

*SUNDAY MORNING – Pastor P. van der Hoek  
December 31, 2023*

Pre-service Psalter 174:1-2 \*\*

Silent Congregational Prayer

Votum and Salutation

Psalter 79 \*\*

Reading of the Law: Exodus 20

Psalter 65 \*\*

Scripture Reading: Luke 24:13-35

Congregational Prayer

Offerings for the Lord's service (2 collections)

Psalter 80:1-4 \*\*

**Text: Luke 24:29**

**Theme: Abide With Us!**

**1. An Earnest Request**

**2. An Argued Request**

**3. An Answered Request**

Prayer

Psalter 278:1 \*\*

Reading of the Necrology \*\*

Psalter 278:2-4 \*\*

New Year's address – Elder Larry Villalobos

Psalter 278:5 \*\*

Benediction \*\*

Doxology: "Praise God..." \*\*

\*\* Please stand if you are able

1. How did Jesus find the travelers to Emmaus? What does it mean that they constrained the Lord Jesus? Why did they do that?
2. Why did they want the Lord Jesus to abide with them? What did He do that made their hearts burn?
3. What are their arguments for the Lord Jesus to stay with them? How do they apply to us today? What do they teach us?
4. Why did Jesus enter in with them? What opened their eyes for who this unknown Guest was? Is Abide with us also your prayer?
5. \* Why didn't the travelers to Emmaus recognize Jesus? What did He say to them about Himself? What happened in their hearts? Why did they want Jesus so to stay with them so badly? Do desire Jesus to be with you like that? \*

***Question for Self-Reflection***

# Are you enjoying the Abiding Presence of the Savior? Why or why not?

**Family Sermon Discussion Questions:**

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Pre-service Psalter 372 \*\*

Silent Congregational Prayer

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Psalter 228 \*\*

Scripture Reading: Ephesians 3:14-21

*Westminster Larger Catechism*, questions 174-177

Congregational Prayer

Offerings for the Lord's service (2 collections)

Psalter 431:1,4-5 \*\*

**Text: Ephesians 3:14-21**

**Theme: A God-Sized New Year's Prayer**

**1. Praying for Inner Strengthening**

**2. Praying for Immeasurable Love**

**3. Praising God for Indescribably Glorious Answers**

Prayer

Psalter 356 \*\*

Benediction

Doxology: 410 \*\*

\*\* Please stand if you are able

1. Where does this prayer fit in the letter of the Ephesians? What does what He wrote before this prayer do to Paul in this prayer?
2. How does Paul address God in this prayer? What does that teach us? How does God strengthen believers in the inner man? Why is this such a fitting request for the New Year?
3. What does Paul pray about and want us to understand about the love of Christ? What does it mean to be *rooted and grounded* in that love? In what way does Paul pray for the impossible?
4. What does it mean to be “filled with all the fullness of God”? What does the doxology in verse 20-21 tell us about God's power and glory? Why is it honoring to God to expect great things from Him?
5. \* Is there anything that you and I can pray for that is too big for God? What big things does Paul pray for in this prayer? Where does the Lord want to make His home (dwell) in our lives? How can He live in our hearts? Does He live in your heart? Do you expect great things from Him? \*

***Question for Self-reflection***

# (How) do your prayers for the church line up with Paul's prayers for the New Year?

\* *Questions for younger children*

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