

\* **Call to Worship:** *Psalm 34:1-3*  
*I will bless the LORD at all times;*  
*his praise shall continually be in my mouth.*  
**My soul makes its boast in the LORD;**  
**let the humble hear and be glad.**  
*Oh, magnify the LORD with me,*  
*and let us exalt his name together!*

\* **Opening Prayer**

\* **Give Glory to God, All You Heavenly Creatures**  
Give glory to God, all you heavenly creatures; #29:1,2,5 (PH)  
All glory and power belong to the Lord!  
So drop to your knees and respect what is holy,  
Be quiet and listen: the voice of the Lord.

The voice of the Lord rolls out over the waters;  
It thunders and echoes his glory abroad.  
The voice of the Lord is majestic and mighty;  
Its power resounds, and his creatures are awed.

The creatures now worship the God of all power;  
All creatures respond, "May God's glory increase."  
The Lord gives his people their strength and all blessing;  
The Lord shall encircle his people with peace.

\* **Come, Ye Thankful People, Come** #392:1,4 (HFG)  
Come, ye thankful people, come,  
Raise the song of harvest home:  
All is safely gather'd in,  
Ere the winter storms begin;  
God, our Maker, doth provide  
For our wants to be supplied;  
Come to God's own temple, come,  
Raise the song of harvest-home.

Even so, Lord, quickly come,  
To Thy final harvest home:  
Gather Thou Thy people in,  
Free from sorrow, free from sin.  
There forever purified,  
In Thy presence to abide.  
Come, with all Thine angels, come,  
Raise the glorious harvest home.

\* indicates to stand if able

\* **In Thanksgiving, Let Us Praise Him**

From the first bright light of morning  
To the last warm glow of dusk;  
Every breath we take is sacred,  
For it is God's gift to us.

*Refrain:* In thanksgiving, let us praise Him;  
In thanksgiving, let us sing  
Songs of praise and adoration  
To our gracious Lord and King.

Safe within His hand that guides us,  
Hidden in His healing wings;  
Day by day His love provides us  
Every good and perfect thing. *Refrain*

**Profession of Faith:** Heidelberg Catechism Q&A 106-107

Does the 6<sup>th</sup> commandment refer only to killing?

**By forbidding murder God teaches us  
that he hates the root of murder:  
envy, hatred, anger, vindictiveness.  
In God's sight all such are murder.**

Is it enough then that we do not kill our neighbor  
in any such way?

**No.**

**By condemning envy, hatred, and anger  
God tells us to love our neighbors as ourselves,  
to be patient, peace-loving, gentle,  
merciful, and friendly to them,  
to protect them from harm as much as we can,  
and to do good even to our enemies.**

**Offering:** Christian School Tuition Assistance

**Evening Prayer**

\* **When We Walk With the Lord** #548:1,3 (PH)

When we walk with the Lord in the light of his Word,  
What a glory he sheds on our way!  
While we do his good will he abides with us still,  
And with all who will trust and obey.

*Refrain:* Trust and obey, for there's no other way  
To be happy in Jesus but to trust and obey.

Then in fellowship sweet we will sit at his feet,  
Or we'll walk by his side in the way;  
What he says we will do, where he sends we will go,  
Never fear, only trust and obey. *Refrain*

**Scripture:** *Esther 6:14-7:10 (ESV)* pg. 526

<sup>14</sup> While they were yet talking with him, the king's eunuchs arrived and hurried to bring Haman to the feast that Esther had prepared.

<sup>1</sup> So the king and Haman went in to feast with Queen Esther. <sup>2</sup> And on the second day, as they were drinking wine after the feast, the king again said to Esther, "What is your wish, Queen Esther? It shall be granted you. And what is your request? Even to the half of my kingdom, it shall be fulfilled." <sup>3</sup> Then Queen Esther answered, "If I have found favor in your sight, O king, and if it please the king, let my life be granted me for my wish, and my people for my request. <sup>4</sup> For we have been sold, I and my people, to be destroyed, to be killed, and to be annihilated. If we had been sold merely as slaves, men and women, I would have been silent, for our affliction is not to be compared with the loss to the king." <sup>5</sup> Then King Ahasuerus said to Queen Esther, "Who is he, and where is he, who has dared to do this?" <sup>6</sup> And Esther said, "A foe and enemy! This wicked Haman!" Then Haman was terrified before the king and the queen.

<sup>7</sup> And the king arose in his wrath from the wine-drinking and went into the palace garden, but Haman stayed to beg for his life from Queen Esther, for he saw that harm was determined against him by the king. <sup>8</sup> And the king returned from the palace garden to the place where they were drinking wine, as Haman was falling on the couch where Esther was. And the king said, "Will he even assault the queen in my presence, in my own house?" As the word left the mouth of the king, they covered Haman's face. <sup>9</sup> Then Harbona, one of the eunuchs in attendance on the king, said, "Moreover, the gallows that Haman has prepared for Mordecai, whose word saved the king, is standing at Haman's house, fifty cubits high." And the king said, "Hang him on that." <sup>10</sup> So they hanged Haman on the gallows that he had prepared for Mordecai. Then the wrath of the king abated.

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

**Message:** *Haman's Last Supper*

**Prayer**

\* **The Lord God Reigns in Majesty** #99:1,2 (PH)  
(sung to the tune of *Hosanna, Loud Hosanna*)

The Lord God reigns in majesty;  
Let all the nations quake.  
He dwells between the cherubim;  
Let earth's foundations shake.  
Supreme in Zion is the Lord, exalted gloriously.  
All nations, praise his name with awe:  
The Holy One is he.

The mighty King loves justice well and equity ordains.  
He rules his people righteously  
And faithfulness maintains.  
In worship at his footstool bow,  
Let him exalted be.  
O magnify the Lord our God:  
The Holy One is he.

\* **God's Blessing**

\* **Praise and Thanksgiving** #631:1,3 (PH)

Praise and thanksgiving let everyone bring  
Unto our Father for every good thing.  
All together, joyfully sing!

May we go out from here sharing God's love.  
Help us in coming days our faith to prove.  
All together, joyfully sing!

**Haman's Last Supper**  
*Esther 6:14-7:10*

Esther's Request, 6:14 – 7:4

Ahasuerus's Response, 7:5-7

Haman's Remorse, 7:7-10

Implications and application

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