

*SUNDAY MORNING – Ascension Service  
05-16-2021*

Pre-service Psalter 281:2, 3\*\*

Silent Congregational Prayer

Votum and Salutation

Psalter 58: All\*\*

Reading of the Law: Deuteronomy 5:1-24

Response to the Law: 1:1, 2\*\*

Scripture Reading: Psalm 68:16-20; Acts 1:1-14

Congregational Prayer

Giving of our offerings to the Lord's service\*\*\*

Psalter 183: All\*\*

Text: Psalm 68:18

**Theme: The Ascension of Jesus Christ**

**1. The fact of His ascension**

**2. The benefits of His ascension**

**3. The purpose of His ascension**

Prayer

Giving of our offerings to the Lord's service\*\*\*

Psalter 293: All\*\*

Doxology: Psalter 412\*\*

Benediction

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**Family Sermon Discussion Questions:**

1. Why was the return of the Ark such a joyful event for David & the people of Israel?
2. Why may we say that when Jesus Christ was ascending into heaven, God was returning to God?
- 3.\* What does it mean that Jesus ascended *on high*?
4. Why was the ascension of Jesus the crowning event of His mediatorial work?
5. What does it mean that the ascending Jesus “led captivity captive”?
6. Why is it so amazing that Jesus received gifts for *men...“yea for the rebellious also”*?
7. Why is the statement “...that the LORD God might dwell among them,” so immensely important?
- 8.\* How do we know that the ascended Jesus is coming back? (See Acts 1:11).

***Question for Self-reflection***

1. What are the benefits you may enjoy as a result of Jesus's ascension?

SUNDAY EVENING  
05-16-2021

Pre-service Psalter 422:1, 4\*\*

Silent Congregational Prayer

Votum and Salutation

Psalter 176: All\*\*

Scripture: Matt. 28:16-20; Gal. 3:6-18; 26-29

*Canons of Dort, Head I, Art. 14 (p. 99-100)*

Congregational Prayer

Giving our offerings to the Lord's service\*\*\*

Psalter 425:1, 5, 6\*\*

**Text: Matthew 28:19-20**

**Christ's Institution of New Test. Baptism**

**1. Expressed in the Great Commission**

**2. Rooted in Old Testament Scripture**

**3. Consistent with God's covenant purpose**

Prayer

Giving our offerings to the Lord's service\*\*\*

Psalter 238: All\*\*

Doxology: Psalter 413\*\*

Benediction

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**Family Sermon Discussion Questions:**

1. Why is it so significant that Christ commands the apostles to *disciple* the nations?
2. What are the two primary means whereby we must disciple the nations?
3. Why is it significant that Jesus commands His apostles to baptize the *nations* = families of the earth?
4. What important connection is there between Matthew 28:19-20 and Genesis 12:3b?
- 5.\* How did God preach the gospel to Abraham (See. Gal. 3:8)?
6. How does Christ bring the entire Old Testament into sharp focus by commanding the disciples to baptize and teach the nations?
7. How do we know from Genesis 17 that God's promise to Abraham will ultimately benefit all the families of the earth?
- 8.\* How can we prove from Matthew 28:20 that we may first baptize babies and then teach them the Word of God?

***Question for Self-reflection?***

1. Why is it so important to recognize that the entire Old Testament is the foundation for the sacrament of Holy Baptism?

\* Questions for younger children