

Part 4 – Psalm 19
A Chattering Creation
Leader's Guide
(Video 19 minutes)

Warm up questions pre-video: (20 minutes)

- ❖ What are our 5 human senses?
 1. Sight.
 2. Smell.
 3. Hearing.
 4. Touch.
 5. Taste.
- ❖ How do our 5 senses allow us to experience God's creation?
 1. We can see the majesty of our Lord's magnificent work.
 2. We can smell the earthliness around us.
 3. We can hear the wonders of nature.
 4. We can touch the beauty of our surroundings.
 5. We can taste the pallet of flavors our Lord has placed before us.

Read questions 236, 237, and 238 in the Small Catechism

- ❖ What is a sacrament?
 - A sacrament is instituted by God.
 - A sacrament consists of two parts: God's word which he places in a physical element.
 - Through God's sacraments our Lord assures us of his promise of the forgiveness of our sins.
- ❖ How through our 5 senses does God reveal himself to us today?
 - In God's word and his sacraments
 - In God's written word we can read, mark, learn, and inwardly digest God's words of promise and forgiveness.
 - In the sacraments of our Lord we see, smell, touch, and taste the physical elements: water, bread, and wine. We hear our Lord's words of forgiving grace.

Read questions 7 and 8 in the Small Catechism.

- ❖ What is the law?
 - God's word.
 - Imposes to regulate behavior.
 - Expresses the will of God.
 - Is expressed through positive and negative commandments.
 - Cannot be fulfilled by human effort.
- ❖ What is the gospel?
 - The good news.
 - God's gift of salvation for the world, in Jesus Christ.
 - The demands of the law, which cannot be met by human effort, are satisfied by God's grace in the gospel of Jesus Christ.

Read Psalm 19

- ❖ What is a metaphor?
 - A figure of speech in which a word or phrase is applied to an object or action to which it is not literally applicable.
(His head was spinning with ideas.)
 - A situation in which the unfamiliar is expressed in terms of the familiar.
(Her home was a prison.)

Post-video follow up questions: (20 minutes)

- ❖ What are the metaphors that the psalmist uses in verses 1–3 of the psalm?
 - Heavens declare.
 - Sky proclaims.
 - Days speak.
 - Night reveals.
 - God's creation is telling us about God, not just showing us.
 - God's creation is a witness to God's glory and majesty.
- ❖ What shift does verse 7 make?
 - The psalm shifts from the witness of God's creation to God's written word.
- ❖ What are the primary metaphors that the psalmist uses in verses 4–6 to refer to the sun?
 - Sun.
 - Bridegroom.
 - Strong man.
 - All these that come out with joy to do what they were meant to do.
- ❖ How can God's law be viewed as a blueprint of creation?
 - The sun and the moon do what they were designed to do.
 - When we live our lives according to God's law, knowing that we live in Christ's gospel of grace, we do what we are designed to do.
- ❖ How does creation react to God's word?
 - It reacts perfectly as God intended.
 - All of creation comes into being by God's word alone.
 - All creation is God's word.
 - God's word initiates all of creation.
- ❖ What does it mean for us as humans to live in God's created world?
 - We are blessed to live in the knowledge of the glory and forgiving grace of our Lord.
 - We are blessed to be able to worship God the Creator, understanding his love for us and all of his creation.
 - Through Christ, the end of the story is made known to us by God's word in the truth of the resurrection.