

Taking Gathered Worship Home

The First Week of Advent – Sunday, December 3, 2023

"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 TGWH in its entirety, you are encouraged to adapt the offerings to your particular circumstances. The prayer is taken from "Lutheran Worship" and the psalm readings are taken from the "Book of Common Prayer" and the daily readings are from "The Book of Common Worship."

Stir up 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.

Daily Readings

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
♪ *Come, Thou Long-expected Jesus* (p. 2)

MONDAY

Morning Psalter – 1, 2, 3
Amos 2:6-16
2 Peter 1:1-11
Matthew 21:1-11
Evening Psalter – 4, 7
♪ *Hark, a Thrilling Voice Is Sounding* (p. 4)

TUESDAY

Morning Psalter – 5, 6
Amos 3:1-11
2 Peter 1:12-21
Matthew 21:12-22
Evening Psalter – 10, 11
♪ *Wake, Awake, for Night Is Flying* (p. 6)

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
♪ *Arise, My Soul, Arise* (p. 9)

THURSDAY

Morning Psalter – 18:1-19
Amos 4:6-13
2 Peter 3:11-18
Matthew 21:33-46
Evening Psalter – 18:20-50
♪ *Once He Came in Blessing* (p. 11)

FRIDAY

Morning Psalter – 16, 17
Amos 5:1-17
Jude 1-16
Matthew 22:1-14
Evening Psalter – 22
♪ *Love Divine, All Loves Excelling* (p. 12)

SATURDAY

Morning Psalter – 20, 21
Amos 5:18-27
Jude 17-25
Matthew 22:15-22
Evening Psalter – 110, 116, 117
♪ *Magnificat* (p. 13)

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 Savior 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.

In Preparation for the Divine Service: December 10, 2023, The Second Sunday of Advent

Sermon Reading: 2 Corinthians 3:1-11
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The Appointed Lessons:

Psalm 85	Isaiah 40:1-11
Mark 1:1-8	2 Peter 3:8-14