

April 4, 2021

GENERAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

This Week: 9:30 and 6:30 p.m. Easter reading services.
No Classes today.

This week **Wednesday**, Bible study groups meet at Living Bread.

This week **Friday**, singalong at the Hudson Community Center at 7:00 p.m. with a time of fellowship afterwards.

Next Week: 9:30 a.m. Reading Service
6:30 p.m. Catechism Reading Service
Classes after the morning service.
-All the Lord willing-

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

We Remember in Prayer:

- The family of Mr. James Decker, who passed away yesterday at the age of 94.
- Our widows, widowers and lonely ones, the unborn, prodigal sons and daughters, those undergoing treatments, and all those with hidden crosses.

MEDITATIONS

Not Here...

Christ arose on the first day of the week. Death could not hold Him back. God's justice demanded of Christ as Surety not only His death, but also His life. It is written: "...that God has raised Him from the dead..." (Romans 10:9), even though Christ, as very God, rose by His own power and was separated from the grave by the Holy Spirit. So, the work of a triune Covenant God was also revealed at Easter. At His birth, the angels sang God's praises and brought good tidings to the shepherds. At His resurrection, there were also angels who witnessed it. The watchmen were frightened and became as dead men. They fled from the grave as enemies of the risen Savior.

The women, drawn by their love for Christ, went to seek for Him in the grave to anoint His body. The angel spoke to them: "Fear not ye: For I know that ye seek Jesus, which was crucified. He is not here: for He is risen, as He said." These seeking souls did not need to be frightened, as they were encouraged by the angels. It was

known in Heaven Whom they sought; they yearned for their Savior. They did not have to fear, even though they were looking in the wrong place. They looked for the right Person, but: "He is not here..."

They looked for the Living among the dead; they were not aware of the rich benefits which He had obtained, namely conquering death and gaining eternal victory. How often God's children look in the wrong places. It is a wonder if they receive heavenly instruction about this. In the midst of their sore soul dismay, the women received an encouraging message. Later, they would meet Him. They would share the personal meaning of the resurrection. They would find Him, but "...not here..." What a lesson to learn.

-Rev. J. Koster

The Resurrection

Christ, the Lord, is risen today,
Sons of men and angels say,
Raise your joys and triumphs high;
Sing, ye heavens, and earth reply.

Love's redeeming work is done;
Fought the fight, the battle won.
Lo! the sun's eclipse is o'er;
Lo! he sets in blood no more!

Vain the stone, the watch, the seal;
Christ has burst the gates of hell;
Death in vain forbids his rise;
Christ has opened paradise.

Lives again our glorious King;
Where, O Death, is now thy sting?
Once he died our souls to save;
Where's thy victory, boasting Grave?

[Soar we now where Christ has led,
Following our exalted Head;
Made like him, like him we rise;
Ours the cross, the grave, the skies!]

Hail! the Lord of earth and heaven!
Praise to thee by both be given!
Thee we greet, triumphant now!
Hail! the Resurrection thou!

NOTES

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*Exalt the LORD our God, and
worship at his holy hill; for the
LORD our God is holy.
Psalm 99:9*

All who would like to stand for the 3rd song are welcome to.

Consistory

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