SUNDAY MORNING 12-05-2021

Pre-service Psalter 60:1, 3** Silent Congregational Prayer Votum and Salutation Psalter 134:1, 3** Reading of the Law: Deuteronomy 5:1-24 Response to the Law: Psalter 1:1, 2** Scripture Reading: Genesis 18 Congregational Prayer Offerings for the Lord's service (2 collections) Psalter 425:4, 6** Text: Genesis 18:16-21 Theme: Christ Appears to Abraham 1. To unveil His plan of redemption 2. To unveil His covenant method 3. To unveil His pending judgment Prayer Psalter 206: All** Reading Lord's Supper from, part one Doxology: Psalter 412** Benediction ** Please stand if enabled

- 1. What is a theophany, and why are so many of the recorded in the Old Testament? (Think of some examples).
- 2. Why was the announcement of Isaac's future birth so very important in the history of redemption?
- 3*. How would God bless all the nations of the world through Abraham?
- 4. How does the incarnation—God's eternal Son becoming man—reveal clearly what God's good pleasure is?
- 5. What did Christ mean when He said about Abraham, "I know him"?
- 6. What would set the children apart from all the nations of the earth?
- 7*. Why was Christ going to pay a special visit to Sodom & Gomorrah?
- 8. How does this history illustrate that Christ's coming (His first & second coming!) will result in salvation and damnation?

Question for Self-Reflection

Have we been blessed by the coming of the Lord Jesus Christ into this world?

SUNDAY EVENING 12-05-2021 Pre-service Psalter 62:1, 2** Silent Congregational Prayer Votum and Salutation Psalter 258:1-5** Scripture: Matt. 17:24-27; 22:15-22, Romans 13:1-7 Apostle's Creed **Congregational Prayer** Offerings for the Lord's service (2 collections) Psalter 265: All** Text: Belg. Conf. Art. 36 (Romans 13:1) Theme: Civil Government (2nd Sermon) 1. A government appointed by God 2. A government called to protect the ministry 3. A government to which we must submit 4. A government for which we must pray Prayer Psalter 50: All** Doxology: Psalter 413** Benediction ** Please stand if enabled

- 2. Why is it so important to recognize that those who govern us are appointed by God?
- 3. What does it mean that God has "invested the magistrates (government) with the sword"?
- 4. In what way must the government protect the ministry of the gospel?
- 5. To what extent must we submit ourselves to those who govern us?
- 6*. What is the only lawful reason not to submit ourselves to those who govern us?
- 7. Why must we pray for those who govern us?
- 8. Why must we detest those who promote and instigate revolution?

Question for Self-reflection

Do we honor those who govern us as having been appointed by God?

* Questions for younger children

1*. Why does God appoint "kings, princes, and magistrates (rulers)"?