

Taking Gathered Worship Home

First Week of Christmas – Sunday, December 28, 2025

"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 | 4th Day of Christmas

Morning Psalter – 93, 96

1 Samuel 1:1-28

Colossians 1:9-20

Luke 2:22-40

Evening Psalter – 34

♪ *Angels From the Realms of Glory* (p. 2)

MONDAY | 5th Day of Christmas

Morning Psalter – 34

Isaiah 62:1-5, 10-12

Revelation 19:11-16

Matthew 1:18-25

Evening Psalter – 33

♪ *While by the Sheep We Watched at Night* (p. 4)

TUESDAY | 6th Day of Christmas

Morning Psalter – 35

1 Kings 19:1-8

Ephesians 4:1-16

John 6:1-14

Evening Psalter – 36

♪ *What Child is This* (p. 5)

WEDNESDAY | 7th Day of Christmas

Morning Psalter – 68

1 Kings 19:9-18

Ephesians 4:17-32

John 6:15-27

Evening Psalter – 72

♪ *Silent Night* (p. 7)

THURSDAY | 8th Day of Christmas

Morning Psalter – 85, 87

Joshua 3:14–4:7

Ephesians 5:1-21

John 9:1-12, 35-38

Evening Psalter – 89:1-29

♪ *Away in a Manger* (p. 9)

FRIDAY | 9th Day of Christmas

Morning Psalter – 2, 110

Jonah 2:2-9

Ephesians 6:10-20

John 11:17-27, 38-44

Evening Psalter – 29, 98

♪ *From Heaven Above* (pp. 11-12)

SATURDAY | 10th Day of Christmas

Morning Psalter – 46, 97

Isaiah 49:1-7

Revelation 21:22-27

Matthew 12:14-21

Evening Psalter – 96, 100

♪ *On This Day Earth Shall Ring* (p.13)

Heidelberg Catechism

Q. 13. Can we ourselves then make this satisfaction?

A. By no means; but on the contrary we daily increase our debt. (a)

(a). Job 9:2,3; Job 15:15,16; Job 4:18,19; Ps.130:3; Matt.6:12; Matt.18:25; Matt.16:26.

Q. 14. Can there be found anywhere, one, who is a mere creature, able to satisfy for us?

A. None; for, first, God will not punish any other creature for the sin which man has committed; (a) and further, no mere creature can sustain the burden of God's eternal wrath against sin, so as to deliver others from it. (b)

(a) Ezek.18:4; Gen.3:17; Heb.2:14-17. (b) Nah.1:6; Ps.130:3.

Q. 15. What sort of a mediator and deliverer then must we seek for?

A. For one who is very man, and perfectly (a) righteous; (b) and yet more powerful than all creatures; that is, one who is also very God. (c)

(a) 1 Cor.15:21; Jer.33:16; Isa.53:9; 2 Cor.5:21. (b) Heb.7:16,26. (c) Isa.7:14; Isa.9:6; Rom.9:5; Jer.23:5,6; Jer.23:6; Luke 11:22.

In Preparation for the Divine Service:

January 4, 2026, Second Sunday After Christmas

Sermon Reading: Ephesians 1:3-14
Rev. Eric Landry

The Appointed Lessons:

Psalm 119:97-104

Ephesians 1:3-14

1 Kings 3:4-15

Luke 2:40-52