The final teaching of Jesus is the hermeneutic of remembrance – remembrance of *the Law of Moses and the Prophets and the Psalms*

Jesus fulfills the prophets through His teaching and miracles of forgiveness and healing

* OT saints
* Jonah in the fish
* His baptism in the Jordan
* The flood of Genesis 6
* Jesus is the guilt offering of the OT
* Jesus is the Passover Lamb and Peace Offering

The Psalms cluster around the passion of Jesus

* Psalms 2
* Psalms 22, 31, and 69 depict the crucifixion as individual laments
* The Psalms of David
* The greatest example of reversal in the Psalms is the sacrifice of our Lord
* Psalm 110 is the royal Psalm of Jesus who rules from Zion
* Finally, we sing the Magnificat, Benedictus, and Nunc Dimittis in the divine liturgy of the church

***45****Then he opened their minds to understand the Scriptures,* ***46****and said, “it is written, that the Christ should suffer and on the third day rise from the dead,* ***47****and that repentance for the forgiveness of sins should be proclaimed*

* The natural faculties of sinful man are unable to believe Jesus is the Christ
* Faith must be created by God to receive the Gospel
* The meaning to the 3rd article of the Apostles Creed in the Small Catechism explains
* Note the imperatives of Gospel compact stressed by JESUS in verses 46 and 47

The Holy Spirit is at the center of Jesus final instructions for the disciples

The final act of public ministry for Jesus is the ascension

The ascension of Jesus is not about absence but presence in a new and powerful way

We come to a screeching halt!

* We confess in the creeds that Jesus ascends physically into heaven
* The ascension splits the 16th century reformation into sacramental and reformed camps

The foundation of the church is the teaching and presence of Jesus

* Teaching in Moses, the Prophets, and the Psalms
* Teaching founded on the doctrine of the apostles
* Post – ascension presence no longer limited by the enigmas of space and time
* Jesus is present in word and sacrament even as he promises: *And lo, I am with you always, even unto the end of the world*
* The Holy Spirit is the Teacher who knows the mind of God – He teaches Jesus who is still Immanuel – God with us