

December 10, 2023

This Week: 9:30 a.m. Catechism Reading Service (LD 25)
6:30 p.m. Advent Reading Service
Classes after the morning service

Next Week: 9:30 a.m. Advent Reading Service
6:30 p.m. Catechism Reading Service (LD 26)
Classes after the morning service

Monday: 7:30 p.m. Congregational Meeting

Congregation, the following is a brief note to explain the basis for the change in the method of voting for office bearers according to proper church order. At the upcoming meeting there will be time and opportunity for further discussion.

According to Article 22 there are three ways to supply the congregation with officers for the church to be voted on. First, the Aristocratic method, in which the current consistory supplies names to the congregation to be simply approved or disapproved. The second is purely Democratic. The third, the most common among our denomination, is a combination of the previous two: a list of twice as many names as there are offices needing to be filled is presented to the congregation and by a majority vote the officers are elected.

It is only because of the exceptional condition of our church that we have chosen the Aristocratic method. Continue to pour out this need before the Throne of Grace where we will find help in time of need. May God grant unto us, in His mercy, more men committed to the truth and service of Him in the offices He has given for the good of His church.

For the office bearers there will be an approve or disapprove vote.

For deacon: Mr. Rick Rozeboom

For elder: Mr. Derek Kattenberg

The duo for minister is:

Ds. G.W.S Mulder and Ds. R.A.M. Visser*

**see bio paper in narthex for more information*

Tuesday: 7:00 p.m. Sioux Center midweek service - Rev. Hofman

-All the Lord willing-

Collections: Today: 1st General Fund Next week: 1st General Fund
2nd Hudson Taylor 2nd Kingdom Boundaries

We Remember in Prayer:

- The family of Elder Rozeboom, whose mother is failing.
- The members of the church, that we would more and more have our blindness removed of the great privilege and responsibility that comes along with being members in the church of Christ. That we do not trust in the use of the means, but would seek our salvation through a proper and faithful use of them.
- The decisions that will be made in tomorrow's meeting, that the Lord may lead and guide.
- Mrs. Kianna Thompson, who is recovering from surgery this past week.
- Our widows and lonely ones, the unborn, prodigal sons and daughters, and all those with hidden crosses.

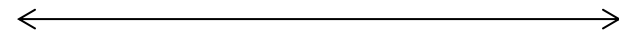
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There is an Hour when I must die,
Nor do I know how soon 'twill come;
A thousand people young as I
Are call'd by Death to hear their Doom.

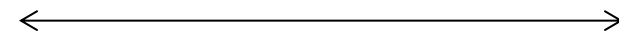
Let me improve the Hours I have
Before the Day of Grace is fled;
There's no Repentance in the Grave,
Nor Pardons offer'd to the Dead.

Just as a Tree cut down, that fell To North,
or Southward, there it lies:
So Man departs to Heaven or Hell,
Fix'd in the State wherein he dies.

~Isaac Watts



A man cannot be thoroughly humbled until he comes to know that his salvation is utterly beyond his own powers, counsel, endeavors, will and works and is absolutely dependent upon the will, counsel and pleasure of Another. ~Martin Luther



"When I stand before the throne, dressed in beauty not my own;
When I see thee as thou art, love Thee with unsinning heart;
Then, Lord, shall I fully know, not till then, how much I owe."

~Robert Murray McCheyne

What advantage then hath the Jew? or what profit is there of circumcision? Much every way: chiefly, because that unto them were committed the oracles of God. Romans 3:1

The Jews, who were the Old Testament church, were a people greatly privileged and honored. We also have great means and helps, even though these are not infallibly saving. Yet the advantage of those in the church is much the same. The door is open to those outside the church as well as those inside, but the members have a fairer way up to this door, by reason of their church-privileges, which are not to be undervalued, though many that have them perish eternally for not improving them. Paul counts up many of the Jews' privileges in Rom. 9:4, 5; here he mentions but one, that unto them were committed the oracles of God, that is, the scriptures of the Old Testament, especially the law of Moses, which is called the lively oracles, and those types, promises, and prophecies, which relate to Christ and the gospel. The scriptures are the oracles of God: they are a divine revelation, they come from heaven, are of infallible truth, and of eternal consequence as oracles. must have recourse to the law and to the testimony, as to an oracle. The gospel is called the oracles of God. Now these oracles were committed to the Jews and also to the church of the last days; we all have the scripture in our own language. The Old Testament was deposited in their hands, to be carefully preserved pure and uncorrupt, and so transmitted down to their children. The Jews were the Christians' library-keepers, and we are entrusted with that sacred treasure for our own use and benefit in the first place, and then for the advantage of the world. The Jews had the means of salvation, and now it belongs to the church. Let everyone be faithful in the use of the means that God has entrusted unto them lest we be cast off as the Jews.

~adapted from Matthew Henry

Consistory

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By him therefore let us offer the sacrifice of praise to God continually, that is, the fruit of our lips giving thanks to his name.

Hebrews 13:15

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