Taking Gathered Worship Home

The Second Week of Advent – Sunday, December 10, 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 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.

Daily Readings

SUNDAY

Morning Psalter – 148, 149, 150

Amos 6:1-14

2 Thessalonians 1:5-12

Luke 1:57-66

Evening Psalter – 114, 115

■ Lift Up Your Heads (p. 2)

MONDAY

Morning Psalter - 25

Amos 7:1-9

Revelation 1:1-8

Matthew 22:23-33

Evening Psalter – 9, 15

■ Prepare the Royal Highway (p. 4)

TUESDAY

Morning Psalter – 26, 28

Amos 7:10-17

Revelation 1:9-16

Matthew 22:34-46

Evening Psalter – 36, 39

□ On Jordan's Bank the Baptist's Cry (p. 6)

WEDNESDAY

Morning Psalter – 38

Amos 8:1-14

Revelation 1:17—2:7

Matthew 23:1-12

Evening Psalter - 119:25-48

■ Hail to the Lord's Anointed (p. 9)

THURSDAY

Morning Psalter - 37:1-17

Amos 9:1-10

Revelation 2:8-17

Matthew 23:13-26

Evening Psalter – 37:18-40

□ Comfort, Comfort These My People (p. 11)

FRIDAY

Morning Psalter – 31

Haggai 1:1-15

Revelation 2:18-29

Matthew 23:27-39

Evening Psalter - 35

■ What Offering Shall We Give (p. 12)

SATURDAY

Morning Psalter – 30, 32

Haggai 2:1-9

Revelation 3:1-6

Matthew 24:1-14

Evening Psalter – 42, 43

■ Magnificat (p. 13)

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 neighbor 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 neighbor. (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.

In Preparation for the Divine Service: December 17, 2023, The Third Sunday of Advent

Sermon Reading: 2 Samuel 7:1-11, 16

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The Appointed Lessons:

Psalm 89 2 Samuel 7:1-11, 16 Luke 1:26-38 Romans 16:25-27