

Taking Gathered Worship Home

The First Sunday After Christmas – Sunday, December 29, 2019

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."

Direct us, O Lord, in all our actions by your gracious favor, and further us with your continual help that in all our works, begun, continued, and ended in your name, we may glorify your holy name and finally by your mercy receive eternal life; through Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

Daily Readings

SUNDAY | 5TH DAY OF CHRISTMAS

Morning Psalter – 93, 96

1 Samuel 1:1-28

Colossians 1:9-20

Luke 2:22-40

Evening Psalter – 34

♪ *Hark! The Herald Angels Sing* (p. 2)

MONDAY | 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

♪ *Psalm 98* (p. 4)

TUESDAY | 7TH DAY OF CHRISTMAS

Morning Psalter – 46, 48

1 Kings 19:3-5-14

James 4:13-17, 5:7-11

John 5:1-15

Evening Psalter – 90

♪ *Away in a Manger* (p. 5)

WEDNESDAY | 8TH DAY OF CHRISTMAS

Morning Psalter – 103

Isaiah 62:1-5, 10-12

Revelation 19:11-16

Matthew 1:18-25

Evening Psalter – 148

♪ *While Shepherds Watched Their Flocks* (p. 7)

THURSDAY | 9TH DAY OF CHRISTMAS

Morning Psalter – 34

1 Kings 19:1-18

Ephesians 4:1-16

John 6:1-14

Evening Psalter – 33

♪ *God Rest You Merry, Gentlemen* (p. 10)

FRIDAY | 10TH DAY OF CHRISTMAS

Morning Psalter – 68

1 Kings 19:9-18

Ephesians 4:17-32

John 6:15-27

Evening Psalter – 72

♪ *From Heaven Above to Earth I Come* (p. 12)

SATURDAY | 11TH DAY OF CHRISTMAS

Morning Psalter – 85, 87

Joshua 3:14-47

Ephesians 5:1-21

John 9:1-12, 35-38

Evening Psalter – 136

♪ *On This Day Earth Shall Ring* (p. 14)

Heidelberg Catechism

Q. 12. Since, according to God's righteous judgment we deserve temporal and eternal punishment, how can we escape this punishment and be again received into favor?

A. God demands that his justice be satisfied.^[1] Therefore full payment must be made either by ourselves or by another.^[2]

[1] Ex. 20:5; 23:7; Rom. 2:1-11.

[2] Is. 53:11; Rom. 8:3, 4.

Q. 13. Can we ourselves make this payment?

A. Certainly not. On the contrary, we daily increase our debt.^[1]

[1] Ps. 130:3; Matt. 6:12; Rom. 2:4, 5.

Q. 14. Can any mere creature pay for us?

A. No. In the first place, God will not punish another creature for the sin which man has committed.^[1] Furthermore, no mere creature can sustain the burden of God's eternal wrath against sin and deliver others from it.^[2]

[1] Ezek. 18:4, 20; Heb. 2:14-18.

[2] Ps. 130:3; Nah. 1:6.

Q. 15. What kind of mediator and deliverer must we seek?

A. One who is a true^[1] and righteous^[2] man, and yet more powerful than all creatures; that is, one who is at the same time true God.^[3]

[1] 1 Cor. 15:21; Heb. 2:17.

[2] Is. 53:9; 2 Cor. 5:21; Heb. 7:26.

[3] Is. 7:14; 9:6; Jer. 23:6; John 1:1; Rom. 8:3, 4.

In Preparation for the Divine Service: **January 5, 2019, The Second Sunday After Christmas**

Sermon Reading: Luke 2:22-40
Rev. Eric Landry preaching

The Appointed Lessons:
Psalm 111
Isaiah 61:10—62:3
Galatians 4:4-7
Luke 2:15-40