

SUNDAY MORNING
01-12-2020

Pre-service Psalter 226:1, 2**

Silent Congregational Prayer

Votum and Salutation

Psalter 304:1, 5, 7**

Reading of the Law: Exodus 20:1-20

Response to the Law: Psalter 40:1, 2**

Scripture Reading: John 15:1-17

Congregational Prayer

Giving our offerings to the Lord's
service

Psalter 218:1, 3, 5, 6**

Text: John 15:1-3

Theme: Jesus Christ: The Father's Vine

1. The identity of the vine

2. The branches of the vine

3. The fruitfulness of the vine

Prayer

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service

Psalter 329:1-4**

Doxology: Psalter 196**

Benediction

** Please stand if able

Family Sermon Discussion Questions:

1. Why was Christ's use of the vine analogy so effective as He addressed His disciples in John 15?

2*. What are the profound implications of the fact that Jesus says "I AM the vine?"

3. Why is the Father so committed to caring for this Vine?

4. What application can we extract from the fact that the vine had to be wounded in order for branches to be ingrafted?

5. What is Jesus referring to when He talks about branches that are connected to the vine and yet bear no fruit?

6*. What sort of fruit is Jesus referring to in John 15?

7. What is the three-fold purpose of fruit?

8. How does God use His Word to prune the living branches of the Vine?

SUNDAY EVENING
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Pre-service Psalter 230:4, 5**

Silent Congregational Prayer

Votum and Salutation

Psalter 319:1, 2, 5**

Scripture Reading: Matthew 16:13-28

Heidelberg Catechism, Lord's Day 2 & 3 (p. 28-29)

Congregational Prayer

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Psalter 170: All **

Text: 1 Timothy 3:16 (Belg. Conf. Art #19)

Theme: The Two Natures of Christ

1. Two distinct natures

2. Two united natures

3. Two blessed natures

Prayer

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Psalter 15: All**

Doxology: Psalter 197**

Benediction

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Family Sermon Discussion Questions:

1. Why is the incarnation of the Lord Jesus Christ the pivotal event of history?
2. How does the incarnation confirm that salvation is the result of God's initiative rather than man's initiative?
3. What is meant by the statement that in the incarnation Christ became what He was not?
4. What is meant by the statement that Christ is very God and very man?
- 5*. How did Christ's natures remain united while His body lay in the grave?
6. What is meant by the theological expression "the hypostatic union of the natures of Christ"?
- 7*. What does the name "Immanuel" teach us about the purpose of Christ being God and man?
8. Why is it so comforting to the believer that Christ will forever be their Immanuel?

* Questions for younger children