

Regarding the Death of Lazarus....

"When Jesus heard that, he said, This sickness is not unto death, but for the glory of God, that the Son of God might be glorified thereby. [John 11:4](#).

Christ's two days' delay after hearing that Lazarus was sick was not a neglect or a denial on His part.... This should be an encouragement to us.... We are to rest in the Lord, and wait patiently for Him. The answer to our prayers may not come as quickly as we desire, and it may not be just what we have asked; but He who knows what is for the highest good of His children will bestow a much greater good than we have asked, if we do not become faithless and discouraged. [68The Youth's Instructor, April 6, 1899.](#)

Christ had not only the loved ones at Bethany to think of; He had the training of His disciples to consider. They were to be His representatives to the world, that the Father's blessing might include all. For their sake He permitted Lazarus to die. Had He restored him from illness to health, the miracle that is the most positive evidence of His divine character would not have been performed.

Had Christ been in the sick-room, Lazarus would not have died; for Satan would have had no power over him. In the presence of the Lifegiver, death could not have aimed his dart at Lazarus.... He permitted Lazarus to pass under the dominion of death, and the suffering sisters saw their brother laid in the grave. Christ knew that as they looked on the face of their dead brother, their faith in their Redeemer would be severely tried. Thus He was pruning the branches, that they might bring forth more fruit. He knew that because of the struggle through which they were now passing, their faith would shine forth with far greater power. [69The Youth's Instructor, April 13, 1899.](#)

To all who are reaching out to feel the guiding hand of God, the moment of greatest discouragement is the time when divine help is nearest.... From every temptation and every trial He will bring them forth with firmer faith and a richer experience. [70The Desire of Ages, 528.](#)

Sabbath School

Superintendent.....Marcia Sigler
Lesson Study.....Linda Bishop
Lesson 8..... "Covenant Law"
(Lesson study will be at 10 am and superintendent comments and mission story to follow.)

Worship Service

Prelude.....Dale
Welcome.....Nancy Judson
Call to Worship..... Hebrews 10:23-25 (NIV)
Invocation.....Nancy Judson

Praise in Song.....Praise Team
Opening Song.....Hymn 241.
"Jesus the very Thought of Thee"

Offering.....Wisconsin Budget

Morning Prayer.....Nancy Judson

Sermon "JESUS"
Jesus: The Lifegiver.....Nancy
Jesus: His Uniqueness.....Dale
Jesus: Our Security.....Carl

Closing Song.....Hymn 322
"Nothing Between my soul and the Savior"

Benediction..... Jude 24,25
Closing Prayer.....Carl Sigler
Postlude.....Dale

Welcome to our Zoom Sabbath School and Church services. Also live stream on facebook. Service to be found on You Tube also. Service is broadcast on local cable in Richland Center and is also broadcast out of Viroqua daily during the week..

Weekly district prayer meeting by phone on Wednesdays at noon and 7 pm. Also Friday night at 7 pm and Sabbath evening at 7 pm. To attend call (862) 799-9334. When connected announce yourself.

Weekly there are 10-15 who meet at the church in person. Social distancing and masks are encouraged. Many more could attend and we would easily be able to accommodate social distancing. As we become increasingly vaccinated our risk decreases also. Let us worship together while yet we can. We are very thankful for the technology we have available today as it expands our attendance at worship. It is our prayer that all are blessed as we seek the LORD in and from His sanctuary.

(Front cover picture is Clifford's handiwork with God's Gladiolas. They make us all glad! Thank you Clifford)

April Finances

Conference funds
received: \$3949.69
Church Expense received:
\$1542.47
Church expenses paid in
April. \$767.26

“We should all become witnesses for Jesus. Social power, sanctified by the grace of Christ, must be improved in winning souls to the Savior. Let the world see that we are not selfishly absorbed in our own interests, but that we desire others to share our blessings and privileges. Let them see that our religion does not make us unsympathetic or exacting. Let all who profess to have found Christ, minister as He did for the benefit of men.

We should never give to the world the false impression that Christians are a gloomy, unhappy people. If our eyes are fixed on Jesus, we shall see a compassionate Redeemer, and shall catch light from His countenance. **Wherever His Spirit reigns, there peace abides.** And there will be joy also, for there is a calm, holy trust in God.

Christ is pleased with His followers when they show that, though human, they are **partakers of the divine nature.** They are not statues, but living men and women. Their hearts, refreshed by the dews of divine grace, open and expand to the Sun of Righteousness. **The light that shines upon them they reflect upon others in works that are luminous with the love of Christ.”**

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NOTHING BETWEEN (HYMN 322)

1. Nothing between my soul and my Savior,
naught of this world's delusive dream;
I have renounced all sinful pleasure;
Jesus is mine, there's nothing between.

Refrain

***Nothing between my soul and my Savior,
so that his blessed face may be seen;
nothing preventing the least of his favor;
keep the way clear! let nothing between.***

2. Nothing between, like worldly pleasure;
habits of life, though harmless they seem,
must not my heart from him ever sever;
he is my all, there's nothing between.

3. Nothing between, e'en many hard trials,
though the whole world against me convene;
watching with prayer and much self denial,
I'll triumph at last, there's nothing between.

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