

## **Opening**

- Weekly Christian Formation
- Question 43 \*What are the sacraments or ordinances?
- **Answer**. The sacraments or ordinances given by God and instituted by Christ, namely baptism and the Lord's Supper, are visible signs and seals that we are bound together as a community of faith by his death and resurrection. By our use of them the Holy Spirit more fully declares and seals the promises of the gospel to us.
- Scripture Reference. Romans 6:4 Luke 22:19–20

## Jan 28 Sermon - Study Questions

- LORD Over the Chaos John 15:1-17
- Pray for God's wisdom to rightly understand the passage

## **Questions**

- 1. In the Farewell Discourse, starting in ch.13, how have Christ's messages to His disciples been one cohesive message?
- 2. How does this passage work together with what Jesus stated in ch.14 about the promised Helper?
- 3. Who are the three characters in the Jesus' metaphor in ch.15?
- 4. Describe the work of the vinedresser and the vine. How does their purposes and role compare to the role of the branches? Who is responsible for the production of fruit?
- 5. How is the fruit described in v.11?
- 6. What often happens when we purse fruit rather than seeking to abide in Christ?

- 7. In what ways are the branches to abide in the vine?
- 8. Discuss your own personal connections with the Vine. How can we grow as a people completely dependent on Christ, our Vine?
- Prayer: Reserve plenty of time to pray for one another.
- Prayer Challenge: Pray that God would provide opportunities for you to share Christ with people.
- Pray that you would make the most of every opportunity (Col 4:2-6).

<sup>\*\*</sup>Weekly Christian Formation Questions are taken from the New City Catechism