

Taking Gathered Worship Home

The Third Week of Advent – Sunday, December 17, 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."

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.

Daily Readings

SUNDAY

Morning Psalter – 63, 98
Amos 9:11-15
2 Thessalonians 2:1-17
John 5:30-47
Evening Psalter – 103
♪ *Savior of the Nations, Come* (p. 2)

MONDAY

Morning Psalter – 41, 52
Zechariah 1:7-17
Revelation 3:7-13
Matthew 24:15-31
Evening Psalter – 44
♪ *Arise, Sons of the Kingdom* (p. 4)

TUESDAY

Morning Psalter – 24, 29
Genesis 3:8-15
Revelation 12:1-12
John 3:16-21
Evening Psalter – 8, 84
♪ *Tell Out, My Soul* (p. 6)

WEDNESDAY

Morning Psalter – 61, 62
Zephaniah 3:14-20
Titus 1:1-16
Luke 1:1-25
Evening Psalter – 112, 115
♪ *Joy to the World* (p. 9)

THURSDAY

Morning Psalter – 66, 67
1 Samuel 2:1-10
Titus 2:1-10
Luke 1:26-38
Evening Psalter – 116, 117
♪ *O Lord, How Shall I Meet You* (p. 11)

FRIDAY

Morning Psalter – 72
2 Samuel 7:1-17
Titus 2:11—3:11
Luke 1:39-56
Evening Psalter – 111, 113
♪ *Of the Father's Love Begotten* (p. 12)

SATURDAY

Morning Psalter – 80
2 Samuel 7:18-29
Galatians 3:1-14
Luke 1:57-66
Evening Psalter – 146, 147
♪ *Magnificat* (p. 13)

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.

In Preparation for the Divine Service: December 24, 2023, The Fourth Sunday of Advent

Sermon Reading: Psalm 96
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The Appointed Lessons:

Psalm 96	Isaiah 9:2-7
Titus 2:11-14	Luke 2:1-7