

Sunday Morning 12-23-18 Pastor Elshout

Pre-service Psalter 1:1, 6 (standing)

Silent Congregational Prayer

Votum and Salutation

Psalter 44:1, 2

Reading of the Law: Deuteronomy 5:1-24

Response to the Law: Psalter 363:2, 3

Scripture Reading: Isaiah 42:1-16

Congregational Prayer

Psalter 264:1-5 (offering)

Text: Isaiah 42:6-8

**Theme: Messiah The Servant of the Lord**

**1. Given as a covenant to the people**

**2. Given to redeem sinners**

**3. Given to bring glory to the Lord's Name**

Prayer

Psalter 308:1, 4-6 (offering)

Doxology: Psalter 412

Benediction

**Family Sermon Discussion Questions:**

1. What multiple truths does Isaiah 42:1 tell us about the Messiah?
2. What do we learn about God's character when we are informed in our text that the LORD called the Messiah *in righteousness*?
3. Why can we rightly call the Name LORD (Jehovah) God's gospel Name?
- 4.\* Why is it so encouraging that the LORD called the Messiah to be *a light of the Gentiles*?
- 5.\* What do we learn from verse 7 of our text about our spiritual condition as fallen sinners?
6. How does the exalted Messiah (=Christ) continue to accomplish His ministry as set forth in verse 7?
7. What is meant by referring to verse 8 as the LORD's signature under His declaration in verses 6 & 7?
8. To whom alone must all glory be given in the proclamation of the gospel—and why?

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Pre-service Psalter 3:3, 4 (standing)  
Silent Congregational Prayer  
Votum and Salutation  
Psalter 37: All  
Scripture Reading: Psalms 19 & 29  
*Westminster Larger Catechism*: q. 192-193  
Congregational Prayer  
Psalter 76: All (offering)  
Text: Psalm 19:1, 7 (Belgic Conf. Art. 2)  
**Theme: The Knowledge of God**  
**1. Derived from general revelation**  
**2. Derived from special revelation**  
**3. Derived from inward revelation**  
Prayer  
Psalter 332: All (offering)  
Doxology: Psalter 413  
Benediction

**Family Sermon Discussion Questions:**

1. What is the difference between saying that God is incomprehensible and knowable?
2. Why is it such a foundational truth that the Son of God is the eternal and living Word (!) of the Father?
- 3.\* What can we learn about God by studying His creation—by “reading” it as a most elegant book?
4. How was Adam, before the fall, dramatically different from the rest of creation when God made him?
- 5.\* Why will God’s revelation of Himself in creation (His general revelation) leave men without an excuse on the Last Day?
6. What does Calvin mean when he says that we must view creation through the lenses (or spectacles) of His written Word?
7. Does God’s written Word reveal everything there is to know about God? How much does it reveal of Him?
8. Why do we also need the inward revelation of God’s truth in order to be saved?

\* Questions for younger children