

Taking Gathered Worship Home

The Fourth Week of Easter – Sunday, April 21, 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.”

Almighty God, merciful Father, since you have wakened from death the Shepherd of your sheep, grant us your Holy Spirit that we may know the voice of our Shepherd and follow him that sin and death may never pluck us out of your hand; through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

Daily Readings

SUNDAY

Morning Psalter – 63, 98
 Exodus 28:1-5, 30-38
 1 John 2:18-29
 Mark 6:30-44
 Evening Psalter – 103
 ♪ *All People That on Earth Do Dwell* (p. 2)

MONDAY

Morning Psalter – 41, 52
 Exodus 32:1-20
 Colossians 3:18—4:18
 Matthew 5:1-10
 Evening Psalter – 44
 ♪ *All Glory Be* (p. 4)

TUESDAY

Morning Psalter – 45
 Exodus 32:21-35
 1 Thessalonians 1:1-10
 Matthew 5:11-16
 Evening Psalter – 47, 48
 ♪ *How Sweet the Name of Jesus Sounds* (p. 5)

WEDNESDAY

Morning Psalter – 119:49-72
 Exodus 33:1-23
 1 Thessalonians 2:1-12
 Matthew 5:17-20
 Evening Psalter – 49, 53
 ♪ *This Joyful Eastertide* (p. 8)

THURSDAY

Morning Psalter – 50
 Exodus 34:1-17
 1 Thessalonians 2:13-20
 Matthew 5:21-26
 Evening Psalter – 59, 60
 ♪ *Ah, Holy Jesus* (p. 10)

FRIDAY

Morning Psalter – 40, 54
 Exodus 34:18-35
 1 Thessalonians 3:1-13
 Matthew 5:27-37
 Evening Psalter – 51
 ♪ *The Day of Resurrection* (p. 11)

SATURDAY

Morning Psalter – 55
 Exodus 40:18-38
 1 Thessalonians 4:1-12
 Matthew 5:38-48
 Evening Psalter – 138, 139
 ♪ *In Thee Is Gladness* (p. 12)

Heidelberg Catechism

Q. 54. What believest thou concerning the “holy catholic church” of Christ?

A. That the Son of God (a) from the beginning to the end of the world, (b) gathers, defends, and preserves (c) to himself by his Spirit and word, (d) out of the whole human race, (e) a church chosen to everlasting life, (f) agreeing in true faith; (g) and that I am and forever shall remain, (h) a living member thereof. (i)

(a) Eph.5:26; John 10:11; Acts 20:28; Eph.4:11-13. (b) Ps.71:17,18; Isa.59:21; 1 Cor.11:26. (c) Matt.16:18; John 10:28-30; Ps.129:1-5. (d) Isa.59:21; Rom.1:16; Rom.10:14-17; Eph.5:26. (e) Gen.26:4; Rev.5:9. (f) Rom.8:29,30; Eph.1:10-13. (g) Acts 2:46; Eph.4:3-6. (h) Ps.23:6; 1 Cor.1:8,9; John 10:28; 1 John 2:19; 1 Pet.1:5. (i) 1 John 3:14,19-21; 2 Cor.13:5; Rom.8:10.

Q. 55. What do you understand by “the communion of saints”?

A. First, that all and every one, who believes, being members of Christ, are in common, partakers of him, and of all his riches and gifts; (a) secondly, that every one must know it to be his duty, readily and cheerfully to employ his gifts, for the advantage and salvation of other members. (b)

(a) 1 John 1:3; 1 Cor.1:9; Rom.8:32; 1 Cor.12:12,13; 1 Cor.6:17. (b) 1 Cor.12:21; 1 Cor.13:1,5; Philip.2:4-8.

Q. 56. What believest thou concerning “the forgiveness of sins”?

A. That God, for the sake of Christ’s satisfaction, will no more remember my sins, neither my corrupt nature, against which I have to struggle all my life long; (a) but will graciously impute to me the righteousness of Christ, (b) that I may never be condemned before the tribunal of God. (c)

(a) 1 John 2:2; 1 John 1:7; 2 Cor.5:19,21. (b) Jer.31:34; Ps.103:3,4; Ps.103:10,12; Mic.7:19,23-25. (c) Rom.8:1-4; John 3:18; John 5:24.

In Preparation for the Divine Service:

April 28, 2024, The Fifth Sunday of Easter

Sermon Reading: 1 Peter 1:13-21
 Rev. Danny Morgan

The Appointed Lessons:

Psalm 150	Acts 8:26-40
1 John 4:1-21	John 15:1-8