

SUNDAY MORNING – Pastor P. van der Hoek
December 3, 2023

Pre-service Psalter 100:1,2 **

Silent Congregational Prayer

Votum and Salutation

Psalter 15 **

Reading of the Law: Exodus 20

Psalter 309:1-2 **

Scripture Reading: Genesis 4:1-15

Congregational Prayer

Offerings for the Lord's service (2 collections)

Psalter 359 **

Text: Genesis 4:1

Theme: A Man from the Lord!

1. A Thankful Announcement

2. A Hope-filled Announcement

3. A Disappointed Announcement

4. A Fulfilled Announcement

Prayer

Psalter 407 **

Benediction

Doxology: "Praise God..." **

** Please stand if you are able

Family Sermon Discussion Questions:

1. What reasons did Adam and Eve have to be thankful for the birth of Cain? What does that teach us today in a world after the fall?
2. Why was this cry of Eve a hope-filled advent cry? What was she hoping for Cain would be? How do we know?
3. How was this hope-filled cry changed into disappointment? What practical lessons can be gained from this disappointment for our daily lives?
4. How does this verse lead us to see Christ and fill our hearts with advent longing? How can this verse be a comfort to you and your circumstances today?
5. * Who was Eve expecting Cain to be? Why did she think that Cain was the coming Messiah/Jesus? How is Jesus so different from Cain? Are you trusting in Jesus to deliver you from your sins? *

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Pre-service Psalter 174:1,3 **

Silent Congregational Prayer

Votum and Salutation

Psalter 222:4-7 **

Scripture Reading: 1 Kings 18:17-46

Westminster Larger Catechism, ques. 168 - 170

Congregational Prayer

Offerings for the Lord's service (2 collections)

Psalter 123 **

Text: 1 Kings 18:21

Confessional Support: Lord's Day 34 - Q&A 94-95

Theme: No other gods!

1. *Idolatry's Consequences*

2. *Idolatry's Confrontation*

3. *Idolatry's Competition*

Prayer

Psalter 27 **

Benediction

Doxology: 318:5,7 **

** Please stand if you are able

Family Sermon Discussion Questions:

1. What does it mean that the Lord tells us to have no other gods *before me*? What were some of the unhappy consequences of having other gods before the Lord in Elijah's days?
2. What does Elijah's question in verse 21 mean? How did the people respond to Elijah's challenging confrontation? What does it mean for you and me practically today?
3. Why was the competition at Mount Carmel such an unfair challenge? How does that magnify the glory of God?
4. How does this passage lead us to Christ and the fulfilment of this commandment? What should our response be when we see the glory of God in Jesus Christ?
5. * What does Elijah ask the idol-worshipping people? How do they respond? What did God do to show the people that He is the Only God? What does it mean in your life to serve the Lord *alone*? *

* Questions for younger children