* Call to Worship: from Psalm 86:8-10 There is none like you, O Lord, nor are there any works like yours. All the nations you have made shall come and bow down before you, O Lord, and shall glorify your name. For you are great and do wondrous things, you alone are God.

* Opening Prayer

* **O Day of Rest and Gladness** #12:1,2,4 (HFG) O day of rest and gladness, O day of joy and light. O balm of care and sadness, most beautiful, most bright. On Thee the high and lowly, through ages joined in tune. Sing, "Holy, holy, holy," to the great God Triune.

On thee, at the creation, the light first had its birth; On thee, for our salvation Christ rose from depths of earth; On thee our Lord victorious the Spirit sent from heaven, And thus on thee, most glorious a triple light was given.

New graces ever gaining, from this our day of rest. We reach the rest remaining, to spirits of the blest. To Holy Ghost be praises, to Father and to Son. The Church her voice upraises, to Thee blest Three in One.

* My Hope Is in the Lord

#78:1,2,4 (HFG)

My hope is in the Lord who gave Himself for me, And paid the price of all my sin at Calvary.

Refrain: For me He died, for me He lives, And everlasting life and light He freely gives.

No merit of my own His anger to suppress, My only hope is found in Jesus' righteousness. *Refrain*

His grace has planned it all 'tis mine but to believe, And recognize His work of love and Christ receive. *Refrain*

* Wonderful, Merciful Savior

Wonderful, merciful Savior, Precious Redeemer and Friend; Who would have thought that a Lamb could Rescue the souls of men? Oh, You rescue the souls of men. *Refrain*

* indicates to stand if able

Refrain: You are the One that we praise, You are the One we adore. You give the healing and grace Our hearts always hunger for, Oh, our hearts always hunger for.

Almighty, infinite Father, faithfully loving Your own; Here in our weakness You find us Falling before Your throne, Oh, we're falling before Your throne. *Refrain*

Profession of Faith: Heidelberg Catechism Q&A 76
What does it mean to eat the crucified body of Christ and to drink his poured-out blood?
It means to accept with a believing heart the entire suffering and death of Christ and by believing to receive forgiveness of sins and eternal life. But it means more.
Through the Holy Spirit, who lives both in Christ and in us, we are united more and more to Christ's blessed body. And so, although he is in heaven and we are on earth, we are flesh of his flesh and bone of his bone. And we forever live on and are governed by one Spirit, as members of our body are by one soul.

* For God So Loved the World #315 (HFG) For God so loved the world, He gave His only Son To die on Calvary's tree, from sin to set me free; Some day He's coming back; what glory that will be! Wonderful His love to me. *Repeat All*

Offering: Christian School Tuition Assistance

Evening Prayer

* Sweet Hour of Prayer

#439:2 (HFG)

Sweet hour of prayer, sweet hour of prayer, Thy wings shall my petition bear To Him whose truth and faithfulness Engage the waiting soul to bless: And since He bids me seek His face, Believe His Word, and trust His grace, I'll cast on Him my every care, And wait for thee, sweet hour of prayer. * Scripture: Daniel 11:1-20 (ESV)

¹ "And as for me, in the first year of Darius the Mede, I stood up to confirm and strengthen him.

² "And now I will show you the truth. Behold, three more kings shall arise in Persia, and a fourth shall be far richer than all of them. And when he has become strong through his riches, he shall stir up all against the kingdom of Greece. ³ Then a mighty king shall arise, who shall rule with great dominion and do as he wills. ⁴ And as soon as he has arisen, his kingdom shall be broken and divided toward the four winds of heaven, but not to his posterity, nor according to the authority with which he ruled, for his kingdom shall be plucked up and go to others besides these.

⁵ "Then the king of the south shall be strong, but one of his princes shall be stronger than he and shall rule, and his authority shall be a great authority. ⁶ After some years they shall make an alliance, and the daughter of the king of the south shall come to the king of the north to make an agreement. But she shall not retain the strength of her arm, and he and his arm shall not endure, but she shall be given up, and her attendants, he who fathered her, and he who supported her in those times.

⁷ "And from a branch from her roots one shall arise in his place. He shall come against the army and enter the fortress of the king of the north, and he shall deal with them and shall prevail. ⁸He shall also carry off to Egypt their gods with their metal images and their precious vessels of silver and gold, and for some years he shall refrain from attacking the king of the north.⁹ Then the latter shall come into the realm of the king of the south but shall return to his own land. ¹⁰ "His sons shall wage war and assemble a multitude of great forces, which shall keep coming and overflow and pass through, and again shall carry the war as far as his fortress. ¹¹ Then the king of the south, moved with rage, shall come out and fight against the king of the north. And he shall raise a great multitude, but it shall be given into his hand. ¹² And when the multitude is taken away, his heart shall be exalted, and he shall cast down tens of thousands, but he shall not prevail. ¹³ For the king of the north shall again raise a multitude, greater than the first. And after some years he shall come on with a great army and

abundant supplies.

¹⁴ "In those times many shall rise against the king of the south, and the violent among your own people shall lift themselves up in order to fulfill the vision, but they shall fail.

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¹⁵ Then the king of the north shall come and throw up siege works and take a well-fortified city. And the forces of the south shall not stand, or even his best troops, for there shall be no strength to stand. ¹⁶ But he who comes against him shall do as he wills, and none shall stand before him. And he shall stand in the glorious land, with destruction in his hand. ¹⁷ He shall set his face to come with the strength of his whole kingdom, and he shall bring terms of an agreement and perform them. He shall give him the daughter of women to destroy the kingdom, but it shall not stand or be to his advantage.¹⁸ Afterward he shall turn his face to the coastlands and shall capture many of them, but a commander shall put an end to his insolence. Indeed, he shall turn his insolence back upon him. ¹⁹ Then he shall turn his face back toward the fortresses of his own land, but he shall stumble and fall, and shall not be found. ²⁰ "Then shall arise in his place one who shall send an exactor of tribute for the glory of the kingdom. But within a few days he shall be broken, neither in anger nor in battle.

This is the Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

Message: Of Wars and Rumors of Wars I

* Jesus Shall Reign

#238:1,4 (HFG)

Jesus shall reign where'er the sun Does His successive journeys run, His kingdom spread from shore to shore, 'Til moons shall wax and wane no more.

Let every creature rise and bring His grateful honors to our King; Angels descend with songs again, And earth repeat the loud "Amen!"

* God's Blessing

* **Praise God From Whom All Blessings Flow** #638 (PH) Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; Praise him, all creatures here below; Praise him above, ye heavenly host; Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

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