## SUNDAY MORNING 01-22-2023

Pre-service Psalter 236:1, 2\*\* Silent Congregational Prayer Votum and Salutation Psalter 261:1-3\*\* Reading of the Law: Exodus 20:1-20 Psalter 337:3, 4\*\* Scripture Reading: John 3:13-21; 31-36; 12:44-50 Congregational Prayer Offerings for the Lord's service (2 collections) Psalter 399: All\*\* Text: John 3:16 Theme: The Father's Unspeakable Love 1. The object of this love: the world 2. The gift of this love: His Son 3. The promise of this love: eternal life Prayer Psalter 4:3-5\*\* Doxology: "Praise God..." \*\* Benediction \*\* Please stand if enabled

- 1\*. Why did Jesus use the history of the brazen serpent (Numbers 21:4-9) to illustrate the gospel to Nicodemus?
- 2. Why is it so important for the correct understanding of John 3:16 that we focus on the Father's love for His only begotten Son?
- 3. Why did Martin Luther, in his sermon about John 3:16, refer to the world as the "bride of the devil"?
- 4. What important truth is Christ communicating by using the word "world" in this text?
- 5. Why did the God who loves this world give His Son to be nailed to the accursed cross?
- 6. Why is the gift of His only begotten Son the true measure of God's love for a fallen world?
- 7. Why is God the Father so pleased when we believe in His Son—when we come to Him and put our trust in Him?
- 8\*. Why is the word "whosoever" such an encouraging word in John 3:16?

## Question for Self-Reflection

# Have you truly believed in the Father's only begotten and well-beloved Son? Why is the answer to this question so crucial for each of us?

SUNDAY EVENING – Farewell Service 01-22-2023

Pre-service Psalter 238:1, 3\*\* Silent Congregational Prayer Votum and Salutation Psalter 247:1-3\*\* Scripture Reading: Psalm 111; Numbers 6:22-27 Westminster Larger Catechism, q & a 91 - 95 **Congregational Prayer** Offerings for the Lord's service (2 collections) Psalter 368: All\*\* Text: Numbers 6:24-27 Theme: A Promise of Divine Blessing 1. The fountain of this blessing 2. The components of this blessing 3. The certainty of this blessing Prayer Parting words to the congregation Psalter 52: All Address by Elder John Groeneweg Prayer: Elder Groeneweg Doxology: Psalter 420:5\*\* Benediction Song: "God Be with You 'Til We Meet Again" \*\* \*\* Please stand if enabled

- 2\*. How did God respond each day to the Morning & Evening sacrifice?
- 3. Why is the Name LORD such a very special Name of God in the Old Testament?
- 4. Why is the LORD's keeping such an important part of the blessing pronounced upon us?
- 5. How does the LORD cause His face to shine upon us?
- 6. Why is "peace" the sum total of all the blessings pronounced in our text?
- 7. How does verse 27 transform the blessings of verses 24-26 into absolute certainties?
- 8\*. What connection is there between this blessing and the ascension of the Lord Jesus Christ?

## Question for Self-reflection

# Does the LORD's blessing mean more to you than anything this world has to offer?

\* Questions for younger children

## **Family Sermon Discussion Questions:**

1. Why was the Morning & Evening Sacrifice the heart of Israel's ceremonial worship?