March 25, 2018

GENERAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

Today: We hope to have a morning reading service and an evening catechism reading service (#49). Classes following the morning service.

- **-This Week:** Thursday, March 29, 7:00 p.m. Rev. Adams hopes to serve us for a Good Friday service.
- **-Next Week:** We hope to have two Easter reading services. No classes after the morning service.

-All the Lord willing-

Offerings Today: 1st General Fund
2nd Banner of TruthNext week: 1st General Fund
2nd School Fund

We Remember in Prayer:

-Those who have been unable to gather with us for some time, our widows and widowers, our elderly, 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

On my last journey I was given the following piece, which was an instruction for me, and I do hope it will be for many.

Please, find no fault with the man who limps or stumbles along the road, unless you have worn the shoes he wears, or struggled beneath his load. There may be tacks in his shoes that hurt, though hidden away from view, or the burden he bears, placed on your back, might cause you to stumble too.

Do not sneer at the man who's down today, unless you have felt that blow that caused his fall, or felt the same that only the fallen know. You may be strong, but still the blows that were his, if dealt to you in the self same way at the self same time, might cause you to stagger too.

Do not be too harsh with the man who sins, or pelt him with words or stones, unless you are sure, yes, very sure, that you have not sins of your own. For you know, perhaps, if the tempters voice should whisper as soft to you as it did to him, when he went astray, it would cause you to falter too.

~ Rev. M. Romeyn

Peter's Weeping

When Peter boasted, soon he fell, Yet was by grace restored; His case should be regarded well By all who fear the Lord.

A voice it has, and helping hand Backslider to recall; And cautions those who think they stand, Lest suddenly they fall.

He said, "Whatever others do, With Jesus I'll abide"; Yet soon, amidst a murderous crew, His suffering Lord denied.

He who had been so bold before Now trembled like a leaf; Not only lied, but cursed and swore To gain the more belief.

While he blasphemed, he heard the cock, And Jesus looked in love; At once as if by lightning struck, His tongue forbore to move.

Delivered thus from Satan's snare, He starts, as from a sleep; His Savior's look he could not bear, But hasted forth to weep.

But sure the faithful cock had crowed A hundred times in vain, Had not the Lord that look bestowed The meaning to explain.

As I, like Peter, vows have made, Yet acted Peter's part; So conscience, like the cock upbraids My base, ungrateful heart.

Lord Jesus, hear a sinner's cry, My broken peace renew; And grant one pitying look, that I May weep with Peter too. ~John Newton

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Who his own self bare our sins in his own body on the tree, that we, being dead to sins, should live unto righteousness: by whose stripes ye were healed. 1 Peter 2:24