

SUNDAY MORNING

1/13/19

Rev. Bartel Elshout

Votum and Salutation

Psalter 336:1, 2

Reading of the Law of God

Scripture Reading: Matthew 3;

John 1:19-34

Prayer

Psalter 112

Sermon Text: Matthew 3:15-17

The Baptism of the Lord Jesus Christ

1. *The reason: To fulfill all righteousness*
2. *The result: The heavens were opened*
3. *The testimony: This is My beloved Son*

Psalter 109:1-3 (standing)

Sermon Conclusion

Closing Prayer

Psalter 367:2, 4, 5

Doxology (Psalter 315)

Benediction

- 1.* *Why did Jesus come to John to be baptized of him (cf. John 1:31)?*
2. *What connection is there between John's baptism of Jesus and the requirements of the ceremonial law regarding the public ordination of priests?*
3. *What is the deep significance of Jesus' words to John, "For thus it becometh us to fulfill all righteousness"?*
4. *How do the words "the heavens were opened to HIM" direct us to the essence of Christ's coming into the world?*
5. *Why was the Spirit's descent upon Jesus of great significance for Him?*
- 6.* *How does the account of Jesus' baptism yield one of the clearest proofs in the New Testament regarding the Trinity?*
7. *What do the words "This is my beloved Son in whom I am well pleased" reveal about God the Father?*
8. *What connection is there between the Father's declaration and the Holy Spirit's saving work in the hearts of sinners?*

**Questions for younger children*