Taking Gathered Worship Home

Sixth Week of Easter – Sunday, May 17, 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 King of glory, Lord of hosts, uplifted in triumph far above all heavens, we pray, leave us not without consolation, but send us the Spirit of truth, whom you promised from the Father; for you live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

Daily Readings

Ascension Sunday
Morning Psalter – 66, 67
Exodus 3:1-12
Hebrews 12:18-29
Luke 10:17-24
Evening Psalter – 19, 46
♫ *Blessing and Honor and Glory and Power* (p. 2)

Monday
Morning Psalter – 89:1-18
Joshua 1:1-9
Ephesians 3:1-13
Matthew 8:5-17
Evening Psalter – 89:19-52
♫ *Who Shall Ascend the Mountain of the Lord* (p. 4)

Tuesday
Morning Psalter – 97, 99, 100
1 Samuel 16:1-13
Ephesians 3:14-21
Matthew 8:18-27
Evening Psalter – 94, 95
♫ *O God, the Rock of Ages* (p. 6)

Wednesday
Morning Psalter – 101, 109
Isaiah 4:2-6
Ephesians 4:1-16
Matthew 8:28-34
Evening Psalter – 119:121-144
♫ *Jesus Lives, and So Shall I* (p. 9)

Thursday
Morning Psalter – 105:1-22
Zechariah 4:1-14
Ephesians 4:17-32
Matthew 9:1-8
Evening Psalter – 105:23-45
♫ *Be Thou My Vision* (p. 11)

Friday
Morning Psalter – 102
Jeremiah 31:27-34
Ephesians 5:1-33
Matthew 9:9-17
Evening Psalter – 107:1-32
♫ *Children of the Heavenly Father* (p. 12)

Saturday
Morning Psalter – 107:33-43, 108
Ezekiel 36:22-28
Ephesians 6:1-24
Matthew 9:18-26
Evening Psalter – 33
♫ *On Christ's Ascension I Now Build* (p.13)

Heidelberg Catechism

Q. 73. Why then does the Holy Spirit call baptism the washing of regeneration and the washing away of sins?

A. God speaks in this way for a good reason. He wants to teach us that the blood and Spirit of Christ remove our sins just as water takes away dirt from the body.[1] But, even more important, he wants to assure us by this divine pledge and sign that we are as truly cleansed from our sins spiritually as we are bodily washed with water.[2]

[1] I Cor. 6:11; Rev. 1:5; 7:14. [2] Mark 16:16; Acts 2:38; Rom. 6:3, 4; Gal. 3:27.

Q. 74. Should infants, too, be baptized?

A. Yes. Infants as well as adults belong to God's covenant and congregation. [1] Through Christ's blood the redemption from sin and the Holy Spirit, who works faith, are promised to them no less than to adults.[2] Therefore, by baptism, as sign of the covenant, they must be grafted into the Christian church and distinguished from the children of unbelievers.[3] This was done in the old covenant by circumcision,[4] in place of which baptism was instituted in the new covenant.[5]

[1] Gen. 17:7; Matt. 19:14. [2] Ps. 22:11; Is. 44:1-3; Acts 2:38, 39; 16:31. [3] Acts 10:47; I Cor. 7:14. [4] Gen. 17:9-14. [5] Col. 2: 11-13.

Q. 75. How does the Lord's Supper signify and seal to you that you share in Christ's one sacrifi ce on the cross and in all his gifts?

A. In this way: Christ has commanded me and all believers to eat of this broken bread and drink of this cup in remembrance of him. With this command he gave these promises:[1] First, as surely as I see with my eyes the bread of the Lord broken for me and the cup given to me, so surely was his body offered for me and his blood poured out for me on the cross. Second, as surely as I receive from the hand of the minister and taste with my mouth the bread and the cup of the Lord as sure signs of Christ's body and blood, so surely does he himself nourish and refresh my soul to everlasting life with his crucified body and shed blood.

[1] Matt. 26:26-28; Mark 14:22-24; Luke 22:19, 20; I Cor. 11:23-25.

In Preparation for the Divine Service:

May 24, 2026, *Week of Pentecost*

Sermon Reading: Acts 2:1-21
Rev. Titus Bagby

The Appointed Lessons:

Psalm 25:1-15	Numbers 11:24-30
Acts 2:1-21	John 7:37-39