

*Monday June 29, 2020*

## Opening

*Selected verses from Psalm 25*

*Leader:* To you, O LORD, I will lift up my soul.

***Family:* In you I have trusted, O my God.**

Do not let me be put to shame.

**Do not let my enemies triumph over me.**

All who hope in you will never be put to shame,

**But those who are treacherous for no reason will be put to shame.**

**Amen.**

## Bible Reading - 1 Samuel 2:1-21

**2** Then Hannah prayed and said:

“My heart rejoices in the Lord;  
in the Lord my horn is lifted high.  
My mouth boasts over my enemies,  
for I delight in your deliverance.

<sup>2</sup> “There is no one holy like the Lord;  
there is no one besides you;  
there is no Rock like our God.

<sup>3</sup> “Do not keep talking so proudly  
or let your mouth speak such arrogance,  
for the Lord is a God who knows,  
and by him deeds are weighed.

<sup>4</sup> “The bows of the warriors are broken,  
but those who stumbled are armed with strength.

<sup>5</sup> Those who were full hire themselves out for food,  
but those who were hungry are hungry no more.  
She who was barren has borne seven children,  
but she who has had many sons pines away.

<sup>6</sup> “The Lord brings death and makes alive;  
he brings down to the grave and raises up.

<sup>7</sup> The Lord sends poverty and wealth;  
he humbles and he exalts.

<sup>8</sup> He raises the poor from the dust  
and lifts the needy from the ash heap;  
he seats them with princes  
and has them inherit a throne of honor.

“For the foundations of the earth are the Lord’s;  
on them he has set the world.

<sup>9</sup> He will guard the feet of his faithful servants,  
but the wicked will be silenced in the place of darkness.

“It is not by strength that one prevails;  
<sup>10</sup> those who oppose the Lord will be broken.  
The Most High will thunder from heaven;  
the Lord will judge the ends of the earth.

“He will give strength to his king  
and exalt the horn of his anointed.”

<sup>11</sup> Then Elkanah went home to Ramah, but the boy ministered before the Lord under Eli the priest.

## Questions for Discussion

*Take whatever time is necessary or possible to discuss these questions. Discussion does not have to be lengthy.*

***For the kids:*** What are some of the ways Hannah describes God in her prayer?

***For the grownups:*** What stands out to you the most in Hannah’s prayer?

## Prayer

### **Luther’s Morning Prayer:**

**I thank you, my heavenly Father, through Jesus Christ, your dear Son, that you have kept me this night from all harm and danger. Keep me this day also from sin and every evil, that all my doings and life may please you. Into your hands I commend my body and soul and all things. Let your holy angel be with me, that the wicked foe may have no power over me. Amen.**

*or*

### **Luther’s Evening Prayer:**

**I thank you, my heavenly Father, through Jesus Christ, your dear Son, that you have graciously kept me this day. Forgive me all my sins, and graciously keep me this night. Into your hands I commend my body and soul and all things. Let your holy angel be with me, that the wicked foe may have no power over me. Amen.**

*The head of the household may lead other prayers and petitions. The members of the family may also take turns with their own prayers and petitions. The head of the household closes the prayer in Jesus’ name.*

## Blessing

Leader: The almighty and merciful Lord, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit,  
bless and preserve us.

**Amen.**

## Hymn

*Read or sing the hymn verse as a family.*

***Oh, that the Lord would guide my ways  
To keep his statutes still!  
Oh, that my God would grant me grace  
To know and do his will!***

***Order my footsteps by your Word,  
And make my heart sincere;  
Let sin have no dominion, Lord,  
But keep my conscience clear.  
(CW 462:1,2)***

*A recording of this hymn can be found on [YouTube](#).*

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## Large Catechism Study

*Optional: Briefly discuss and apply this portion of Luther's Large Catechism.*

### **THE FOURTH COMMANDMENT (Continued)**

Let us, therefore, learn at last, for God's sake, that, placing all other things out of sight, our youths look first to this commandment, if they wish to serve God with truly good works, that they do what is pleasing to their fathers and mothers, or to those to whom they may be subject in their stead. For every child that knows and does this has, in the first place, this great consolation in his heart, that he can joyfully say and boast (in spite of and against all who are occupied with works of their own choice): "Behold, this work is well pleasing to my God in heaven, that I know for certain." Let them all come together with their many great, distressing, and difficult works and make their boast; we will see whether they can show one that is greater and nobler than obedience to father and mother, to whom God has appointed and commanded obedience next to His own majesty; so that if God's Word and will are in force and being accomplished, nothing shall be esteemed higher than the will and word of parents; yet so that it, too, is subordinated to obedience toward God and is not opposed to the preceding commandments.

Therefore you should be heartily . and thank God that He has chosen you and made you worthy to do a work so precious and pleasing to Him. Only see that, although it be regarded as the most humble and despised, you esteem it great and precious, not on account of our worthiness, but because it is comprehended in, and controlled by, the jewel and sanctuary, namely, the Word and commandment of God. Oh, what a high price would all Carthusians, monks, and nuns pay, if in all their religious doings they could bring into God's presence a single work done by virtue of His commandment, and be able before His face to say with joyful heart: "Now I know that this work is well pleasing to Thee." Where will these poor wretched persons hide when in the sight of God and all the world they shall blush with shame before a young child who has lived according to this commandment, and shall have to confess that with their whole life they are not worthy to give it a drink of water? And it serves them right for their devilish perversion in treading God's commandment under foot that they must vainly torment themselves with works of their own device, and, in addition, have scorn and loss for their reward.