



**November  
Week 4**

**Personal and Family Devotions • Small Groups • Church meetings**

## 1 Invocation

*Make the sign of the cross and say:*  
In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

## 2 Psalm

I will lift up my eyes to the mountains.  
**From where will my help come?**  
My help comes from Yahweh,  
**who made heaven and earth.**  
He will not allow your foot to slip;  
**he who protects you will not slumber.**  
See, the guardian of Israel  
**never slumbers or sleeps.**  
Yahweh is your guardian;  
**Yahweh is the shade at your right hand.**  
The sun will not harm you by day,  
**nor the moon by night.**  
Yahweh will protect you from all harm,  
**and he will protect your life.**  
Yahweh will protect you in all you do  
**now and forevermore.**

*Psalm 121:1-8*

Glory be to the Father and to the Son  
**and to the Holy Spirit.**  
As it was in the beginning  
**is now, and will be forever. Amen.**

## 3 Hymns

**Blest Be the Tie That Binds** (page 5)  
**Lord, Keep Us Steadfast in Your Word** (page 6)

## 4 Lessons



### BIBLE BOOKS

OT Minor Prophets

### Haggai

*Summary Statement*

**A prophet urges work on the new temple**

*Outline*

**I. God's Building (1)**

**II. God's Blessings (2)**

*Key Verses*

**2:9**

### Zechariah

*Summary Statement*

**A prophet has visions of the coming Messiah**

*Outline*

**I. Visions of the Messiah (1-6)**

**II. Questions about Fasting (7-8)**

**III. Prophecies of the Messiah (9-14)**

*Key Verses*

**4:6; 9:9; 13:7**

### Malachi

*Summary Statement*

**A prophet warns Judah after the exile**

*Outline*

**I. Past and Present Sins (1-2)**

**II. Future Arrivals (3-4)**

*Key Verses*

**4:2**

### Daily Readings

<b>Su</b>	Hag 1:1-15	Hag 2:1-9
<b>Mo</b>	Zec 1:7-17	Zec 2:1-9
<b>Tu</b>	Zec 6:9-15	Zec 7:1-14
<b>We</b>	Zec 8:1-17	Zec 9:9-17
<b>Th</b>	Zec 11:4-17	Zec 12:10-13:1
<b>Fr</b>	Zec 14:3-9	Mal 1:6-14
<b>Sa</b>	Mal 2:17-3:12	Mal 4:1-6

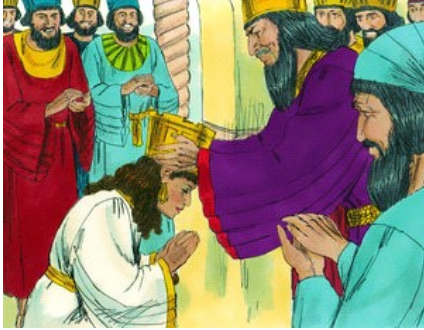


## BIBLE EVENTS

Exile & Return Era

### Esther 2:1-23 ★

A New Queen



- a. Why were young women gathered together and given cosmetics? (2:3-4)
- b. Who took care of Esther when her parents died? (2:5-7)
- c. What did Mordecai tell Esther not to reveal? (2:10)
- d. What did Mordecai discover and alert the king to? (2:21-22)

### Esther 4:1-17

Haman's Plot



- a. What was Haman putting silver into the king's treasury to accomplish? (4:7)
- b. What did Mordecai urge Esther to do before the king? (4:8)
- c. What did Esther ask Mordecai and all the Jews to do? (4:16)
- d. Why was it so risky for Esther to approach the king with a request uninvited? (4:16)

Events labeled with a star (★) are appropriate for disciples of all ages. Other events may contain more mature content.

### Esther 5:1-14 ★

Haman and Mordecai



- a. What did the king hold out to Esther, allowing her to approach him? (5:2)
- b. Who did Esther invite to a banquet she was hosting? (5:8)
- c. What did Mordecai do that made Haman extremely angry? (5:9)
- d. What was suggested that Haman build to execute Mordecai? (5:14)

### Esther 7:1-10

Haman Is Hanged



- a. On what day of the feast did the king ask Esther to make her request? (7:2)
- b. How did Haman feel when Esther revealed his plan to King Ahasuerus? (7:6)
- c. What did the king accuse Haman of doing when he returned from the palace garden? (7:8)
- d. How was Haman killed? (7:10)

**For application: IDEA** What is stated in the verse, passage or selection? **THANK** What does this verse, passage or selection make me thankful for? **CONFESS** What does this verse, passage or selection make me sorry for? **HELP** What help do I need from God to act on what I have read?



## BIBLE TEACHINGS

### Lord's Prayer

#### Meal Prayers

##### Asking a Blessing

*The children and the members of the household go to the table, fold their hands and reverently say:*

The eyes of all wait for you; you give them their food at the right time. You open your hand and satisfy the desire of every living thing.

*Psalm 145:15-16*

*Then shall be said the Lord's Prayer and the following:*

Lord God, heavenly Father, bless us and these Your gifts which we take from Your bountiful goodness, through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

##### Returning Thanks

*In the same way, when the meal has ended, they fold their hands and reverently say:*

Oh, give thanks to Yahweh; for he is good, for his covenant faithfulness endures forever... who gives food to all living beings. He gives food to the animals and to the young ravens when they cry. He finds no delight in the strength of a horse, he takes no pleasure in the strong legs of a man. Yahweh takes pleasure in those who honor him, who hope in his covenant faithfulness.

*Psalm 136:1, 25; 147:9-11*

*Then shall be said the Lord's Prayer and the following:*

We thank You, Lord God, heavenly Father, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, for all Your benefits, who lives and reigns forever and ever. Amen.

Younger disciples should focus on the content in the yellow box from Martin Luther's Small Catechism.

#### The Bible

##### 1. What is true about the Bible?

- A. The Bible is God's inspired Word
- B. The Bible is without error
- C. The Bible is sufficient
- D. The Bible is powerful

*A – 2 Samuel 23:2; 1 Corinthians 2:12-13; 1 Thessalonians 2:13; 2 Timothy 3:16; 2 Peter 1:21; B – Numbers 23:19; John 10:35; 17:17; C – Deuteronomy 4:2; Revelation 22:18-19; D – Isaiah 55:11; Hebrews 4:12; 1 Peter 1:23*

##### 2. What does the Bible teach us?

- A. Who God is
- B. How God wants us to live
- C. What God has done to save us

*A – Isaiah 53:1; Ezekiel 38:23; B – Psalm 119:105; 2 Timothy 3:16-17; C – John 20:30-31; 2 Timothy 3:15; 1 Peter 1:10*

##### 3. What are the two main teachings in the Bible?

Law and Gospel

*Leviticus 19:2; John 1:17; 3:16; Romans 1:16; 6:23; Galatians 3:10; Colossians 2:13-14*

##### 4. What is the difference between Law and Gospel?

- A. What they teach us (Do vs. Done)
- B. What they show us (Sin vs. Savior)
- C. What they do to us (Death vs. Life)
- D. Who they are preached to (Impenitent vs. Penitent)

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## 5 Creed

**I believe in God, the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth.**

**And in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died and was buried. He descended into hell. The third day He rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of God, the Father Almighty. From thence He will come to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Christian church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.**

## 6 Prayers

*Pray for your family and friends, your church, your community, your nation, your world, and your own personal needs. As you C.H.A.T. with God, remember to Confess your sins, Honor and praise God, Ask Him your requests, and Thank Him for His blessings.*



Blessed Lord, who has caused all Holy Scriptures to be written for our learning, grant that we may in such wise hear them, read, mark, learn, and inwardly digest them, that by patience and comfort of Your holy Word, we may embrace, and ever hold fast the blessed hope of everlasting life, which You have given us in our Savior Jesus Christ. Lord, in Your mercy, **Hear our prayer.**



Almighty and Everlasting God, who loves to show mercy, hear the prayers which we offer unto You for the Jewish people, that, acknowledging Jesus Christ, who is the Light of truth, they may be delivered from their darkness. Lord, in Your mercy, **Hear our prayer.**



Almighty and everlasting God, by Your Holy Spirit You have revealed to us the Gospel of Your Son, Jesus Christ. Enliven our hearts that we may sincerely receive Your Word, and not make light of it, or hear it without fruit, but that we may fear You and daily grow in faith in Your mercy, and finally obtain eternal salvation. Lord, in Your mercy, **Hear our prayer.**

### Prayer

**Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name. Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For Thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory forever and ever. Amen.**

### 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; and I pray that You would keep me this day also from sin and all evil, that all my actions and life may please You. For into Your hands I commend myself, my body and soul, and all things. Let Your holy angel be with me, that the evil 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; and I pray that You would forgive me all my sins where I have done wrong, and graciously keep me this night. For into Your hands I commend myself, my body and soul, and all things. Let Your holy angel be with me, that the evil foe may have no power over me. Amen.**

## 7 Blessing

May the grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with all of you. (2 Corinthians 13:14) **Amen.**

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## Blest Be the Tie That Binds

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1. Blest be the tie that binds Our hearts in Chris - tian love; The  
 2. Be - fore our Fa - ther's throne We pour our ar - dent prayers; Our  
 3. We share our mu - tual woes, Our mu - tual bur - dens bear, And  
 4. When here our path - ways part, We suf - fer bit - ter pain; Yet,  
 5. From sor - row, toil and pain, And sin we shall be free And

fel - low - ship of kin - dred minds Is like to that a - bove.  
 fears, our hopes, our aims are one, Our com - forts and our cares.  
 of - ten for each oth - er flows The sym - pa - thiz - ing tear.  
 one in Christ and one in heart, We hope to meet a - gain.  
 per - fect love and friend - ship reign Through all e - ter - ni - ty.



## Lord, Keep Us Steadfast in Your Word

1. Lord, keep us stead-fast in Your Word; Curb those who by de-ceit or sword Would  
 2. Lord Je-sus Christ, Your pow'r make known, For You are Lord of lords a-lone; De-  
 3. O Com-fort-er of price-less worth, Send peace and u-ni-ty on earth; Sup-

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wrest the king-dom from Your Son And bring to naught all He has done.  
 fend Your ho-ly Church that we May sing Your praise e-ter-nal-ly.  
 port us in our fi-nal strife And lead us out of death to life.