

Taking Gathered Worship Home

The Fourth Week of Advent – Sunday, December 24, 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 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.

Daily Readings

SUNDAY | Christmas Eve

Morning Psalter – 24, 29

Genesis 3:8-15

Revelation 12:1-12

John 3:16-21

Evening Psalter – 8, 84

♪ *O Come, O Come, Emmanuel* (p. 2)

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

♪ *O Little Town of Bethlehem* (p. 4)

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

♪ *The People That in Darkness Sat* (p. 6)

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

♪ *O Come, All Ye Faithful* (p. 7)

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

♪ *Joy to the World!* (p. 10)

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

♪ *All My Heart This Night Rejoices* (p. 12)

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

♪ *Good Christian Men, Rejoice* (p. 13)

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. 2 Cor.3:5.

In Preparation for the Divine Service: December 31, 2023, The First Sunday after Christmas

Sermon Reading: Psalm 98
Rev. Danny Morgan

The Appointed Lessons:
Psalm 98
Titus 3:4-7
Isaiah 62:10-12
Luke 2:8-20