

Sunday April 14, 2019
~6th Sunday of the Passion Season ~

Prayer Needs:

- The Holy Spirit's blessing on the preaching of the Word today.
- For the repentance and full restoration of those who have been placed under the first step of church discipline.
- Those sorrowing the loss of loved ones, those with afflictions of the body, mind and spirit, the lonely, elderly, widowers and widows in our midst.
- Godly wisdom for our nation's leaders, & a revival of His work in our land.
- For the persecuted church throughout the world.
- All among us who are raising families or impacting our children and young people, our parents, foster parents and grandparents. May God bless our efforts to raise up young people to fear and serve Him.
- Our farmers, and those in this area facing challenges due to inclement weather, especially those who have livestock, and are in the calving season.
- Charles Murphy, who is undergoing medical testing.

Announcements:

Today: Pastor Elshout serves. Coffee & fellowship following the morning service. Catechism, Sunday School and the Adult Class at 11:20 am.

1st Offering: General Fund 2nd Offering: PRTS Fund

Next Lord's Day, Easter Sunday: Pastor Elshout serves.

2nd Offering: Parsonage Fund

Good Friday Worship Service, this Friday at 7:00 pm. Offering: General Fund

Conference: The ladies of *Jordan Heritage Reformed Church* invite all women to attend their Annual Women's Conference on May 1, 2019 D.V. at Jordan HRC. The theme this year will be "Finding Joy in the Ordinary". Registration begins at 9. Please RSVP by April 1, 2019 by emailing womensconference.jhrc@gmail.com or by calling Hanna at 289-668-4936. A registration fee of \$20.00 CDN is payable at the door, with warm lunch provided. Looking forward to seeing you there!

Retreat: Register now! All 18-35-year-olds are warmly invited to the *Heritage Spring Retreat* from Friday, May 17 through Monday, May 20, 2019 at Maple Grove Christian Retreat Centre in Thamesford, Ontario. This year, we hope to focus our attention and topics around the theme of "Transformed," with the title of "Holy and Acceptable". In addition to cabins, there are some accommodations for married couples. Camping and tenting sites are also available. Cost of the retreat is \$225.00 if you register before April 30. Visit www.HeritageRetreat.ca to register.

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"And if was about the sixth hour, and there was a darkness over all the earth until the ninth hour. And the sun was darkened, and the veil of the temple was rent in the midst. And when Jesus had cried with a loud voice, he said, 'Father, into thy hand I commend my spirit: and having said thus, he gave up the ghost. Now when the centurion saw what was done, he glorified God, saying, Certainly this was a righteous man.'" Luke 23: 44-47

April:

Friday 19th: Good Friday, evening worship service at 7:00 pm
Sunday 21st: Easter Sunday

Pro-life event: The Alpha Center, Sioux Falls will be holding their annual spring dinner on Friday, April 26. This is a worthwhile prolife fundraising event with good fellowship, a delicious meal and a guest speaker. Please see Linda Van Beek for more information or to register.

May:

Sunday 5th: Mr. Simon Yin serves

Tuesday 14th: Consistory meeting, 7:00 pm at church

Tuesday 21st: Singing at *Whispering Heights*, Rock Valley at 6:30 pm

Thanks: In honor of *National Volunteer Week*, *Whispering Heights* would like to thank John Groeneweg for all his years of service given to the residents. Each month he gives of his time and talents to bless the lives of our residents, and we want to say, "Thank you". You are appreciated by the residents and our staff.

Members and friends with ongoing needs:

Nellie Fintelman Carolyn Gacke Wilma Koedam George & Chris Vonk

Birthdays:

April 15: Ellie Post

April 18: Madelynn Zomer

Greeters:

April 14: Jason and Misty Davelaar

April 21: Bob and Marilyn Groeneweg

Lunch Schedule:

April 14: Amanda G. and Marlene VH

April 21: Clarice E. and Amber Z.

Nursery Schedule:

April 14: Morning: Leah VB and Olivia VB

Evening: Amber Z. and Alexa Z.

Good Friday: Kenzie Z. and Brynlie Z.

April 21: Morning: Paige C. and Ava Z.

Evening: Alexis D. and Ciana Z.

Grateful acknowledgement is given for the following collections:

March 03: General - 2,300.00 March 03: Student Support - 1,223.00

March 10: General - 797.00 March 10: Building - 864.00

March 17: General - 3,262.00 March 17: Benevolent - 783.00

March 24: General - 681.00 March 24: HRC Mission - 1,412.00

March 31: General - 627.00 March 31: Parsonage - 827.00

~All the Lord willing~

From Gloom to Glory

He was taken from prison and from judgment: and who shall declare his generation?

ISAIAH 53:8

With the great body of Protestant exegetes, I take this text as a statement of Christ's resurrection and exaltation. Literally it means, from prison, or oppression, and judgment He was taken away, or released. Death was not the end for Christ. He rose again the third day, the conqueror of death and hell. Thus there are two views of Christ in our text: Christ as prisoner, and Christ as conqueror.

Christ as prisoner. Prison speaks of oppression as well as of a place of incarceration. Our Lord was taken prisoner in Gethsemane and taken to Ananias. He was led a prisoner to Caiaphas, in whose house He could have spent time in the dungeon awaiting the Jews verdict. He was taken as a prisoner to Pilate and from Pilate to Herod and back again. Finally, He was led as a prisoner to Calvary.

As a prisoner, the Lord Jesus endured a trial and a judgment that were a cruel mockery of justice and a crime unparalleled in human history. Jonathan Edwards preached a famous sermon called Sinners in the Hands of an Angry God. Here we are dealing with the reverse: God in the hands of angry sinners. No greater commentary on the depravity of man and the patience of God can be imagined. Christ endured all the ignominy and shame of His imprisonment, and when He had made a full atonement for our sins, He gave up the ghost and was laid in the tomb the last stage of His imprisonment. His enemies thought the story was finished. They were wrong. It had only begun!

Christ as conqueror. Death could not hold Christ. He rose from the dead, and later God took Him to glory. Taken in our text is the word used in Psalm 49:15 to denote resurrection. God took Christ as He took Enoch and Elijah. He took Him bodily up to heaven. The tomb is empty, and the throne is occupied! Let us rejoice that we serve the risen, conquering Saviour.

Before Christ's resurrection, it was twilight; it is sunrise now.

Augustus H. Strong

Heritage Reformed Congregation

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"Praise ye the LORD. Praise God in his sanctuary."

Psalm 150:1a

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