

Taking Gathered Worship Home

Sixth Week of Easter – Sunday, May 10, 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.”

Lord, because you have promised to give what we ask in the name of your only begotten Son, teach us rightly to pray and with all your saints to offer you our adoration and praise; 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 – 93, 96
Leviticus 25:1-17
James 1:2-18
Luke 12:13-21
Evening Psalter – 34
♪ *Praise to the Lord, The Almighty* (p. 2)

MONDAY

Morning Psalter – 80
Leviticus 25:35-55
Colossians 1:9-14
Matthew 13:1-17
Evening Psalter – 77, 79
♪ *O That I Had a Thousand Voices* (p. 4)

TUESDAY

Morning Psalter – 78:1-39
Leviticus 26:1-20
1 Timothy 2:1-6
Matthew 13:18-23
Evening Psalter – 78:40-72
♪ *All Mankind Fell in Adam's Fall* (p. 6)

WEDNESDAY

Morning Psalter – 119:97-120
Leviticus 26:27-42
Ephesians 1:1-10
Matthew 22:41-46
Evening Psalter – 68:1-20
♪ *The Strife Is O'er, the Battle Done* (p. 9)

THURSDAY | ASCENSION DAY

Morning Psalter – 8, 47
Daniel 7:9-14
Hebrews 2:5-18
Matthew 28:16-20
Evening Psalter – 24, 96
♪ *How Sweet the Name of Jesus Sounds* (p. 11)

FRIDAY

Morning Psalter – 85, 86
1 Samuel 2:1-10
Ephesians 2:1-10
Matthew 7:21-27
Evening Psalter – 91, 92
♪ *Lift High the Cross* (p. 12)

SATURDAY

Morning Psalter – 87, 90
Numbers 11:16-17, 24-30
Ephesians 2:11-22
Matthew 7:28—8:4
Evening Psalter – 136
♪ *In Thee Is Gladness* (p.13)

Heidelberg Catechism

Q. 70. What does it mean to be washed with Christ's blood and Spirit?

A. To be washed with Christ's blood means to receive forgiveness of sins from God, through grace, because of Christ's blood, poured out for us in sacrifice on the cross.[1] To be washed with his Spirit means to be renewed by the Holy Spirit and sanctified to be members of Christ, so that more and more we become dead to sin and lead a holy and blameless life.[2]

[1] Ez. 36:25; Zech. 13:1; Eph. 1:7; Heb. 12:24; 1 Pet. 1:2; Rev. 1:5; 7:14. [2] John 3:5-8; Rom. 6:4; 1 Cor. 6:11; Col. 2:11, 12.

Q. 71. Where has Christ promised that he will wash us with his blood and Spirit as surely as we are washed with the water of baptism?

A. In the institution of baptism, where he says: Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.[1] He who believes and is baptized will be saved, but he who does not believe will be condemned.[2] This promise is repeated where Scripture calls baptism the washing of regeneration and the washing away of sins.[3]

[1] Matthew 28:19, [2] Mark 16:16, [3] Titus 3:5; Acts 22:16.

Q. 72. Does this outward washing with water itself wash away sins?

A. No, only the blood of Jesus Christ and the Holy Spirit cleanse us from all sins.[1]

[1] Matt. 3:11; 1 Pet. 3:21; 1 John 1:7.

In Preparation for the Divine Service: May 17, 2026, Seventh Week of Easter

Sermon Reading: Ephesians 4:1-16
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The Appointed Lessons:

Psalm 68:1-18	Ephesians 4:1-16
Acts 1:2-26	John 17:1-11