

August 27, 2023

This Week: 9:30 a.m. Reading Service
6:30 p.m. Catechism Reading Service (LD 14)
There is a sing along for the high school students
after the evening service in the Rock Valley church.

Next Week: 9:30 a.m. Reading Service
6:30 p.m. Catechism Reading Service (LD 15)

Tuesday: 6:00 p.m. rescheduled Church Picnic. Please bring a
dish and beverage to share.
-All the Lord willing-

Collections: Today: 1st General Fund Next week: 1st General Fund
2nd NAGMission 2nd Alpha Center

We Remember in Prayer:

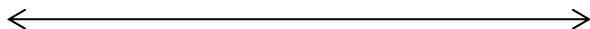
-Mr. Gary Magnuson, who suffered from a stroke last week. He
was transferred to an Avera rehabilitation center here in Sioux
Falls this past week.
-Our widows and lonely ones, the unborn, our married couples,
prodigal sons and daughters, and all those with hidden crosses.

MEDITATIONS

Waiting Souls

Waiting souls, remember this: assurance is yours, but the time of
giving it is the Lord's; the jewel is yours, but the season in which He
will give it is in His own Hand; the golden chain is yours, but He onl
y knows the hour wherein He will put it around your necks. Well,
wait patiently and quietly, wait expectingly and believingly, wait
affectionally, and wait diligently and you shall find that scripture
made good with power upon your souls, "Yet a little while, and he
that shall come will come, and will not tarry" Heb.5:17

~Thomas Brooks



Holiness is not a merit by which we can attain communion with
God, but a gift of Christ which enables us to cling to Him and to
follow Him.
~John Calvin

Confession and Prayer

Oh! may the pow'r which melts the rock
Be felt by all assembled here!
Or else our service will but mock
The God Whom we profess to fear.

Lord, while Thy judgments shake the land,
Thy people's eyes are fix'd on Thee!
We own Thy just uplifted hand,
Which thousands cannot, will not see.

How long hast Thou bestow'd Thy care
On this undulg'd, ungrateful spot;
While other nations, far and near,
Have envied and admir'd our lot.

Here peace and liberty have dwelt,
The glorious Gospel brightly shone;
And oft our enemies have felt
That God has made our cause His own.

But, ah! both heav'n and earth have heard
Our vile requital of His love!
We, whom like children He had rear'd,
Rebels against His goodness prove.

His grace despis'd, His pow'r defy'd,
And legions of bhe blackest crimes,
Profanenss, riot, lust, and pride,
Are signs that mark the present times.

The Lord, displeas'd, has rais'd His rod;
Ah, where are now the faithful few
Who tremble for the ark of God,
And know what Israel ought to do?

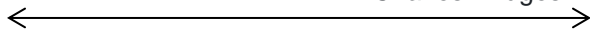
Lord, hear Thy people ev'ry where,
Who meet to mourn, confess, and pray;
The nation and Thy churches spare,
And let Thy wrath be turn'd away.
~J. Newton

Fools make a mock at sin: but among the righteous there is favour.

What ! Are there such, as will count sin a sport? They have never seen the sight, never felt the weight. Look into eternity. It is thought a grave matter in heaven. It is felt so in hell. Why should it be made a mockery on earth? 'It brought death into the world, and all our woe.' And is this a worthy matter of jest? How does God feel it? Go to Gethsemane. Go to Calvary. Learn there what sin is. Shall we make a mock at that, which was a crushing burden to the Son of God? Ask converted souls, awakened consciences, dying sinners — do they speak lightly of sin? How will the wretched mocker call himself in eternity what God calls him now — a fool! The mocking cannot be beyond the grave; except it be the sport of the cruel enemy at the unchangeably hopeless torments of his deluded victim.

The righteous cannot mock, like this hardened fool. While 'he makes himself merry with his sin, and scoffs at the reproof and judgment which pertains thereunto;' "they have the mark of those that sigh and cry for the abominations of the land" — the sure seal of the Lord's favour.

~Charles Bridges



There are two benefits resulting from the holy conception and nativity of Christ. First, the confirmation of our faith that he is the mediator; and, secondly, the consolation that we are justified before God through him. The reason of this arises from the fact, that he could not be the mediator between God and man, who is not himself very man, and perfectly righteous, and who is not united with the Word. It behooved the mediator to be, by nature, true God and man, that he might preserve the salvation purchased for us. "For such an High-Priest became us, who is holy, harmless, undefiled, separate from sinners, and made higher than the heavens." (Heb. 7:26.)

What, therefore, is the meaning of this article, I believe in Jesus Christ, who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary? First, I believe that this natural Son of God was made true man in a miraculous manner, and that he is one Christ having two natures, the divine and human, joined together by a personal union, and that he was sanctified by the Holy Ghost from his mother's womb. Secondly, I believe that he is such, true God and true man, and yet but one Christ, and that he was sanctified from his mother's womb, that he might redeem and sanctify me, (which he could not do unless sanctification and union were effected in him) and that I have the right of the adoption of the sons of God, for the sake of this, his Son, conceived and born in the manner just described.

~Zacharias Ursinus

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Consistory meets the first Monday of the month at 10:00 a.m.

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Sioux Falls, SD



*The LORD is righteous in all his ways,
and holy in all his works.*

Psalms 145:17

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