

SUNDAY MORNING – Pastor P. van der Hoek
November 26, 2023

Pre-service Psalter 278:1-2 **

Silent Congregational Prayer

Votum and Salutation

Psalter 278:3-5 **

Reading of the Law: Deut. 5

Psalter 7:1,3 **

Scripture Reading: 1 John 4:7-21

Congregational Prayer

Offerings for the Lord's service

Psalter 163 **

Text: 1 John 4:16

Series: Behold Your God

Theme: God is Love

1. God's Love is First

2. God's Love Saves Sinners

3. God's Love Comes Close

Prayer

Psalter 236 **

Benediction

Doxology: "Praise God..." **

** Please stand if you are able

Family Sermon Discussion Questions:

1. What does it mean that God's love is first? What does it mean that God is love? What does it not mean?
2. Does the fact that we are fallen creatures change God's love? What are we to realize when we wonder: "Does God really love me?"
3. How do we get to know God's love for sinners like us? How can we grow in the knowledge and assurance of God's love?
4. Where especially do we see God's love put on display? Why is knowing God's love so important?
5. What does it mean that God dwells in the sinner? How does that work?
6. * Do you remember the little story about the sinful boy afraid to go home? What happened? How does that show the love of God? How can you get to know the love of God? *

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Pre-service Psalter 321:1,4**

Silent Congregational Prayer

Votum and Salutation

Psalter 326 **

Scripture Reading: 2 Corinthians 3

Nicaean Creed

Congregational Prayer

Offerings for the Lord's service

Psalter 109 **

Text: 2 Corinthians 3:3

Confessional Support: HBC LD 34; Q 93, (pg. 70)

Theme: The Law and our Heart

1. The Law Written on Stony Tables

2. The Law Written on Fleshly Tables

Prayer

Psalter 40 **

Benediction

Doxology: 374:4-5**

** Please stand if you are able

Family Sermon Discussion Questions:

1. Why did God write the law in stone and with His own finger? What does that have to tell us?
2. What happens when we look to the law for our salvation? Why did Jesus say to the scribe coming to him that he was not far from the Kingdom? What did he still miss?
3. What promises of did God give for people who have broken the law?
4. Why did Paul tell the Corinthians that they are a epistle of Christ? What does that mean?
5. What does it mean that the law in the New Covenant is written upon the table of our hearts?
6. How does real transformation of our hearts work according to Paul? How is that linked to the bright glory of God?
7. * What does it mean that God writes the law upon the tables of your heart? How does He do that? How can we be a letter for Christ, read by other people? *

Question for Self-reflection

What can other people read in your life?

* *Questions for younger children*