

THE TIME OF CHRISTMAS AND EASTER

Daily Readings: 2017-2018

Year Two – Proper

Our Lord desires that his children, his Church, be drawn together in the unity of truth and in the bonds of affection. Learning to read and speak God's truth together in the same ways is one path to this. *Taking Gathered Worship Home* (TGWH) has been developed for you to use in the private worship of your home, whether you are married or single, and whether or not you have children. It is a tool to knit us together throughout the church year. While we would encourage the use of the weekly prayer and daily lectionary in its entirety, you are certainly free to adapt these materials to your particular circumstances and personal/family worship time.

The first component listed for each week is a written **prayer** for your use during that particular week. It generally follows the theme set by the scripture readings used in the Divine Service on that Sunday. These prayers are taken from *The Lutheran Service Book* (2007).

The second component of TGWH is the week's suggested **Bible reading**. The readings are adapted from the *Book of Common Prayer* and the *Book of Common Worship*. They are arranged in a two-year cycle and provide for reading twice through the New Testament and once through much of the Old Testament. The readings reflect the seasons and festivals of the Christian year and come from the Psalter, the Old Testament, the Pastoral Epistles, and the Gospels. Often the readings will be connected thematically, giving us a wonderful way to receive the "whole counsel of God."

The third component are the 129 questions and answers from the **Heidelberg Catechism** which has been divided into 52 weeks, starting in Advent (December) and concluding at the end of the Church Year (November).

It takes a great deal of planning, discipline, and commitment to form this habit of daily reading and praying, but it is one of inestimable value in our "conforming to the likeness of Christ." May God use these elements in our private worship to draw us together in unity and affection, for his glory and the building up of his Church.

FIRST WEEK IN ADVENT – SUNDAY, DECEMBER 3, 2017

Stir up, we implore you, your power, O Lord, and come, that by your protection we may be rescued from the threatening perils of our sins and be saved by your mighty deliverance; for you live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

SUNDAY

Morning Psalter – 146, 147
Amos 1:1-5, 13—2:5
1 Thessalonians 5:1-11
Luke 21:5-19
Evening Psalter – 111, 112, 113

MONDAY

Morning Psalter – 1, 2, 3
Amos 2:6-16
2 Peter 1:1-11
Matthew 21:1-11
Evening Psalter – 4, 7

TUESDAY

Morning Psalter – 5, 6
Amos 3:1-11
2 Peter 1:12-21
Matthew 21:12-22
Evening Psalter – 10, 11

WEDNESDAY

Morning Psalter – 119:1-24
Amos 3:12—4:5
2 Peter 3:1-10
Matthew 21:23-32
Evening Psalter – 12, 13, 14

THURSDAY

Morning Psalter – 18:1-19
Amos 4:6-13
2 Peter 3:11-18
Matthew 21:33-46
Evening Psalter – 18:20-50

FRIDAY

Morning Psalter – 16, 17
Amos 5:1-17
Jude 1-16
Matthew 22:1-14
Evening Psalter – 22

SATURDAY

Morning Psalter – 20, 21
Amos 5:18-27
Jude 17-25
Matthew 22:15-22
Evening Psalter – 110, 116, 117

HEIDELBERG CATECHISM

Q. 1. What is thy only comfort in life and death?

A. That I with body and soul, both in life and death, (a) am not my own, (b) but belong unto my faithful Saviour Jesus Christ; (c) who, with his precious blood, has fully satisfied for all my sins, (d) and delivered me from all the power of the devil; (e) and so preserves me (f) that without the will of my heavenly Father, not a hair can fall from my head; (g) yea, that all things must be subservient to my salvation, (h) and therefore, by his Holy Spirit, He also assures me of eternal life, (i) and makes me sincerely willing and ready, henceforth, to live unto him. (j)

(a) Rom.14:7,8. (b) 1 Cor.6:19. (c) 1 Cor.3:23; Tit.2:14. (d) 1 Pet.1:18,19; 1 John 1:7; 1 John 2:2,12. (e) Heb.2:14; 1 John 3:8; John 8:34-36. (f) John 6:39; John 10:28; 2 Thess.3:3; 1 Pet.1:5. (g) Matt.10:29-31; Luke 21:18. (h) Rom.8:28. (i) 2 Cor.1:20-22; 2 Cor.5:5; Eph.1:13,14; Rom.8:16. (j) Rom.8:14; 1 John 3:3.

Q. 2. How many things are necessary for thee to know, that thou, enjoying this comfort, mayest live and die happily?

A. Three; (a) the first, how great my sins and miseries are; (b) the second, how I may be delivered from all my sins and miseries; (c) the third, how I shall express my gratitude to God for such deliverance. (d)

(a) Matt.11:28-30; Luke 24:46-48; 1 Cor.6:11; Tit.3:3-7. (b) John 9:41; John 15:22. (c) John 17:3; Acts 4:12; Acts 10:43. (d) Eph.5:8-11; 1 Pet.2:9,10; Rom.6:1,2,12,13.

SECOND WEEK IN ADVENT – SUNDAY, DECEMBER 10, 2017

Stir up our hearts, O Lord, to make ready the way of your only-begotten Son, that at his second coming we may worship him in purity; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

HEIDELBERG CATECHISM

Q. 3. Whence knowest thou thy misery?

A. Out of the law of God. (a)

(a) Rom.3:20.

Q. 4. What does the law of God require of us?

A. Christ teaches us that briefly, Matt. 22:37-40, “Thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, with all thy soul, and with all thy mind, and with all thy strength. This is the first and the great commandment; and the second is like unto it, Thou shalt love thy neighbour as thyself. On these two commandments hang all the law and the prophets.” (a)

(a) Deut.6:5; Lev.19:18; Mark 12:30; Luke 10:27.

Q. 5. Canst thou keep all these things perfectly?

A. In no wise; (a) for I am prone by nature to hate God and my neighbour.(b)

(a) Rom.3:10,20,23; 1 John 1:8,10. (b) Rom.8:7; Eph.2:3; Tit.3:3; Gen.6:5; Gen.8:21; Jer.17:9; Rom.7:23.

SUNDAY

Morning Psalter – 148, 149, 150
Amos 6:1-14
2 Thessalonians 1:5-12
Luke 1:57-66
Evening Psalter – 114, 115

MONDAY

Morning Psalter – 25
Amos 7:1-9
Revelation 1:1-8
Matthew 22:23-33
Evening Psalter – 9, 15

TUESDAY

Morning Psalter – 26, 28
Amos 7:10-17
Revelation 1:9-16
Matthew 22:34-46
Evening Psalter – 36, 39

WEDNESDAY

Morning Psalter – 38
Amos 8:1-14
Revelation 1:17—2:7
Matthew 23:1-12
Evening Psalter – 119:25-48

THURSDAY

Morning Psalter – 37:1-17
Amos 9:1-10
Revelation 2:8-17
Matthew 23:13-26
Evening Psalter – 37:18-40

FRIDAY

Morning Psalter – 31
Haggai 1:1-15
Revelation 2:18-29
Matthew 23:27-39
Evening Psalter – 35

SATURDAY

Morning Psalter – 30, 32
Haggai 2:1-9
Revelation 3:1-6
Matthew 24:1-14
Evening Psalter – 42, 43

THIRD WEEK IN ADVENT – SUNDAY, DECEMBER 17, 2017

Almighty God, through John the Baptist, the forerunner of Christ, you once proclaimed salvation; now grant that we may know this salvation and serve you in holiness and righteousness all the days of our lives; through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

SUNDAY

Morning Psalter – 63, 98
Amos 9:11-15
2 Thessalonians 2:1-17
John 5:30-47
Evening Psalter – 103

MONDAY

Morning Psalter – 41, 52
Zechariah 1:7-17
Revelation 3:7-13
Matthew 24:15-31
Evening Psalter – 44

TUESDAY

Morning Psalter – 24, 29
Genesis 3:8-15
Revelation 12:1-12
John 3:16-21
Evening Psalter – 8, 84

WEDNESDAY

Morning Psalter – 61, 62
Zephaniah 3:14-20
Titus 1:1-16
Luke 1:1-25
Evening Psalter – 112, 115

THURSDAY

Morning Psalter – 66, 67
1 Samuel 2:1-10
Titus 2:1-10
Luke 1:26-38
Evening Psalter – 116, 117

FRIDAY

Morning Psalter – 72
2 Samuel 7:1-17
Titus 2:11—3:11
Luke 1:39-56
Evening Psalter – 111, 113

SATURDAY

Morning Psalter – 80
2 Samuel 7:18-29
Galatians 3:1-14
Luke 1:57-66
Evening Psalter – 146, 147

HEIDELBERG CATECHISM

Q. 6. Did God then create man so wicked and perverse?

A. By no means; but God created man good, (a) and after his own image, (b) in true righteousness and holiness, that he might rightly know God his Creator, heartily love him and live with him in eternal happiness to glorify and praise him. (c)

(a) Gen.1:31. (b) Gen.1:26,27. (c) Col.3:9,10; Eph.4:23,24; 2 Cor.3:18.

Q. 7. Whence then proceeds this depravity of human nature?

A. From the fall and disobedience of our first parents, Adam and Eve, in Paradise; (a) hence our nature is become so corrupt, that we are all conceived and born in sin. (b)

(a) Gen.3; Rom.5:12,18,19. (b) Ps.51:5; Gen.5:3.

Q. 8. Are we then so corrupt that we are wholly incapable of doing any good, and inclined to all wickedness?

A. Indeed we are; (a) except we are regenerated by the Spirit of God. (b)

(a) Gen.8:21; John 3:6; Gen.6:5; Job 14:4; Job 15:14,16,36; Isa.53:6. (b) John 3:3,5; 1 Cor.12:3; 2 Cor.3:5.

FOURTH WEEK IN ADVENT – SUNDAY, DECEMBER 24, 2017

Stir up your power, O Lord, and come among us with great might; and because we are sorely hindered by our sins, let your bountiful grace and mercy speedily help and deliver us; through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

HEIDELBERG CATECHISM

Q. 9. Does not God then do injustice to man, by requiring from him in his law, that which he cannot perform?

A. Not at all; (a) for God made man capable of performing it; but man, by the instigation of the devil, (b) and his own wilful disobedience, (c) deprived himself and all his posterity of those divine gifts.

(a) Eph.4:24; Eccl.7:29. (b) John 8:44; 2 Cor.11:3; Gen.3:4. (c) Gen.3:6; Rom.5:12; Gen.3:13; 1 Tim.2:13,14.

Q. 10. Will God suffer such disobedience and rebellion to go unpunished?

A. By no means; but is terribly displeased (a) with our original as well as actual sins; and will punish them in his just judgment temporally and eternally, (b) as he has declared, “Cursed is every one that continueth not in all things, which are written in the book of the law, to do them.” (c)

(a) Gen.2:17; Rom.5:12. (b) Ps.5:5; Ps.50:21; Nah.1:2; Exod.20:5; Exod.34:7; Rom.1:18; Eph.5:6; Heb.9:27. (c) Deut.27:26; Gal.3:10.

Q. 11. Is not God then also merciful?

A. God is indeed merciful, (a) but also just; (b) therefore his justice requires, that sin which is committed against the most high majesty of God, be also punished with extreme, that is, with everlasting punishment of body and soul.

(a) Exod.34:6,7; Exod.20:6. (b) Ps.7:9; Exod.20:5; Exod.23:7; Exod.34:7; Ps.5:5,6; Nah.1:2,3.

SUNDAY | Christmas Eve

Morning Psalter – 24, 29
Genesis 3:8-15
Revelation 12:1-12
John 3:16-21
Evening Psalter – 8, 84

MONDAY | Christmas Day

Morning Psalter – 2, 85
Micah 4:1-5; 5:2-4
1 John 4:7-16
John 3:31-36
Evening Psalter – 110, 132

TUESDAY | 2nd day of Christmas

Morning Psalter – 116, 149
2 Chronicles 24:17-22
Acts 6:1-7
Acts 7:59—8:8
Evening Psalter – 27, 119:1-24

WEDNESDAY | 3rd day of Christmas

Morning Psalter – 72
2 Samuel 7:1-17
Titus 2:11—3:8a
Luke 1:39-56
Evening Psalter – 111, 113

THURSDAY | 4th day of Christmas

Morning Psalter – 2, 147:1-11
Isaiah 49:13-23
Isaiah 54:1-13
Matthew 18:1-14
Evening Psalter – 110, 111

FRIDAY | 5th day of Christmas

Morning Psalter – 18:1-19
2 Samuel 23:13-17
2 John 1-13
John 2:1-11
Evening Psalter – 18:20-50

SATURDAY | 6th day of Christmas

Morning Psalter – 20, 21
1 Kings 17:17-24
3 John 1-15
John 4:46-54
Evening Psalter – 23, 27

FIRST WEEK OF CHRISTMAS – SUNDAY, DECEMBER 31, 2017

Direct us, O Lord, in all our actions by your gracious favor, and further us with your continual help that in all our works, begun, continued, and ended in your name, we may glorify your holy name and finally by your mercy receive eternal life; through Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

SUNDAY | 7th day of Christmas

Morning Psalter – 93, 96

1 Samuel 1:1-28

Colossians 1:9-20

Luke 2:22-40

Evening Psalter – 34

MONDAY | 8th day of Christmas

Morning Psalter – 34

Isaiah 62:1-5, 10-12

Revelation 19:11-16

Matthew 1:18-25

Evening Psalter – 33

TUESDAY | 9th day of Christmas

Morning Psalter – 34

1 Kings 19:1-8

Ephesians 4:1-16

John 6:1-14

Evening Psalter – 33

WEDNESDAY | 10th day of Christmas

Morning Psalter – 68

1 Kings 19:9-18

Ephesians 4:17-32

John 6:15-27

Evening Psalter – 72

THURSDAY | 11th day of Christmas

Morning Psalter – 85, 87

Joshua 3:14—4:7

Ephesians 5:1-21

John 9:1-12, 35-38

Evening Psalter – 89:1-29

FRIDAY | 12th day of Christmas

Morning Psalter – 2, 110

Jonah 2:2-9

Ephesians 6:10-20

John 11:17-27, 38-44

Evening Psalter – 29, 98

SATURDAY | Epiphany Day

Morning Psalter – 46, 97

Isaiah 49:1-7

Revelation 21:22-27

Matthew 12:14-21

Evening Psalter – 96, 100

HEIDELBERG CATECHISM

Q. 12. Since then, by the righteous judgment of God, we deserve temporal and eternal punishment, is there no way by which we may escape that punishment, and be again received into favour?

A. God will have his justice satisfied: (a) and therefore we must make this full satisfaction, either by ourselves, or by another. (b)

(a) Gen.2:17; Exod.20:5; Exod.23:7; Ezek.18:4; Matt.5:26; 2 Thess.1:6; Luke 16:2. (b) Rom.8:3,4.

Q. 13. Can we ourselves then make this satisfaction?

A. By no means; but on the contrary we daily increase our debt. (a)

(a) Job 9:2,3; Job 15:15,16; Job 4:18,19; Ps.130:3; Matt.6:12; Matt.18:25; Matt.16:26.

Q. 14. Can there be found anywhere, one, who is a mere creature, able to satisfy for us?

A. None; for, first, God will not punish any other creature for the sin which man has committed; (a) and further, no mere creature can sustain the burden of God's eternal wrath against sin, so as to deliver others from it. (b)

(a) Ezek.18:4; Gen.3:17; Heb.2:14-17. (b) Nah.1:6; Ps.130:3.

Q. 15. What sort of a mediator and deliverer then must we seek for?

A. For one who is very man, and perfectly (a) righteous; (b) and yet more powerful than all creatures; that is, one who is also very God. (c)

(a) 1 Cor.15:21; Jer.33:16; Isa.53:9; 2 Cor.5:21. (b) Heb.7:16,26. (c) Isa.7:14; Isa.9:6; Rom.9:5; Jer.23:5,6; Jer.23:6; Luke 11:22.

FIRST WEEK AFTER THE EPIPHANY – SUNDAY, JANUARY 7, 2018

Father in heaven, as at the baptism in the Jordan River you once proclaimed Jesus your beloved Son and anointed him with the Holy Spirit, grant that all who are baptized in his name may faithfully keep the covenant into which they have been called, boldly confess their Savior, and with him be heirs of life eternal; through Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

HEIDELBERG CATECHISM

Q. 16. Why must he be very man, and also perfectly righteous?

A. Because the justice of God requires that the same human nature which has sinned, should likewise make satisfaction for sin; (a) and one, who is himself a sinner, cannot satisfy for others. (b)

(a) Ezek. 18:4, 20; Rom. 5:12, 15, 18; 1 Cor. 15:21; Heb. 2:14-16; 1 Pet. 3:18; Isa. 53:3-5, 10, 11. (b) Heb. 7:26, 27; Ps. 49:7, 8; 1 Pet. 3:18.

Q. 17. Why must he in one person be also very God?

A. That he might, by the power of his Godhead (a) sustain in his human nature, (b) the burden of God's wrath; © and might obtain for, and restore to us, righteousness and life. (d)

(a) Isa. 9:6; Isa. 63:3. (b) Isa. 53:4, 11. (c) Deut. 4:24; Nah. 1:6; Ps. 130:3. (d) Isa. 53:5, 11; Acts 2:24; 1 Pet. 3:18; John 3:16; Acts 20:28; John 1:4.

Q. 18. Who then is that Mediator, who is in one person both very God, (a) and a real (b) righteous man? (c)

A. Our Lord Jesus Christ: (d) "who of God is made unto us wisdom, and righteousness, and sanctification, and redemption." (e)

(a) 1 John 5:20; Rom. 9:5; Rom. 8:3; Gal. 4:4; Isa. 9:6; Jer. 23:6; Mal. 3:1. (b) Luke 1:42; Luke 2:6, 7; Rom. 1:3; Rom. 9:5; Philip. 2:7; Heb. 2:14, 16, 17; Heb. 4:15. (c) Isa. 53:9, 11; Jer. 23:5; Luke 1:35; John 8:46; Heb. 4:15; Heb. 7:26; 1 Pet. 1:19; 1 Pet. 2:22; 1 Pet. 3:18. (d) 1 Tim. 2:5; Heb. 2:9; Matt. 1:23; 1 Tim. 3:16; Luke 2:11. (e) 1 Cor. 1:30.

Q. 19. Whence knowest thou this?

A. From the holy gospel, which God himself first revealed in Paradise; (a) and afterwards published by the patriarchs (b) and prophets, (c) and represented by the sacrifices and other ceremonies of the law; (d) and lastly, has fulfilled it by his only begotten Son. (e)

(a) Gen. 3:15. (b) Gen. 22:18; Gen. 12:3; Gen. 49:10, 11. (c) Isa. 53; Isa. 42:1-4; Isa. 43:25; Isa. 49:5, 6, 22, 23; Jer. 23:5, 6; Jer. 31:32, 33; Jer. 32:39-41; Mic. 7:18-20; Acts 10:43; Rom. 1:2; Heb. 1:1; Acts 3:22-24; Acts 10:43; John 5:46. (d) Heb. 10:1, 7; Col. 2:7; John 5:46. (e) Rom. 10:4; Gal. 4:4, 5; Gal. 3:24; Col. 2:17.

SUNDAY

Morning Psalter – 146, 147
Genesis 1:1—2:3
Ephesians 1:3-14
John 1:29-34
Evening Psalter – 111, 112, 113

MONDAY

Morning Psalter – 1, 2, 3
Genesis 2:4-25
Hebrews 1:1-14
John 1:1-18
Evening Psalter – 4, 7

TUESDAY

Morning Psalter – 5, 6
Genesis 3:1-24
Hebrews 2:1-10
John 1:19-28
Evening Psalter – 10, 11

WEDNESDAY

Morning Psalter – 119:1-24
Genesis 4:1-16
Hebrews 2:11-18
John 1:35-42
Evening Psalter – 12, 13, 14

THURSDAY

Morning Psalter – 18:1-19
Genesis 4:17-26
Hebrews 3:1-11
John 1:43-51
Evening Psalter – 18:20-50

FRIDAY

Morning Psalter – 16, 17
Genesis 6:1-8
Hebrews 3:12-19
John 2:1-12
Evening Psalter – 22

SATURDAY

Morning Psalter – 20, 21
Genesis 6:9-22
Hebrews 4:1-13
John 2:13-22
Evening Psalter – 110, 116, 117

SECOND WEEK AFTER THE EPIPHANY – SUNDAY, JANUARY 14, 2018

Almighty and eternal God, Governor of all things in heaven and on earth, mercifully hear the prayers of your people, and grant us your peace in our days; through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

SUNDAY | The Baptism of Our Lord

Morning Psalter – 148, 149, 150

Genesis 7:1-10, 17-24

Ephesians 4:1-16

Mark 3:7-19

Evening Psalter – 114, 115

MONDAY

Morning Psalter – 25

Genesis 8:6-22

Hebrews 4:14—5:6

John 2:23—3:15

Evening Psalter – 9, 15

TUESDAY

Morning Psalter – 26, 28

Genesis 9:1-17

Hebrews 5:7-14

John 3:16-21

Evening Psalter – 36, 39

WEDNESDAY

Morning Psalter – 38

Genesis 9:18-29

Hebrews 6:1-12

John 3:22-36

Evening Psalter – 119:25-48

THURSDAY

Morning Psalter – 37:1-17

Genesis 11:1-9

Hebrews 6:13-20

John 4:1-15

Evening Psalter – 37:18-40

FRIDAY

Morning Psalter – 31

Genesis 11:27—12:8

Hebrews 7:1-17

John 4:16-26

Evening Psalter – 35

SATURDAY

Morning Psalter – 30, 32

Genesis 12:9—13:1

Hebrews 7:18-28

John 4:27-42

Evening Psalter – 42, 43

HEIDELBERG CATECHISM

Q. 20. Are all men then, as they perished in Adam, saved by Christ?

A. No; (a) only those who are ingrafted into him, and, receive all his benefits, by a true faith. (b)

(a) Matt. 7:14; Matt. 22:14. (b) Mark 16:16; John 1:12; John 3:16, 18, 36; Isa. 53:11; Ps. 2:12; Rom. 11:17, 19, 20; Rom. 3:22; Heb. 4:2, 3; Heb. 5:9; Heb. 10:39; Heb. 11:6.

Q. 21. What is true faith?

A. True faith is not only a certain knowledge, whereby I hold for truth all that God has revealed to us in his word, (a) but also an assured confidence, (b) which the Holy Ghost (c) works by the gospel in my heart; (d) that not only to others, but to me also, remission of sin, everlasting righteousness and salvation, (e) are freely given by God, merely of grace, only for the sake of Christ's merits. (f)

(a) James 2:19. (b) 2 Cor. 4:13; Eph. 2:7-9; Eph. 3:12; Gal. 2:16; Heb. 11:1, 7-10; Heb. 4:16; James 1:6; Matt. 16:17; Philip. 1:19; Rom. 4:16-21; Rom. 5:1; Rom. 1:16; Rom. 10:10, 17; Rom. 3:24, 25. (c) Gal. 5:22; Matt. 16:17; 2 Cor. 4:13; John 6:29; Eph. 2:8; Philip. 1:19; Acts 16:14. (d) Rom. 1:16; Rom. 10:17; 1 Cor. 1:21; Acts 10:44; Acts 16:14. (e) Rom. 1:17; Gal. 3:11; Heb. 10:10, 38; Gal. 2:16. (f) Eph. 2:8; Rom. 3:24; Rom. 5:19; Luke 1:77, 78.

Q. 22. What is then necessary for a Christian to believe?

A. All things promised us in the gospel, (a) which the articles of our catholic undoubted Christian faith briefly teach us.

(a) John 20:31; Matt. 28:19; Mark 1:15.

Q. 23. What are these articles?

A. 1. I believe in God the Father, Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth:
2. And in Jesus Christ, his only begotten Son, our Lord:
3. Who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary:
4. Suffered under Pontius Pilate; was crucified, dead, and buried: He descended into hell:
5. The third day he rose again from the dead:
6. He ascended into heaven, and sitteth at the right hand of God the Father Almighty:
7. From thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead:
8. I believe in the Holy Ghost:
9. I believe a holy catholic church: the communion of saints:
10. The forgiveness of sins:
11. The resurrection of the body:
12. And the life everlasting.

THIRD WEEK AFTER THE EPIPHANY – SUNDAY, JANUARY 21, 2018

O Lord God Almighty, because you have always supplied your servants with the several gifts which come from your Holy Spirit alone, leave also us not destitute of your manifold gifts nor of grace to use them always to your honor and glory and the good of others; through Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

HEIDELBERG CATECHISM

Q. 24. How are these articles divided?

A. Into three parts; the first is of God the Father, and our creation; the second of God the Son, and our redemption; the third of God the Holy Ghost, and our sanctification.

Q. 25. Since there is but one only divine essence, (a) why speakest thou of Father, Son, and Holy Ghost?

A. Because God has so revealed himself in his word, (b) that these three distinct persons are the one only true and eternal God.

(a) Deut. 6:4; Eph. 4:6; Isa. 44:6; Isa. 45:5; 1 Cor. 8:4, 6. (b) Isa. 61:1; Luke 4:18; Gen. 1:2, 3; Ps. 33:6; Isa. 48:16; Ps. 110:1; Matt. 3:16,17; Matt. 28:19; 1 John 5:7; Isa. 6:1, 3; John 14:26; John 15:26; 2 Cor. 13:13; Gal. 4:6; Eph.2:18; Tit. 3:5, 6.

SUNDAY

Morning Psalter – 63, 98
Genesis 13:2-18
Galatians 2:1-10
Mark 7:31-37
Evening Psalter – 103

MONDAY

Morning Psalter – 41, 52
Genesis 14:1-24
Hebrews 8:1-13
John 4:43-54
Evening Psalter – 44

TUESDAY

Morning Psalter – 45
Genesis 15:1-21
Hebrews 9:1-14
John 5:1-18
Evening Psalter – 47, 48

WEDNESDAY

Morning Psalter – 119:49-72
Genesis 16:1-14
Hebrews 9:15-28
John 5:19-29
Evening Psalter – 49, 53

THURSDAY

Morning Psalter – 50
Genesis 16:15—17:14
Hebrews 10:1-10
John 5:30-47
Evening Psalter – 59, 60

FRIDAY

Morning Psalter – 40, 54
Genesis 17:15-27
Hebrews 10:11-25
John 6:1-15
Evening Psalter – 51

SATURDAY

Morning Psalter – 55
Genesis 18:1-16
Hebrews 10:26-39
John 6:16-27
Evening Psalter – 138, 139

FOURTH WEEK AFTER THE EPIPHANY – SUNDAY, JANUARY 28, 2018

Almighty God, because you know that we are set among so many and great dangers that by reason of the weakness of our fallen nature we cannot always stand upright, grant us your strength and protection to support us in all dangers and carry us through all temptations; through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

SUNDAY

Morning Psalter – 24, 29
Genesis 18:16-33
Galatians 5:13-25
Mark 8:22-30
Evening Psalter – 8, 84

MONDAY

Morning Psalter – 56, 57, 58
Genesis 19:1-29
Hebrews 11:1-12
John 6:27-40
Evening Psalter – 64, 65

TUESDAY

Morning Psalter – 61, 62
Genesis 21:1-21
Hebrews 11:13-22
John 6:41-51
Evening Psalter – 68

WEDNESDAY

Morning Psalter – 72
Genesis 22:1-18
Hebrews 11:23-31
John 6:52-59
Evening Psalter – 119:73-96

THURSDAY

Morning Psalter – 70, 71
Genesis 23:1-20
Hebrews 11:32-12:2
John 6:60-71
Evening Psalter – 74

FRIDAY

Morning Psalter – 69
Genesis 24:1-27
Hebrews 12:3-11
John 7:1-13
Evening Psalter – 73

SATURDAY

Morning Psalter – 75, 76
Genesis 24:28-38, 49-51
Hebrews 12:12-29
John 7:14-36
Evening Psalter – 23, 27

HEIDELBERG CATECHISM

Q. 26. What believest thou when thou sayest, “I believe in God the Father, Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth”?

A. That the eternal Father of our Lord Jesus Christ (who of nothing made heaven and earth, with all that is in them; (a) who likewise upholds and governs the same by his eternal counsel and providence) (b) is for the sake of Christ his Son, my God and my Father; (c) on whom I rely so entirely, that I have no doubt, but he will provide me with all things necessary for soul and body (d) and further, that he will make whatever evils he sends upon me, in this valley of tears turn out to my advantage; (e) for he is able to do it, being Almighty God, (f) and willing, being a faithful Father. (g)

(a) Gen. 1, 2; Job 33:4; Job 38, 39; Ps. 33:6; Acts 4:24; Acts 14:15; Isa. 45:7. (b) Matt. 10:29; Heb. 1:3; Ps. 104:27-30; Ps. 115:3; Matt. 10:29; Eph. 1:11. (c) John 1:12; Rom. 8:15; Gal. 4:5-7; Eph. 1:5. (d) Ps. 55:23; Matt. 6:25, 26; Luke 12:22. (e) Rom. 8:28. (f) Rom. 10:12; Luke 12:22; Rom. 8:23; Isa. 46:4; Rom. 10:12. (g) Matt. 6:25-34; Matt. 7:9-11.

FIFTH WEEK AFTER THE EPIPHANY – SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 4, 2018

O God, our loving Father, through the grace of your Holy Spirit you plant the gifts of your love into the hearts of your faithful people. Grant to your servants soundness of mind and body, so that they may love you with their whole strength and with their whole heart do these things that are pleasing in your sight; through Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

HEIDELBERG CATECHISM

Q. 27. What dost thou mean by the providence of God?

A. The almighty and everywhere present power of God; (a) whereby, as it were by his hand, he upholds and governs (b) heaven, earth, and all creatures; so that herbs and grass, rain and drought, (c) fruitful and barren years, meat and drink, health and sickness, (d) riches and poverty, (e) yea, and all things come, not by chance, but by his fatherly hand. (f)

(a) Acts 17:25-28; Jer. 23:23, 24; Isa. 29:15, 16; Ezek. 8:12. (b) Heb. 1:3. (c) Jer. 5:24; Acts 14:17. (d) John 9:3. (e) Prov. 22:2. (f) Matt. 10:20; Prov. 16:33.

Q. 28. What advantage is it to us to know that God has created, and by his providence does still uphold all things?

A. That we may be patient in adversity; (a) thankful in prosperity; (b) and that in all things, which may hereafter befall us, we place our firm trust in our faithful God and Father, (c) that nothing shall separate us from his love; (d) since all creatures are so in his hand, that without his will they cannot so much as move. (e)

(a) Rom. 5:3; James 1:3; Ps. 39:9; Job 1:21, 22. (b) Deut. 8:10; 1 Thess. 5:18. (c) Ps. 55:22; Rom. 5:4. (d) Rom. 8:38, 39. (e) Job 1:12; Job 2:6; Acts 17:25, 28; Prov. 21:1.

SUNDAY

Morning Psalter – 93, 96
Genesis 24:50-67
2 Timothy 2:14-21
Mark 10:13-22
Evening Psalter – 34

MONDAY

Morning Psalter – 80
Genesis 25:19-34
Hebrews 13:1-16
John 7:37-52
Evening Psalter – 77, 79

TUESDAY

Morning Psalter – 78:1-39
Genesis 26:1-6, 12-33
Hebrews 13:17-25
John 7:53—8:11
Evening Psalter – 78:40-72

WEDNESDAY

Morning Psalter – 119:97-120
Genesis 27:1-29
Romans 12:1-8
John 8:12-20
Evening Psalter – 81, 82

THURSDAY

Morning Psalter – 146, 147
Genesis 27:30-45
Romans 12:9-21
John 8:21-32
Evening Psalter – 85, 86

FRIDAY

Morning Psalter – 88
Genesis 27:46—28:4, 10-22
Romans 13:1-14
John 8:33-47
Evening Psalter – 91, 92

SATURDAY

Morning Psalter – 87, 90
Genesis 29:1-20
Romans 14:1-23
John 8:47-59
Evening Psalter – 136

LAST WEEK AFTER THE EPIPHANY – SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 11, 2018

O God, in the glorious transfiguration of your only-begotten Son you once confirmed the mysteries of the faith by the testimony of the ancient fathers, and in the voice that came from the bright cloud you wondrously foreshowed our adoption by grace. Therefore mercifully make us coheirs with our King of his glory, and bring us to the fullness of our inheritance in heaven; through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

SUNDAY | The Transfiguration

Morning Psalter – 148, 149, 150
Malachi 4:1-6
2 Corinthians 3:7-18
Luke 9:18-36
Evening Psalter – 114, 115

MONDAY

Morning Psalter – 25
Proverbs 27:1-6, 10-12
Philippians 2:1-13
John 18:15-18, 25-27
Evening Psalter – 9, 15

TUESDAY

Morning Psalter – 26, 28
Proverbs 30:1-4, 24-33
Philippians 3:1-11
John 18:28-38
Evening Psalter – 36, 39

ASH WEDNESDAY

Morning Psalter – 32, 95, 143
Amos 5:6-15
Hebrews 12:1-14
Luke 18:9-14
Evening Psalter – 102, 130

THURSDAY

Morning Psalter – 37:1-17
Habakkuk 3:1-19
Philippians 3:12-21
John 17:1-8
Evening Psalter – 37:18-40

FRIDAY

Morning Psalter – 31
Ezekiel 18:1-4, 25-32
Philippians 4:1-9
John 17:9-19
Evening Psalter – 35

SATURDAY

Morning Psalter – 30, 32
Ezekiel 39:21-29
Philippians 4:10-23
John 17:20-26
Evening Psalter – 42, 43

HEIDELBERG CATECHISM

Q. 29. Why is the Son of God called “Jesus,” that is a Saviour?

A. Because he saveth us, and delivereth us from our sins; (a) and likewise, because we ought not to seek, neither can find salvation in any other. (b)

(a) Matt. 1:21; Heb. 7:24, 25. (b) Acts 4:12; John 15: 4, 5; 1 Tim. 2:5; Isa. 43:11; 1 John 5:11.

Q. 30. Do such then believe in Jesus the only Saviour, who seek their salvation and welfare of saints, of themselves, or anywhere else?

A. They do not; for though they boast of him in words, yet in deeds they deny Jesus the only deliverer and Saviour; (a) for one of these two things must be true, that either Jesus is not a complete Saviour; or that they, who by a true faith receive this Saviour, must find all things in him necessary to their salvation. (b)

(a) 1 Cor. 1:13, 30, 31; Gal. 5:4. (b) Heb. 12:2; Isa. 9:6; Col. 1:19, 20; Col. 2:10; 1 John 1:7, 16.

FIRST WEEK IN LENT – SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 18, 2018

O almighty and eternal God, we implore you to direct, sanctify, and govern our hearts and bodies in the ways of your laws and the works of your commandments that through your mighty protection, both now and ever, we may be preserved in body and in soul; through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

HEIDELBERG CATECHISM

Q. 31. Why is he called “Christ,” that is anointed?

A. Because he is ordained of God the Father, and anointed with the Holy Ghost, (a) to be our chief Prophet and Teacher, (b) who has fully revealed to us the secret counsel and will of God concerning our redemption; (c) and to be our only High Priest, (d) who by the one sacrifice of his body, has redeemed us, (e) and makes continual intercession with the Father for us; (f) and also to be our eternal King, who governs us by his word and Spirit, and who defends and preserves us in that salvation, he has purchased for us. (g)

(a) Heb. 1:9; Ps. 45:8; Isa. 61:1; Luke 4:18. (b) Deut. 18:15; Acts 3:22; Acts 7:37; Isa. 55:4. (c) John 1:18; John 15:15. (d) Ps. 110:4. (e) Heb. 10:12, 14; Heb. 9:12, 14, 28. (f) Rom. 8:34; Heb. 9:24; 1 John 2:1; Rom. 5:9, 10. (g) Ps. 2:6; Zech. 9:9; Matt. 21:5; Luke 1:33; Matt. 28:18; John 10:28; Rev. 12:10, 11.

Q. 32. But why art thou called a Christian? (a)

A. Because I am a member of Christ by faith, (b) and thus am partaker of his anointing; (c) that so I may confess his name, (d) and present myself a living sacrifice of thankfulness to him: (e) and also that with a free and good conscience I may fight against sin and Satan in this life (f) and afterwards I reign with him eternally, over all creatures. (g)

(a) Acts 11:26. (b) 1 Cor. 6:15. (c) 1 John 2:27; Acts 2:17. (d) Matt. 10:32; Rom. 10:10; Mark 8:38. (e) Rom. 12:1; 1 Pet. 2:5, 9; Rev. 5:8, 10; Rev. 1:6. (f) 1 Pet. 2:11; Rom. 6:12, 13; Gal. 5:16, 17; Eph. 6:11; 1 Tim. 1:18, 19. (g) 2 Tim. 2:12; Matt. 24:34.

SUNDAY

Morning Psalter – 63, 98
Daniel 9:3-10
Hebrews 2:10-18
John 12:44-50
Evening Psalter – 103

MONDAY

Morning Psalter – 41, 52
Genesis 37:1-11
1 Corinthians 1:1-19
Mark 1:1-13
Evening Psalter – 44

TUESDAY

Morning Psalter – 45
Genesis 37:12-24
1 Corinthians 1:20-31
Mark 1:14-28
Evening Psalter – 47, 48

WEDNESDAY

Morning Psalter – 119:49-72
Genesis 37:25-36
1 Corinthians 2:1-13
Mark 1:29-45
Evening Psalter – 49, 53

THURSDAY

Morning Psalter – 50
Genesis 39:1-23
1 Corinthians 2:14—3:15
Mark 2:1-12
Evening Psalter – 59, 60

FRIDAY

Morning Psalter – 40, 54
Genesis 40:1-23
1 Corinthians 3:16-23
Mark 2:13-22
Evening Psalter – 51

SATURDAY

Morning Psalter – 55
Genesis 41:1-13
1 Corinthians 4:1-7
Mark 2:23—3:6
Evening Psalter – 138, 139

SECOND WEEK IN LENT – SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 25, 2018

O God, whose glory it is always to have mercy, be gracious to all who have gone astray from your ways, and bring them again with penitent hearts and steadfast faith to embrace and hold fast the unchangeable truth of your Word; through Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

SUNDAY

Morning Psalter – 24, 29
Genesis 41:14-45
Romans 6:3-14
John 5:19-24
Evening Psalter – 8, 84

MONDAY

Morning Psalter – 56, 57, 58
Genesis 41:46-57
1 Corinthians 4:8-21
Mark 3:7-19
Evening Psalter – 64, 65

TUESDAY

Morning Psalter – 61, 62
Genesis 42:1-17
1 Corinthians 5:1-8
Mark 3:19-35
Evening Psalter – 68

WEDNESDAY

Morning Psalter – 72
Genesis 42:18-28
1 Corinthians 5:9—6:11
Mark 4:1-20
Evening Psalter – 119:73-96

THURSDAY

Morning Psalter – 70, 71
Genesis 42:29-38
1 Corinthians 6:12-20
Mark 4:21-34
Evening Psalter – 74

FRIDAY

Morning Psalter – 69
Genesis 43:1-15
1 Corinthians 7:1-9
Mark 4:35-41
Evening Psalter – 73

SATURDAY

Morning Psalter – 75, 76
Genesis 43:16-34
1 Corinthians 7:10-24
Mark 5:1-20
Evening Psalter – 23, 27

HEIDELBERG CATECHISM

Q. 33. Why is Christ called the “only begotten Son” of God, since we are also the children of God?

A. Because Christ alone is the eternal and natural Son of God; (a) but we are children adopted of God, by grace, for his sake. (b)

(a) John 1:1-3, 14, 18; Heb. 1:1, 2; John 3:16; 1 John 4:9; Rom. 8:32. (b) Rom. 8:15-17; John 1:12; Gal. 4:6; Eph. 1:5, 6.

Q. 34. Wherefore callest thou him “our Lord”?

A. Because he hath redeemed us, both soul and body, from all our sins, not with silver or gold, but with his precious blood, and has delivered us from all the power of the devil; and thus has made us his own property. (a)

(a) 1 Pet. 1:18, 19; 1 Pet. 2:9; 1 Cor. 6:20; 1 Cor. 7:23; 1 Tim. 2:6; John 20:28.

THIRD WEEK IN LENT – SUNDAY, MARCH 4, 2018

Almighty God, because you know that we of ourselves have no strength, keep us both outwardly and inwardly that we may be defended from all adversities that may happen to the body and from all evil thoughts that may assault and hurt the soul; through Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

HEIDELBERG CATECHISM

Q. 35. What is the meaning of these words “He was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the virgin Mary”?

A. That God’s eternal Son, who is, and continues (a) true and eternal God, (b) took upon him the very nature of man, of the flesh and blood of the virgin Mary, (c) by the operation of the Holy Ghost; (d) that he might also be the true seed of David, (e) like unto his brethren in all things, (f) sin excepted. (g)

(a) Rom. 1:4; Rom. 9:5. (b) 1 John 5:20; John 1:1; John 17:3; Rom. 1:3; Col. 1:15. (c) Gal. 4:4; Luke 1:31, 42, 43. (d) John 1:14; Matt. 1:18, 20; Luke 1:32, 35. (e) Ps. 132:11; Rom. 1:3; 2 Sam. 7:12; Acts 2:30. (f) Philip. 2:7; Heb. 2:14, 17. (g) Heb. 4:15.

Q. 36. What profit dost thou receive by Christ’s holy conception and nativity?

A. That he is our Mediator; (a) and with His innocence and perfect holiness, covers in the sight of God, my sins, wherein I was conceived and brought forth. (b)

(a) Heb. 7:26, 27; Heb. 2:17. (b) 1 Pet. 1:18, 19; 1 Pet. 3:18; 1 Cor. 1:30, 31; Rom. 8:3, 4; Isa. 53:11; Ps. 32:1.

SUNDAY

Morning Psalter – 93, 96
Genesis 44:1-17
Romans 8:1-10
John 5:25-29
Evening Psalter – 34

MONDAY

Morning Psalter – 80
Genesis 44:18-34
1 Corinthians 7:25-31
Mark 5:21-43
Evening Psalter – 77, 79

TUESDAY

Morning Psalter – 78:1-39
Genesis 45:1-15
1 Corinthians 7:32-40
Mark 6:1-13
Evening Psalter – 78:40-72

WEDNESDAY

Morning Psalter – 119:97-120
Genesis 45:16-28
1 Corinthians 8:1-13
Mark 6:13-29
Evening Psalter – 81, 82

THURSDAY

Morning Psalter – 83
Genesis 46:1-7, 28-34
1 Corinthians 9:1-15
Mark 6:30-46
Evening Psalter – 85, 86

FRIDAY

Morning Psalter – 88
Genesis 47:1-26
1 Corinthians 9:16-27
Mark 6:47-56
Evening Psalter – 91, 92

SATURDAY

Morning Psalter – 87, 90
Genesis 47:27—48:7
1 Corinthians 10:1-13
Mark 7:1-23
Evening Psalter – 136

FOURTH WEEK IN LENT – SUNDAY, MARCH 11, 2018

Almighty God, our heavenly Father, your mercies are new every morning, and though we have in no way deserved your goodness, you still abundantly provide for all our wants of body and soul. Give us, we pray, your Holy Spirit that we may heartily acknowledge your merciful goodness toward us, give thanks for all your benefits, and serve you in willing obedience; through Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

SUNDAY

Morning Psalter – 66, 67
Genesis 48:8-22
Romans 8:11-25
John 6:27-40
Evening Psalter – 19, 46

MONDAY

Morning Psalter – 89:1-18
Genesis 49:1-28
1 Corinthians 10:14—11:1
Mark 7:24-37
Evening Psalter – 89:19-52

TUESDAY

Morning Psalter – 97, 99, 100
Genesis 49:29—50:14
1 Corinthians 11:2-34
Mark 8:1-10
Evening Psalter – 94, 95

WEDNESDAY

Morning Psalter – 101, 109
Genesis 50:15-26
1 Corinthians 12:1-11
Mark 8:11-26
Evening Psalter – 119:121-144

THURSDAY

Morning Psalter – 69
Exodus 1:6-22
1 Corinthians 12:12-26
Mark 8:27—9:1
Evening Psalter – 73

FRIDAY

Morning Psalter – 102
Exodus 2:1-22
1 Corinthians 12:27—13:3
Mark 9:2-13
Evening Psalter – 107:1-32

SATURDAY

Morning Psalter – 107:33-43, 108
Exodus 2:23—3:15
1 Corinthians 13:1-13
Mark 9:14-29
Evening Psalter – 33

HEIDELBERG CATECHISM

Q. 37. What dost thou understand by the words, “He suffered”?

A. That he, all the time that he lived on earth, but especially at the end of his life, sustained in body and soul, the wrath of God against the sins of all mankind: (a) that so by his passion, as the only propitiatory sacrifice, (b) he might redeem our body and soul from everlasting damnation, (c) and obtain for us the favour of God, righteousness and eternal life. (d)

(a) Isa. 53:4; 1 Pet. 2:24; 1 Pet. 3:18; 1 Tim. 2:6. (b) Isa. 53:10, 12; Eph. 5:2; 1 Cor. 5:7; 1 John 2:2; 1 John 4:10; Rom. 3:25; Heb. 9:28; Heb. 10:14. (c) Gal. 3:13; Col. 1:13; Heb. 9:12; 1 Pet. 1:18, 19. (d) Rom. 3:25; 2 Cor. 5:21; John 3:16; John 6:51; Heb. 9:15; Heb. 10:19.

Q. 38. Why did he suffer “under Pontius Pilate, as judge”?

A. That he, being innocent, and yet condemned by a temporal judge, (a) might thereby free us from the severe judgement of God to which we were exposed. (b)

(a) John 18:38; Matt. 27:24; Acts 4:27, 28; Luke 23:14, 15; John 19:4. (b) Ps. 69:4; Isa. 53:4, 5; 2 Cor. 5:21; Gal. 3:13.

Q. 39. Is there anything more in his being “crucified,” than if he had died some other death?

A. Yes there is; for thereby I am assured, that he took on him the curse which lay upon me; (a) for the death of the cross was accursed of God. (b)

(a) Gal. 3:13. (b) Deut. 21:23.

FIFTH WEEK IN LENT – SUNDAY, MARCH 18, 2018

Almighty and eternal God, because it was your will that your Son should bear the pains of the cross for us and thus remove from us the power of the adversary, help us so to remember and give thanks for our Lord's Passion that we may receive remission of sins and redemption from everlasting death; through Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

HEIDELBERG CATECHISM

Q. 40. Why was it necessary for Christ to humble himself even “unto death”?

A. Because with respect to the justice and truth of God, (a) satisfaction for our sins could be made no otherwise, than by the death of the Son of God. (b)

(a) Gen. 2:17. (b) Rom. 8:3, 4; Heb. 2:9, 14, 15.

Q. 41. Why was he also “buried”?

A. Thereby to prove that he was really dead. (a)

(a) Matt. 27:59, 60; Luke 23:52, 53; John 19:38-42; Acts 13:29.

Q. 42. Since then Christ died for us, why must we also die?

A. Our death is not a satisfaction for our sins, (a) but only an abolishing of sin, and a passage into eternal life. (b)

(a) Mark 8:37; Ps. 49:7. (b) John 5:24; Philip. 1:23; Rom. 7:24.

Q. 43. What further benefit do we receive from the sacrifice and death of Christ on the cross?

A. That by virtue thereof, our old man is crucified, dead and buried with him; (a) that so the corrupt inclinations of the flesh may no more reign in us; (b) but that we may offer ourselves unto him a sacrifice of thanksgiving. (c)

(a) Rom. 6:6. (b) Rom. 6:6-8, 11, 12; Col. 2:12. (c) Rom. 12:1.

Q. 44. Why is there added, “he descended into hell”?

A. That in my greatest temptations, I may be assured, and wholly comfort myself in this, that my Lord Jesus Christ, by his inexpressible anguish, pains, terrors, and hellish agonies, in which he was plunged during all his sufferings, (a) but especially on the cross, has delivered me from the anguish and torments of hell. (b)

(a) Ps. 18:5, 6; Ps. 116:3; Matt. 26:38; Heb. 5:7; Isa. 53:10; Matt. 27:46. (b) Isa. 53:5.

SUNDAY

Morning Psalter – 118
Exodus 3:16—4:12
Romans 12:1-21
John 8:46-59
Evening Psalter – 145

MONDAY

Morning Psalter – 31
Exodus 4:10-31
1 Corinthians 14:1-19
Mark 9:30-41
Evening Psalter – 35

TUESDAY

Morning Psalter – 120, 121, 122, 123
Exodus 5:1—6:1
1 Corinthians 14:20-33, 39-40
Mark 9:42-50
Evening Psalter – 124, 125, 126, 127

WEDNESDAY

Morning Psalter – 119:145-176
Exodus 7:8-24
2 Corinthians 2:12—3:6
Mark 10:1-16
Evening Psalter – 128, 129, 130

THURSDAY

Morning Psalter – 131, 132, 133
Exodus 7:25—8:19
2 Corinthians 3:7-18
Mark 10:17-31
Evening Psalter – 140, 142

FRIDAY

Morning Psalter – 22
Exodus 9:13-35
2 Corinthians 4:1-12
Mark 10:32-45
Evening Psalter – 141, 143

SATURDAY

Morning Psalter – 137, 144
Exodus 10:21—11:10
2 Corinthians 4:13-18
Mark 10:46-52
Evening Psalter – 42, 43

HOLY WEEK – SUNDAY, MARCH 25, 2018

Almighty and everlasting God the Father, who sent your Son to take our nature upon him and to suffer death on the cross that all mankind should follow the example of his great humility, mercifully grant that we may both follow the example of our Savior Jesus Christ in his patience and also have our portion in his resurrection; through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

PASSION SUNDAY

Morning Psalter – 24, 290
Zechariah 9:9-13
1 Timothy 6:12-16
Luke 19:41-48
Evening Psalter – 103

HOLY MONDAY

Morning Psalter – 51
Lamentations 1:1-2, 6-12
2 Corinthians 1:1-7
Mark 11:12-26
Evening Psalter – 69:1-21

HOLY TUESDAY

Morning Psalter – 6, 12
Lamentations 1:17-22
2 Corinthians 1:8-22
Mark 11:27-33
Evening Psalter – 94

HOLY WEDNESDAY

Morning Psalter – 55
Lamentations 2:1-9
2 Corinthians 1:23—2:11
Mark 12:1-11
Evening Psalter – 74

MAUNDY THURSDAY

Morning Psalter – 102
Lamentations 2:10-18
1 Corinthians 10:14-17; 11:27-32
Mark 14:12-25
Evening Psalter – 142, 143

GOOD FRIDAY

Morning Psalter – 22
Lamentations 3:1-9, 19-33
1 Peter 1:10-21
John 13:36-38
Evening Psalter – 40, 54

HOLY SATURDAY

Morning Psalter – 88
Lamentations 3:37-58
Hebrews 4:1-16
Romans 8:1-11
Evening Psalter – 27

HEIDELBERG CATECHISM

Q. 45. What does the “resurrection” of Christ profit us?

A. First, by his resurrection he has overcome death, that he might make us partakers of that righteousness which he had purchased for us by his death; (a) secondly, we are also by his power raised up to a new life; (b) and lastly, the resurrection of Christ is a sure pledge of our blessed resurrection (c)

(a) 1 Cor. 15:16; Rom. 4:25; 1 Pet. 1:3. (b) Rom. 6:4; Col. 3:1, 3; Eph. 2:5, 6. (c) 1 Cor. 15:12, 20-21; Rom. 8:11.

FIRST WEEK OF EASTER – SUNDAY, APRIL 1, 2018

Almighty God the Father, through your only-begotten Son Jesus Christ you have overcome death and opened the gate of everlasting life to us. Grant that we, who celebrate with joy the day of our Lord's resurrection, may be raised from the death of sin by your life-giving Spirit; through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

HEIDELBERG CATECHISM

Q. 46. How dost thou understand these words, “he ascended into heaven”?

A. That Christ, in sight of his disciples, was taken up from earth into heaven; (a) and that he continues there for our interest, (b) until he comes again to judge the quick and the dead. (c)

(a) Acts 1:9; Matt.26:64; Mark 16:19; Luke 24:51. (b) Heb.7:25; Heb.4:14; Heb.9:24; Rom.8:34; Eph.4:10; Col.3:1. (c) Acts 1:11; Matt.24:30.

Q. 47. Is not Christ then with us even to the end of the world, as he has promised? (a)

A. Christ is very man and very God; with respect to his human nature, he is no more on earth; (b) but with respect to his Godhead, majesty, grace and spirit, he is at no time absent from us. (c)

(a) Matt.28:20. (b) Heb.8:4; Matt.26:11; John 16:28; John 17:11; Acts 3:21. (c) John 14:17-19; John 16:13; Matt.28:20; Eph.4:8,12.

Q. 48. But if his human nature is not present, wherever his Godhead is, are not then these two natures in Christ separated from one another?

A. Not at all, for since the Godhead is illimitable and omnipresent, (a) it must necessarily follow that the same is beyond the limits of the human nature he assumed, (b) and yet is nevertheless in this human nature, and remains personally united to it.

(a) Acts 7:49; Jer.23:24. (b) Col.2:9; John 3:13; John 11:15; Matt.28:6.

Q. 49. Of what advantage to us is Christ's ascension into heaven?

A. First, that he is our advocate in the presence of his Father in heaven; (a) secondly, that we have our flesh in heaven as a sure pledge that he, as the head, will also take up to himself, us, his members; (b) thirdly, that he sends us his Spirit as an earnest, (c) by whose power we “seek the things which are above, where Christ sitteth on the right hand of God, and not things on earth.” (d)

(a) 1 John 2:1; Rom.8:34. (b) John 14:2; John 17:24; John 20:17; Eph.2:6. (c) John 14:16,7; Acts 2:1-4,33; 2 Cor.1:22; 2 Cor.5:5. (d) Col.3:1; Philip.3:14.

RESURRECTION SUNDAY

Morning Psalter – 148, 149, 150
Exodus 12:1-14
John 1:1-18
Luke 24:13-35
Evening Psalter – 113, 114

MONDAY

Morning Psalter – 93, 98
Exodus 12:14-27
1 Corinthians 15:1-11
Mark 16:1-8
Evening Psalter – 66

TUESDAY

Morning Psalter – 103
Exodus 12:28-39
1 Corinthians 15:12-28
Mark 16:9-20
Evening Psalter – 111, 114

WEDNESDAY

Morning Psalter – 97, 99
Exodus 12:40-51
1 Corinthians 15:29-41
Matthew 28:1-16
Evening Psalter – 115

THURSDAY

Morning Psalter – 146, 147
Exodus 13:3-10
1 Corinthians 15:41-50
Matthew 28:16-20
Evening Psalter – 148, 149

FRIDAY

Morning Psalter – 136
Exodus 13:1-2, 11-16
1 Corinthians 15:51-58
Luke 24:1-12
Evening Psalter – 118

SATURDAY

Morning Psalter – 145
Exodus 13:17—14:4
2 Corinthians 4:16—5:10
Mark 12:18-27
Evening Psalter – 104

SECOND WEEK OF EASTER – SUNDAY, APRIL 8, 2018

Grant, almighty God, that we who have celebrated the mystery of the Lord's resurrection may by the help of your grace bring forth the fruits thereof in our life and conduct; through Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

SUNDAY

Morning Psalter – 146, 147
Exodus 14:5-22
1 John 1:1-7
John 14:1-7
Evening Psalter – 111, 112, 113

MONDAY

Morning Psalter – 1, 2, 3
Exodus 14:21-31
1 Peter 1:1-12
John 14:8-17
Evening Psalter – 4, 7

TUESDAY

Morning Psalter – 5, 6
Exodus 15:1-21
1 Peter 1:13-25
John 14:18-31
Evening Psalter – 10, 11

WEDNESDAY

Morning Psalter – 119:1-24
Exodus 15:22—16:10
1 Peter 2:1-10
John 15:1-11
Evening Psalter – 12, 13, 14

THURSDAY

Morning Psalter – 18:1-19
Exodus 16:10-21
1 Peter 2:11—3:12
John 15:12-27
Evening Psalter – 18:21:20-50

FRIDAY

Morning Psalter – 16, 17
Exodus 16:22-36
1 Peter 3:13—4:6
John 16:1-15
Evening Psalter – 134, 135

SATURDAY

Morning Psalter – 20, 21
Exodus 17:1-16
1 Peter 4:7-19
John 16:16-33
Evening Psalter – 110, 116, 117

HEIDELBERG CATECHISM

Q. 50. Why is it added, “and sitteth at the right hand of God”?

A. Because Christ is ascended into heaven for this end, that he might appear as head of his church, (a) by whom the Father governs all things. (b)

(a) Eph.1:20,21,23; Col.1:18. (b) Matt.28:18; John 5:22.

Q. 51. What profit is this glory of Christ, our head, unto us?

A. First, that by his Holy Spirit he pours out heavenly graces upon us his members; (a) and then that by his power he defends and preserves us against all enemies. (b)

(a) Acts 2:33; Eph.4:8. (b) Ps.2:9; Ps.110:1,2; John 10:28; Eph.4:8.

Q. 52. What comfort is it to thee that “Christ shall come again to judge the quick and the dead”?

A. That in all my sorrows and persecutions, with uplifted head I look for the very same person, who before offered himself for my sake, to the tribunal of God, and has removed all curse from me, to come as judge from heaven: (a) who shall cast all his and my enemies into everlasting condemnation, (b) but shall translate me with all his chosen ones to himself, into heavenly joys and glory. (c)

(a) Luke 21:28; Rom.8:23; Philip.3:20; Tit.2:13; 1 Thess.4:16. (b) 2 Thess.1:6,8-10; Matt.25:41-43. (c) Matt.25:34; 2 Thess.1:7.

THIRD WEEK OF EASTER – SUNDAY, APRIL 15, 2018

O almighty and eternal God, now that you have assured us of the completion of our redemption through the resurrection of our Lord Jesus, give us the will to show forth in our lives what we profess with our lips; through Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

HEIDELBERG CATECHISM

Q. 53. What dost thou believe concerning the Holy Ghost?

A. First, that he is true and coeternal God with the Father and the Son; (a) secondly, that he is also given me, (b) to make me by a true faith, partaker of Christ and all his benefits, (c) that he may comfort me (d) and abide with me for ever. (e)

(a) 1 John 5:7; Gen.1:2; Isa.48:16; 1 Cor.3:16; 1 Cor.6:19; Acts 5:3,4. (b) Gal.4:6; Matt.28:19,20; 2 Cor.1:21,22; Eph.1:13. (c) Gal.3:14; 1 Pet.1:2; 1 Cor.6:17. (d) Acts 9:31; John 15:26. (e) John 14:16; 1 Pet.4:14.

SUNDAY

Morning Psalter – 148, 149, 150
Exodus 18:1-12
1 John 2:7-17
Mark 16:9-20
Evening Psalter – 114, 115

MONDAY

Morning Psalter – 25
Exodus 18:13-27
1 Peter 5:1-14
Matthew 1:1-17; 3:1-6
Evening Psalter – 9, 15

TUESDAY

Morning Psalter – 26, 28
Exodus 19:1-16
Colossians 1:1-14
Matthew 3:7-12
Evening Psalter – 36, 39

WEDNESDAY

Morning Psalter – 38
Exodus 19:16-25
Colossians 1:15-23
Matthew 3:13-17
Evening Psalter – 119:25-48

THURSDAY

Morning Psalter – 37:1-17
Exodus 20:1-21
Colossians 1:24—2:7
Matthew 4:1-11
Evening Psalter – 37:18-40

FRIDAY

Morning Psalter – 105:1-22
Exodus 24:1-18
Colossians 2:8-23
Matthew 4:12-17
Evening Psalter – 105:23-45

SATURDAY

Morning Psalter – 30, 32
Exodus 25:1-22
Colossians 3:1-17
Matthew 4:18-25
Evening Psalter – 42, 43

FOURTH WEEK OF EASTER – SUNDAY, APRIL 22, 2018

Almighty God, merciful Father, since you have wakened from death the Shepherd of your sheep, grant us your Holy Spirit that we may know the voice of our Shepherd and follow him that sin and death may never pluck us out of your hand; through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

SUNDAY

Morning Psalter – 63, 98
Exodus 28:1-5, 30-38
1 John 2:18-29
Mark 6:30-44
Evening Psalter – 103

MONDAY

Morning Psalter – 41, 52
Exodus 32:1-20
Colossians 3:18—4:18
Matthew 5:1-10
Evening Psalter – 44

TUESDAY

Morning Psalter – 45
Exodus 32:21-35
1 Thessalonians 1:1-10
Matthew 5:11-16
Evening Psalter – 47, 48

WEDNESDAY

Morning Psalter – 119:49-72
Exodus 33:1-23
1 Thessalonians 2:1-12
Matthew 5:17-20
Evening Psalter – 49, 53

THURSDAY

Morning Psalter – 50
Exodus 34:1-17
1 Thessalonians 2:13-20
Matthew 5:21-26
Evening Psalter – 59, 60

FRIDAY

Morning Psalter – 40, 54
Exodus 34:18-35
1 Thessalonians 3:1-13
Matthew 5:27-37
Evening Psalter – 51

SATURDAY

Morning Psalter – 55
Exodus 40:18-38
1 Thessalonians 4:1-12
Matthew 5:38-48
Evening Psalter – 138, 139

HEIDELBERG CATECHISM

Q. 54. What believest thou concerning the “holy catholic church” of Christ?

A. That the Son of God (a) from the beginning to the end of the world, (b) gathers, defends, and preserves (c) to himself by his Spirit and word, (d) out of the whole human race, (e) a church chosen to everlasting life, (f) agreeing in true faith; (g) and that I am and forever shall remain, (h) a living member thereof. (i)

(a) Eph.5:26; John 10:11; Acts 20:28; Eph.4:11-13. (b) Ps.71:17,18; Isa.59:21; 1 Cor.11:26. (c) Matt.16:18; John 10:28-30; Ps.129:1-5. (d) Isa.59:21; Rom.1:16; Rom.10:14-17; Eph.5:26. (e) Gen.26:4; Rev.5:9. (f) Rom.8:29,30; Eph.1:10-13. (g) Acts 2:46; Eph.4:3-6. (h) Ps.23:6; 1 Cor.1:8,9; John 10:28; 1 John 2:19; 1 Pet.1:5. (i) 1 John 3:14,19-21; 2 Cor.13:5; Rom.8:10.

Q. 55. What do you understand by “the communion of saints”?

A. First, that all and every one, who believes, being members of Christ, are in common, partakers of him, and of all his riches and gifts; (a) secondly, that every one must know it to be his duty, readily and cheerfully to employ his gifts, for the advantage and salvation of other members. (b)

(a) 1 John 1:3; 1 Cor.1:9; Rom.8:32; 1 Cor.12:12,13; 1 Cor.6:17. (b) 1 Cor.12:21; 1 Cor.13:1,5; Philip.2:4-8.

Q. 56. What believest thou concerning “the forgiveness of sins”?

A. That God, for the sake of Christ’s satisfaction, will no more remember my sins, neither my corrupt nature, against which I have to struggle all my life long; (a) but will graciously impute to me the righteousness of Christ, (b) that I may never be condemned before the tribunal of God. (c)

(a) 1 John 2:2; 1 John 1:7; 2 Cor.5:19,21. (b) Jer.31:34; Ps.103:3,4; Ps.103:10,12; Mic.7:19,23-25. (c) Rom.8:1-4; John 3:18; John 5:24.

FIFTH WEEK OF EASTER – SUNDAY, APRIL 29, 2018

O God, you make the minds of your faithful to be of one will; therefore grant to your people that they may love what you command and desire what you promise, that among the manifold changes of this age our hearts may ever be fixed where true joys are to be found; through Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

HEIDELBERG CATECHISM

Q. 57. What comfort does the “resurrection of the body” afford thee?

A. That not only my soul after this life shall be immediately taken up to Christ its head; (a) but also, that this my body, being raised by the power of Christ, shall be reunited with my soul, and made like unto the glorious body of Christ. (b)

(a) Luke 16:22; Luke 23:43; Philip.1:21,23. (b) 1 Cor.15:53,54; Job 19:25,26; 1 John 3:2; Philip.3:21.

Q. 58. What comfort takest thou from the article of “life everlasting”?

A. That since I now feel in my heart the beginning of eternal joy, (a) after this life, I shall inherit perfect salvation, which “eye has not seen, nor ear heard, neither has it entered into the heart of man” to conceive, and that to praise God therein for ever. (b)

(a) 2 Cor.5:2,3. (b) 1 Cor.2:9; John 17:3.

SUNDAY

Morning Psalter – 24, 29
Leviticus 8:1-13, 30-36
Hebrews 12:1-17
Luke 4:16-30
Evening Psalter – 8, 84

MONDAY

Morning Psalter – 56, 57, 58
Leviticus 16:1-19
1 Thessalonians 4:13-18
Matthew 6:1-16, 16-18
Evening Psalter – 64, 65

TUESDAY

Morning Psalter – 61, 62
Leviticus 16:20-34
1 Thessalonians 5:1-11
Matthew 6:7-15
Evening Psalter – 68

WEDNESDAY

Morning Psalter – 72
Leviticus 19:1-18
1 Thessalonians 5:12-28
Matthew 6:19-24
Evening Psalter – 119:73-96

THURSDAY

Morning Psalter – 70, 71
Leviticus 19:26-37
2 Thessalonians 1:1-12
Matthew 6:25-34
Evening Psalter – 74

FRIDAY

Morning Psalter – 106:1-18
Leviticus 23:1-22
2 Thessalonians 2:1-17
Matthew 7:1-12
Evening Psalter – 106:19-48

SATURDAY

Morning Psalter – 75, 76
Leviticus 23:23-44
2 Thessalonians 3:1-18
Matthew 7:13-20
Evening Psalter – 23, 27

SIXTH WEEK OF EASTER – SUNDAY, MAY 6, 2018

Lord, because you have promised to give what we ask in the name of your only-begotten Son, teach us rightly to pray and with all your saints to offer you our adoration and praise; through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

SUNDAY

Morning Psalter – 93, 96
Leviticus 25:1-17
James 1:2-18
Luke 12:13-21
Evening Psalter – 34

MONDAY

Morning Psalter – 80
Leviticus 25:35-55
Colossians 1:9-14
Matthew 13:1-17
Evening Psalter – 77, 79

TUESDAY

Morning Psalter – 78:1-39
Leviticus 26:1-20
1 Timothy 2:1-6
Matthew 13:18-23
Evening Psalter – 78:40-72

WEDNESDAY

Morning Psalter – 119:97-120
Leviticus 26:27-42
Ephesians 1:1-10
Matthew 22:41-46
Evening Psalter – 68:1-20

THURSDAY | Ascension Day

Morning Psalter – 8, 47
Daniel 7:9-14
Hebrews 2:5-18
Matthew 28:16-20
Evening Psalter – 24, 96

FRIDAY

Morning Psalter – 85, 86
1 Samuel 2:1-10
Ephesians 2:1-10
Matthew 7:21-27
Evening Psalter – 91, 92

SATURDAY

Morning Psalter – 87, 90
Numbers 11:16-17, 24-30
Ephesians 2:11-22
Matthew 7:28—8:4
Evening Psalter – 136

HEIDELBERG CATECHISM

Q. 59. But what does it profit thee now that thou believest all this?

A. That I am righteous in Christ, before God, and an heir of eternal life. (a)

(a) Hab.2:4; Rom.1:17; John 3:36.

Q. 60. How are thou righteous before God?

A. Only by a true faith in Jesus Christ; (a) so that, though my conscience accuse me, that I have grossly transgressed all the commandments of God, and kept none of them, (b) and am still inclined to all evil; (c) notwithstanding, God, without any merit of mine, (d) but only of mere grace, (e) grants and imputes to me, (f) the perfect satisfaction, (g) righteousness and holiness of Christ; (h) even so, as if I never had had, nor committed any sin: yea, as if I had fully accomplished all that obedience which Christ has accomplished for me; (i) inasmuch as I embrace such benefit with a believing heart. (j)

(a) Rom.3:21-25,28; Rom.5:1,2; Gal.2:16; Eph.2:8,9; Philip.3:9. (b) Rom.3:9. (c) Rom.7:23. (d) Tit.3:5; Deut.9:6; Ezek.36:22. (e) Rom.3:24; Eph.2:8. (f) Rom.4:4,5; 2 Cor.5:19. (g) 1 John 2:2. (h) 1 John 2:1. (i) 2 Cor.5:21. (j) Rom.3:22; John 3:18.

Q. 61. Why sayest thou, that thou art righteous by faith only?

A. Not that I am acceptable to God, on account of the worthiness of my faith; but because only the satisfaction, righteousness, and holiness of Christ, is my righteousness before God; (a) and that I cannot receive and apply the same to myself any other way than by faith only. (b)

(a) 1 Cor.1:30; 1 Cor.2:2. (b) 1 John 5:10

SEVENTH WEEK OF EASTER – SUNDAY, MAY 13, 2018

O King of glory, Lord of hosts, uplifted in triumph far above all heavens, we pray, leave us not without consolation, but send us the Spirit of truth, whom you promised from the Father; for you live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

HEIDELBERG CATECHISM

Q. 62. But why cannot our good works be the whole, or part of our righteousness before God?

A. Because, that the righteousness, which can be approved of before the tribunal of God, must be absolutely perfect, (a) and in all respects conformable to the divine law; and also, that our best works in this life are all imperfect and defiled with sin. (b)

(a) Gal.3:10; Deut.27:26. (b) Isa.64:6.

Q. 63. What! do not our good works merit, which yet God will reward in this and in a future life?

A. This reward is not of merit, but of grace. (a)

(a) Luke 17:10.

Q. 64. But does not this doctrine make men careless and profane?

A. By no means: for it is impossible that those, who are implanted into Christ by a true faith, should not bring forth fruits of thankfulness. (a)

(a) Matt.7:18; John 15:5.

ASCENSION SUNDAY

Morning Psalter – 66, 67
Exodus 3:1-12
Hebrews 12:18-29
Luke 10:17-24
Evening Psalter – 19, 46

MONDAY

Morning Psalter – 89:1-18
Joshua 1:1-9
Ephesians 3:1-13
Matthew 8:5-17
Evening Psalter – 89:19-52

TUESDAY

Morning Psalter – 97, 99, 100
1 Samuel 16:1-13
Ephesians 3:14-21
Matthew 8:18-27
Evening Psalter – 94, 95

WEDNESDAY

Morning Psalter – 101, 109
Isaiah 4:2-6
Ephesians 4:1-16
Matthew 8:28-34
Evening Psalter – 119:121-144

THURSDAY

Morning Psalter – 105:1-22
Zechariah 4:1-14
Ephesians 4:17-32
Matthew 9:1-8
Evening Psalter – 105:23-45

FRIDAY

Morning Psalter – 102
Jeremiah 31:27-34
Ephesians 5:1-33
Matthew 9:9-17
Evening Psalter – 107:1-32

SATURDAY

Morning Psalter – 107:33-43, 108
Ezekiel 36:22-28
Ephesians 6:1-24
Matthew 9:18-26
Evening Psalter – 33

WEEK OF PENTECOST – SUNDAY, MAY 20, 2018

O God, on this day you once taught the hearts of your faithful people by sending them the light of your Holy Spirit. Grant us in our day by the same Spirit to have a right understanding in all things and evermore to rejoice in his holy consolation; through Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you in communion with the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

PENTECOST SUNDAY

Morning Psalter – 118
Deuteronomy 16:9-12
Acts 4:18-21, 23-33
John 4:19-26
Evening Psalter – 145

MONDAY

Morning Psalter – 25
Proverbs 10:1-12
1 Timothy 1:1-17
Matthew 12:22-32
Evening Psalter – 9, 15

TUESDAY

Morning Psalter – 26, 28
Proverbs 15:16-33
1 Timothy 1:18—2:8
Matthew 12:33-42
Evening Psalter – 36, 39

WEDNESDAY

Morning Psalter – 38
Proverbs 17:1-20
1 Timothy 3:1-16
Matthew 12:43-50
Evening Psalter – 119:25-48

THURSDAY

Morning Psalter – 37:1-18
Proverbs 21:30—22:6
1 Timothy 4:1-16
Matthew 13:24-30
Evening Psalter – 37:19-42

FRIDAY

Morning Psalter – 31
Proverbs 23:19-21, 29—24:2
1 Timothy 5:17-25
Matthew 13:31-35
Evening Psalter – 35

SATURDAY

Morning Psalter – 30, 32
Proverbs 25:15-28
1 Timothy 6:6-21
Matthew 13:36-43
Evening Psalter – 42, 43

HEIDELBERG CATECHISM

Q. 65. Since then we are made partakers of Christ and all his benefits by faith only, whence does this faith proceed?

A. From the Holy Ghost, (a) who works faith in our hearts by the preaching of the gospel, and confirms it by the use of the sacraments. (b)

(a) Eph.2:8,9; Eph.6:23; John 3:5; Philip.1:29. (b) Matt.28:19,20; 1Pet.1:22,23.

Q. 66. What are the sacraments?

A. The sacraments are holy visible signs and seals, appointed of God for this end, that by the use thereof, he may the more fully declare and seal to us the promise of the gospel, viz., that he grants us freely the remission of sin, and life eternal, for the sake of that one sacrifice of Christ, accomplished on the cross. (a)

(a) Gen.17:11; Rom.4:11; Deut.30:6; Lev.6:25; Heb.9:7-9,24; Ezek.20:12; Isa.6:6,7; Isa.54:9.

Q. 67. Are both word and sacraments, then, ordained and appointed for this end, that they may direct our faith to the sacrifice of Jesus Christ on the cross, as the only ground of our salvation? (a)

A. Yes, indeed: for the Holy Ghost teaches us in the gospel, and assures us by the sacraments, that the whole of our salvation depends upon that one sacrifice of Christ which he offered for us on the cross.

(a) Rom.6:3; Gal.3:27.

Q. 68. How many sacraments has Christ instituted in the new covenant, or testament?

A. Two: namely, holy baptism, and the holy supper.