care. You have committed yourself to the Lord and none can snatch you out of his hands. Press on, read, pray, attend diligently on his means, and you shall know more and more of this covenant while you live, and ere long shall be put in possession of all its blessings in a better world. Amen.

Most gracious Lord, my all is in thy hands, my heart open to thee, my desires before thee. There is a liberty, a freedom, to which thou invitest thy people! O admit me to it and let me apply to thee as my best friend, counsellor and benefactor, and pour into thy gracious ear the incidents of the day and the reflections of my heart.

~Newton

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*Our help is in the name of the LORD,
who made heaven and earth.*

Psalms 124:8

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