

July 30, 2017

## GENERAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

**-Today:** Rev. Hofman hopes to be in our midst at 9:30 a.m. for Lord's Supper and 2:30 p.m. for reflection. He hopes to preach in Rock Valley this evening at 7:00 p.m. and Rev. Baan serves Sioux Center this evening at 7:00 p.m.

**-Next Week:** We hope to have a morning catechism service and an evening reading service.

-This week Monday-Wednesday the Synodical Education Committee and the NRCEA board hope to meet in St. Catherines

**Advance Notice: August 20** Student de Leeuw at 2:30 p.m.

-All the Lord willing-

**Offerings** Today: 1<sup>st</sup> General Fund    Next week: 1<sup>st</sup> General Fund  
2<sup>nd</sup> Church Book Supply    2<sup>nd</sup> School Fund

### We Remember in Prayer:

-Those who have been unable to gather with us for some time, our widow and widower, our elderly, and the unborn, prodigal sons and daughters, any others who are unable to gather with us today, are under doctor's care, and all those who have hidden crosses.

## MEDITATIONS

*"Remember me, O Lord, with the favour that Thou bearest unto Thy people: O visit me with Thy salvation." Psalm 106:4*

How is a man brought and taught to want to be "visited with" God's salvation? He must know something first of condemnation. Salvation only suits the condemned. "The Son of man came to seek and to save that which was lost;" and therefore salvation only suits the lost. A man must be lost -utterly lost - before he can prize God's salvation. And how is he lost? By losing all his religion, losing all his righteousness, losing all his strength, losing all his confidence, losing all his hopes, losing all that is of the flesh; losing it by its being taken from him and stripped away by the hand of God. A man who is brought into this state of utter beggary and

complete bankruptcy - to be nothing, to have nothing, to know nothing - he is the man, who in the midnight watches, in his lonely hours, by his fireside, and at times, well-nigh night and day, is crying, groaning, begging, suing, seeking, and praying after the manifestation of God's salvation to his soul. "O visit me with Thy salvation." He wants a visit from God; he wants God to come and dwell with him, take up his abode in his heart, discover himself to him, manifest and reveal himself, sit down with him, eat with him, walk with him, and dwell in him as his God. And a living soul can be satisfied with nothing short of this. He must have a visit. It profits him little to read in the word of God what God did to His saints of old; he wants something for himself, something that shall do his soul good; he wants something that shall cheer, refresh, comfort, bless, and profit him, remove his burdens, and settle his soul into peace. And therefore he wants a visitation - that the presence and power, the mercy and the love of God should visit his soul.

~J. C. Philpot

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The new man of grace, and the old man of sin;  
In Christ he is perfect, and free from all guilt,  
Yet in himself evils are both seen and felt.

As one in the Lord, he's a true son of peace;  
In himself, he is nothing but sin and disgrace;  
His body's the temple of the Holy Ghost,  
And Christ in him dwelleth as King of one host.

When Christ takes possession, and proves Himself King,  
Then sin, world, and Satan, their forces will bring;  
Nor will they be wanting of gun-shot from hell;  
The old prince of darkness will furnish them well.

Yet such is the power and love of our King,  
In spite of all hell we of victory sing;  
For though sin and devils against us unite,  
'Tis Christ fights our battles, and puts them to flight.

The victory is Thine! Then let hell do its worst;  
For Christ will still reign, and of Christ thou shalt boast;  
And when the fight's ended, the crown thou shalt wear,  
And glory immortal with Christ thou shalt share.

~ W. Gadsby

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*Behold, I stand at the door, and knock:  
if any man hear my voice, and open  
the door, I will come in to him, and will  
sup with him, and he with me.*

*Revelation 3:20*

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