

SUNDAY MORNING
12-01-2019
First Advent Sunday

Pre-service Psalter 208:1, 4**
Silent Congregational Prayer
Votum and Salutation
Psalter 164: All**

Reading of the Law: Deuteronomy 5:1-24
Response to the Law: Psalter 428:7**
Scripture Reading: Hebrews 9:1-24
Congregational Prayer
Giving our offerings to the Lord's service
Psalter 262: All**
Text: Exodus 25:8-9; 27:16

Theme: The Gate of the Courtyard:
The Doorway to Communion with God

1. *The wonder of this gate*
2. *The beauty of this gate*
3. *The singularity of this gate*

Prayer

Giving our offerings to the Lord's service
Psalter 65: All**
Doxology: "Praise God..." **
Benediction
** Please stand if able

Family Sermon Discussion Questions:

1. Why is it so significant that God explicitly says to Moses, "According to all that I shew thee, after the pattern of the tabernacle, and the pattern of all the instruments thereof, even so shall ye make it"?
- 2*. What can we learn from the fact that this is stated a total of *seven* times in Scripture (Exo. 25:9, Exo 25:40, 26:30; 27:8; Numbers 8:4; Acts 7:44; Heb. 8:5)?
3. What do the words "And let them make me a sanctuary; that I may dwell among them" (v. 8), tells us about the character of God?
4. What is the important link between Exodus 25-40 (the detailed description of the Tabernacle) and Hebrews 9?
5. What can we learn from the fact that God's tent, the Tabernacle, was surrounded by a white linen fence?
6. Why is it significant that the gate of entrance was located on the *eastern* side of the courtyard?
- 7*. Why is it significant that there is only *one* gate of entrance?
8. How do the beautiful colors of the gate communicate that God truly wants sinners to draw near to Him?

SUNDAY EVENING
12-01-19

Pre-service Psalter 210:1, 5**
Silent Congregational Prayer
Votum and Salutation
Psalter 367:1, 2**

Scripture Reading: Hebrews 1 & 2
Athanasian Creed, 1-2 & 29-44 (p. 3-4)
Congregational Prayer

Giving our offerings to the Lord's service
Psalter 304:1-3, 6**

Text: Belg. Conf. Art 18 (Hebr. 2:16-17)

Theme: The Incarnation of Jesus Christ

1. The fact of the incarnation

2. The mystery of the incarnation

3. The purpose of the incarnation

Prayer

Giving our offerings to the Lord's service
Psalter 319:1, 2**

Doxology: "*May the grace...*" **

Benediction

** Please stand if able

Family Sermon Discussion Questions:

1. How does a heretical view of the incarnation of Christ impact the gospel?
- 2*. How are the Tabernacle and the Temple visual pictures of the incarnation of the Lord Jesus Christ?
3. How is the incarnation already revealed in Gen. 3:15, the first gospel promise of the Bible?
4. How does the incarnation of the Lord Jesus Christ set the stage for the creation of a new heaven and a new earth—the end goal of redemption?
5. What is meant by the statement: God's Son became what He was not, and He remained who He is?
6. Why is it so important to understand that the supernatural conception in Mary's womb was nevertheless a genuine *human* conception?
7. What is the connection between Christ's incarnation and the cross of Calvary?
8. Why and how is the name "Immanuel" (= God with us), God's commentary on the purpose of the incarnation of His beloved Son?

* Questions for younger children