

Taking Gathered Worship Home

The Day of Pentecost – Sunday, May 31, 2020

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 God, on this day you once taught the hearts of your faithful people by sending them the light of your Holy Spirit. Grant us in our day by the same Spirit to have a right understanding in all things and evermore to rejoice in his holy consolation; through Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you in communion with the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

Daily Readings

PENTECOST SUNDAY

Morning Psalter – 118

Deuteronomy 16:9-12

Acts 4:18-33

John 4:19-26

Evening Psalter – 145

♪ *Lord Jesus Christ, Be Present Now* (p. 2)

MONDAY

Morning Psalter – 41, 52

Ecclesiastes 2:1-15

Galatians 1:1-17

Matthew 13:44-52

Evening Psalter – 44

♪ *Psalm 25:1-6* (p. 4)

TUESDAY

Morning Psalter – 45

Ecclesiastes 2:16-26

Galatians 1:18—2:10

Matthew 13:53-58

Evening Psalter – 47, 48

♪ *Creator Spirit, Heavenly Dove* (p. 5)

WEDNESDAY

Morning Psalter – 119:49-72

Ecclesiastes 3:1-15

Galatians 2:11-21

Matthew 14:1-12

Evening Psalter – 49, 53

♪ *Our Children Jesus Calls* (p. 6)

THURSDAY

Morning Psalter – 50

Ecclesiastes 3:16—4:3

Galatians 3:1-14

Matthew 14:13-21

Evening Psalter – 59, 60

♪ *Come, Oh Come, O Quickening Spirit* (p. 8)

FRIDAY

Morning Psalter – 40, 54

Ecclesiastes 5:1-7

Galatians 3:15-22

Matthew 14:22-36

Evening Psalter – 51

♪ *Love Divine, All Loves Excelling* (p. 10)

SATURDAY

Morning Psalter – 55

Ecclesiastes 5:8-20

Galatians 3:23—4:11

Matthew 15:1-20

Evening Psalter – 138, 139

♪ *On Christ's Ascension I Now Build* (p. 11)

Heidelberg Catechism

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.

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] 1 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; 1 Cor. 7:14.

[4] Gen. 17:9-14.

[5] Col. 2: 11-13.

In Preparation for the Divine Service:

June 7, 2020, The First Sunday After Pentecost

Sermon Reading: 1 John 1:1-4
Rev. Eric Landry preaching

The Appointed Lessons:
Psalm 8
Genesis 1:1—2:4
Acts 2:14a, 22-36
Matthew 28:16-20