

Taking Gathered Worship Home

Third Week of Easter – Sunday, April 19, 2026

"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."

O almighty and eternal God, now that you have assured us of the completion of our redemption through the resurrection of our Lord Jesus, give us the will to show forth in our lives what we profess with our lips; 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

Morning Psalter – 148, 149, 150
Exodus 18:1-12
1 John 2:7-17
Mark 16:9-20
Evening Psalter – 114, 115
♪ *Lead On, O King Eternal* (p. 2)

MONDAY

Morning Psalter – 25
Exodus 18:13-27
1 Peter 5:1-14
Matthew 1:1-17; 3:1-6
Evening Psalter – 9, 15
♪ *Psalm 116* (p. 4)

TUESDAY

Morning Psalter – 26, 28
Exodus 19:1-16
Colossians 1:1-14
Matthew 3:7-12
Evening Psalter – 36, 39
♪ *He Who Would Valiant Be* (p. 6)

WEDNESDAY

Morning Psalter – 38
Exodus 19:16-25
Colossians 1:15-23
Matthew 3:13-17
Evening Psalter – 119:25-48
♪ *This Joyful Eastertide* (p. 9)

THURSDAY

Morning Psalter – 37:1-17
Exodus 20:1-21
Colossians 1:24—2:7
Matthew 4:1-11
Evening Psalter – 37:18-40
♪ *Sanctus* (p. 10)

FRIDAY

Morning Psalter – 105:1-22
Exodus 24:1-18
Colossians 2:8-23
Matthew 4:12-17
Evening Psalter – 105:23-45
♪ *I Know That My Redeemer Lives* (pp. 11-12)

SATURDAY

Morning Psalter – 30, 32
Exodus 25:1-22
Colossians 3:1-17
Matthew 4:18-25
Evening Psalter – 42, 43
♪ *In Thee Is Gladness* (p.13)

Heidelberg Catechism

Q. 61. Why sayest thou, that thou art righteous by faith only?

A. Not that I am acceptable to God, on account of the worthiness of my faith; but because only the satisfaction, righteousness, and holiness of Christ, is my righteousness before God; (a) and that I cannot receive and apply the same to myself any other way than by faith only. (b)

(a) 1 Cor.1:30; 1 Cor.2:2. (b) 1 John 5:10

Q. 62. But why cannot our good works be the whole, or part of our righteousness before God?

A. Because, that the righteousness, which can be approved of before the tribunal of God, must be absolutely perfect, (a) and in all respects conformable to the divine law; and also, that our best works in this life are all imperfect and defiled with sin. (b)

(a) Gal.3:10; Deut.27:26. (b) Isa.64:6.

Q. 63. What do not our good works merit, which yet God will reward in this and in a future life?

A. This reward is not of merit, but of grace. (a)

(a) Luke 17:10.

In Preparation for the Divine Service: April 26, 2026, Fourth Week of Easter

Sermon Reading: John 12:20-26
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The Appointed Lessons:

Psalm 148	1 Peter 2:19-25
Acts 2:42-47	John 10:1-10