

SUNDAY MORNING  
06-21-2020

Pre-service Psalter 281:1, 3\*\*  
Silent Congregational Prayer  
Votum and Salutation  
Psalter 198:1-5\*\*  
Reading of the Law: Exodus 20:1-20  
Response to the Law: Psalter 2:1, 2\*\*  
Scripture Reading: Acts 15:12-35  
Congregational Prayer  
Giving of our offerings to the Lord's service  
Psalter 332: All\*\*  
Text: Acts 15:23-31

*The Council's Written Message to the Gentile Churches*

- 1. It is inspired by the Holy Spirit*
- 2. It addresses sanctification*
- 3. It yields consolation*

Prayer  
Giving of our offerings to the Lord's service  
Psalter 354:1-3, 6\*\*  
Doxology: Psalter 412\*\*  
Benediction  
\*\* Please stand if enabled

**Family Sermon Discussion Questions:**

1. How does Acts 15 affirm that the Old Testament was the Bible of the early New Testament church?
- 2\*. How does Acts 15:19 describe the conversion of the Gentiles?
3. What subversion of the gospel had been addressed by the Council of Jerusalem? (vv. 19, 24).
- 4\*. Why is Acts 15:22-23 an affirmation and confirmation of Psalm 133?
5. Why did the apostles (& all the brethren!) counsel the Gentile churches to abstain from the things mentioned in vv. 20 & 29?
6. Why is the phrase "for it seemed good to the Holy Ghost" so extraordinarily important?
7. How does this inspired counsel yield important instruction for us today?
8. Why did the Gentile churches rejoice when they received the letter from the mother church in Jerusalem?

SUNDAY EVENING

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Pre-service Psalter 283:1, 2\*\*

Silent Congregational Prayer

Votum and Salutation

Psalter 373:1-3, 10\*\*

Scripture Reading: Psalm 132

*Heidelberg Catechism, Lord's Day 27 (p. 56)*

Congregational Prayer

Giving of our offerings to the Lord's service

Psalter 368: All\*\*

Text: B. Conf. Art. 27 (Ps. 132:13-16) — **2<sup>nd</sup> sermon**

**Theme: The Universal Church of Jesus Christ**

**1. A holy church**

**2. A preserved church**

**3. A united church**

Prayer

Giving of our offerings to the Lord's service

Psalter 237: All\*\*

Doxology: Psalter 413\*\*

Benediction

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**Family Sermon Discussion Questions:**

1. Why does the word "church" so accurately describe the spiritual identity of the church? (Hint: the Greek word *ekklesia* means "called out")
- 2\*. What do all true Christian believers have in common?
- 3\*. How do we know that Adam & Eve were the first members of the church of God?
4. What is meant by the expression that the church is the cork upon which the world floats?
5. Why does the world hate and persecute true Christianity?
6. What is meant by the expression that the blood of martyrs is the seed of the church?
7. In what way is the church an organism, and in what way is it an organization?
8. Why are the words "I believe in one, holy, catholic church" a confession of *faith*!

\* Questions for younger children