

SUNDAY MORNING

August 20, 2023

Pre-service Psalter 134:1,3**

Silent Congregational Prayer

Votum and Salutation

Psalter 129:1,4-5**

Reading of the Law: Exodus 20:1-17

Psalter 308:1-3**

Scripture Reading: Isaiah 40:12-31

Congregational Prayer

Offerings for the Lord's service (2 collections)

Psalter 86**

Text: Isaiah 40:12-31

Series: Behold your God! (2)

Theme: Behold Your God!

1. Compare Him with Creation

2. Compare Him with The Nations

3. Compare Him with Idols

4. Compare Him with Great People

Prayer

Psalter 284:1,3,5**

Benediction

Doxology: "Praise God..." **

** Please stand if enabled

Family Sermon Discussion Questions:

1. What kinds of things do people often boast and talk about and share on social media? How can these things influence the way we look at God?
2. * What things in creation does Isaiah compare the Lord with? What are these comparisons in nature supposed to teach us? *
3. When Isaiah compares the nations with God, what pictures does he use? What does that tell us about the nations? Is that how we look at the nations? What does that tell us about God?
4. How are verses 13-14 related to the idols in Isaiah's day? What does verse 16 mean and how does that lead us to consider Christ's sufficient sacrifice?
5. What picture do we get in verses 18-20 about idols? And how does that relate to our idols?
6. * What kind of great people does Isaiah compare God with? What kind of people do we have to think about today? What is the lesson when we consider great people in the light of who God is? *
7. How do we again see God's gentleness on display in the last verses of the chapter? What does it mean to wait for that Lord? Why is that important?

Question for Self-Reflection

- # How does this chapter compare with the idea you have about God in day-to-day life?

SUNDAY EVENING

August 20, 2023

Pre-service Psalter 200:1,3 **

Silent Congregational Prayer

Votum and Salutation

Psalter 402:1,4,6**

Scripture Reading: Acts 8:26-40

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Congregational Prayer

Offerings for the Lord's service (2 collections)

Psalter 81**

Text: Acts 2:41-42

Heidelberg Catechism: LD 26 (pg. 55)

Theme: The Salvation and Baptism of the Eunuch

1. The Cleansing Power of Baptism

2. The Saving Power of Baptism

3. The Scriptural Promise of Baptism

Prayer

Psalter 49**

Benediction

Doxology: Psalter 408:1,3**

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Family Sermon Discussion Questions:

1. Why did the Eunuch ask for baptism? Explain what the following statement means: Baptism is an external sign of an internal reality? How was this visible in the life of the Eunuch?
2. How would you respond to someone who points to the story of the Eunuch and says: "See, here you have an argument for adult baptism!"
3. How can it comfort us to know that baptism points us to the cross? How can it comfort us that baptism and pictures both an initial remission and a daily renewal? How can we see this in the Eunuch's life?
4. How did the Lord use the scriptures in Phillips' life? How did the Lord use the Scriptures in the Eunuch's life? What is so remarkable about the context of Isaiah 53, if the Eunuch would have read that?
5. * What about the story of the Eunuch stood out to you? And why? In what ways does this story point us to our need for the Lord Jesus? *

Question for Self-reflection

- # Do you receive comfort from the fact that you are baptized? Do you think you value baptism enough in your life?

* Questions for younger children