

# *Taking Gathered Worship Home*

## The Fourth Week of Advent – Sunday, December 22, 2024

“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 and help us by your might, that the sins which weigh us down may be quickly lifted by your grace and mercy; for you live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.*

### *Daily Readings*

#### SUNDAY

Morning Psalter – 24, 29  
Isaiah 42:1-12  
Ephesians 6:10-20  
John 3:16-21  
Evening Psalter – 8, 84  
♪ *O Come, O Come, Emmanuel* (p. 2)

#### MONDAY

Morning Psalter – 61, 62  
Isaiah 11:1-9  
Revelation 20:1-10  
John 5:30-47  
Evening Psalter – 112, 115  
♪ *Joy to the World!* (p. 4)

#### TUESDAY | CHRISTMAS EVE

Morning Psalter – 45, 46  
Isaiah 35:1-10  
Revelation 22:12-17, 21  
Luke 1:67-80  
Evening Psalter – 89:1-29  
♪ *Of the Father's Love Begotten* (p. 7)

#### WEDNESDAY | CHRISTMAS DAY

Morning Psalter – 2, 85  
Zechariah 2:10-13  
1 John 4:7-16  
John 3:31-36  
Evening Psalter – 110, 132  
♪ *Tell Out My Soul* (p. 10)

#### THURSDAY | 2ND DAY OF CHRISTMAS

Morning Psalter – 116  
2 Chronicles 24:17-22  
Acts 6:1-7  
Acts 7:59—8:8  
Evening Psalter – 27, 119:1-24  
♪ *All My Heart This Night Rejoices* (p. 12)

#### FRIDAY | 3RD DAY OF CHRISTMAS

Morning Psalter – 34  
Proverbs 8:22-30  
1 John 5:1-12  
John 13:20-35  
Evening Psalter – 19, 121  
♪ *Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence* (p. 13)

#### SATURDAY | 4TH DAY OF CHRISTMAS

Morning Psalter – 2  
Isaiah 49:13-23  
Isaiah 54:1-13  
Matthew 18:1-14  
♪ *My Soul Rejoices* (p. 14)

### *Westminster Shorter Catechism*

#### **Q. 7. What are the decrees of God?**

**A.** The decrees of God are his eternal plan, according to the purpose of his will, by which, for his own glory, he has foreordained whatever comes to pass;<sup>[a]</sup> yet in such a manner as to be in no way the author of sin.

[a] Psa 33:11; Isa 14:24; Acts 2:23; Eph 1:11-12

#### **Q. 8. How does God carry out his decrees?**

**A.** God carries out his decrees in the works of creation and providence.<sup>[a]</sup>

[a] Psa 148:8; Isa 40:26; Dan 4:35; Acts 4:24-28; Rev 4:11

### *In Preparation for the Divine Service: December 29, 2024, The First Sunday after Christmas*

**Sermon Reading:** Exodus 13:1-3a, 11-15  
Rev. Danny Morgan

#### **The Appointed Lessons:**

Psalms 111	Exodus 13:1-3a, 11-15
Colossians 3:12-17	Luke 2:1-20