

Thursday June 4, 2020

Opening

Selected verses from Psalm 18

Leader: The LORD lives! Blessed be my Rock!

Family: **May the God who saves me be exalted!**

You delivered me from my enemies.

Yes, you exalted me above those who rose against me.

Therefore I will praise you among the nations, LORD.

To your name I will make music.

I would rather wait at the doorway of the house of my God

Than dwell in the tents of the wicked.

By providing great salvation for his King,

He shows mercy to his Anointed One,

to David and to his Descendant forever.

Amen.

Bible Reading - Isaiah 45:22-25

²² Turn to me and be saved, all you ends of the earth,
because I am God,
and there is no other.

²³ I have sworn by myself.

From my mouth a righteous word has gone out,
and it will not return unfulfilled.

Indeed, to me every knee will bow,
and every tongue will swear allegiance.

²⁴ “Only in the Lord,” they will say of me,

“Only in the Lord is there true righteousness and strength.”

To him they will come and be ashamed—
all those who are angry at him.

²⁵ In the Lord, all the descendants of Israel will be justified.

They will be praised by him.

Questions for Discussion

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

For the kids: *Who does God want to be saved? (verse 22) Does that include you?*

For the grownups: “God” and “Lord” mean many things to many people. Not saying God or Lord, through whom alone is salvation found? (Read John 14:6)

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.

**At the name of Jesus Ev'ry knee shall bow,
Ev'ry tongue confess him King of glory now;
'Tis the Father's pleasure We should call him Lord,
Who from the beginning Was the mighty Word.
(CW 344)**

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

Large Catechism Study

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

THE FIRST COMMANDMENT (Continued)

But terrible as are these threatenings, so much the more powerful is the consolation in the promise, that those who cling to God alone should be sure that He will show them mercy, that is, show them pure goodness and blessing, not only for themselves, but also to their children and children's children, even to the thousandth generation and beyond that. This ought certainly to move and impel us to risk our hearts in all confidence with God, if we wish all temporal and eternal good, since the Supreme Majesty makes such sublime offers and presents such cordial inducements and such rich promises.

Therefore let everyone seriously take this to heart, lest it be regarded as though a man had spoken it. For to you it is a question either of eternal blessing, happiness, and salvation, or of eternal wrath, misery, and woe. What more would you have or desire than that He so kindly promises to be yours with every blessing, and to protect and help you in all need?