

# **Lord's Supper 28 February. 2021**

## **Lev. 1:1-20**

### **Strange fire**

- Word of welcome
- Song
- Intercession prayer
- Votum (Opening prayer)
- Blessing
- Hymn of praise: Lied 280: 1-3
- Children sermon
- Prayer
- Scripture reading: Leviticus 10: 1-20
- Song: Lied 254:1-2
- Sermon
- Prayer
- Offerings
- Lord's Supper institution
- Song 253: 1-2
- Confession
- Silent prayer
- Song: 508: 1-2
- Confession of faith: Apostolic
- Distributions
- Celebration
- Song: 144
- Blessing
- Amen

Nadab and Abihu were two sons of Aaron the high priest. In all likelihood two fine young men. And they probably brought incense before the Lord with the best of intentions, but we read the last part of Lev. 10: 1: "which He commanded them not." And then from a human perspective we hear something extremely disturbing - "Then they brought strange fire to the LORD - which was not according to his command. Fire went forth from before the LORD, and devoured them ..." God answers their strange fire with His holy fire.

Let it also remind us this morning through the Lord's Supper that we must be careful with the holy things of God. That we are dealing here with a holy God and that one can bring a judgment on oneself and the congregation by desecrating the Lord's Supper. Let Nadab and Abihu's 'laid-back' attitude not be ours. From where then will we get the courage to enter into God's presence? Boldness to enter God's fellowship is not something you can ever find in yourself. Our boldness comes by focusing our eyes on Christ. It is He who tears the veil - His body. It is He who brings reconciliation for us - His blood. Keep your eyes on Him and then enter His table this morning with confidence.

"The wicked man indeed receives the sacrament to his damnation, but he does not receive the truth of the sacrament." *Belgic Confession of faith Article 33*