

Taking Gathered Worship Home

Eleventh Week of Pentecost – August 2, 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," the Psalm readings are taken from the "Book of Common Prayer," and the daily readings are from "The Book of Common Worship."

Almighty and everlasting Father, you give your children many blessings even though we are undeserving. In every trial and temptation grant us steadfast confidence in your loving-kindness and mercy; 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 – 118
Judges 16:15-31
2 Corinthians 13:1-14
Mark 5:25-34
Evening Psalter – 145
♪ *Come, Follow Me, the Savior Spake* (p. 2)

MONDAY

Morning Psalter – 106:1-18
Judges 17:1-13
Acts 7:44—8:1a
John 5:19-29
Evening Psalter – 106:19-48
♪ Psalm 136:1-9 (p. 5)

TUESDAY

Morning Psalter – 120, 121, 122, 123
Judges 18:1-15
Acts 8:1-13
John 5:30-47
Evening Psalter – 124, 125, 126, 127
♪ *Dear Lord and Father of Mankind* (p. 6)

WEDNESDAY

Morning Psalter – 119:145-176
Judges 18:16-31; 21:25
Acts 8:14-25
John 6:1-15
Evening Psalter – 128, 129, 130
♪ *To Jordan Came the Christ, Our Lord* (p. 9)

THURSDAY

Morning Psalter – 131, 132, 133
Job 1:1-22
Acts 8:26-40
John 6:16-27
Evening Psalter – 134, 135
♪ Sanctus (p. 10)

FRIDAY

Morning Psalter – 140, 142
Job 2:1-13
Acts 9:1-9
John 6:27-40
Evening Psalter – 141, 143
♪ *Come, My Way, My Truth, My Life* (p. 11)

SATURDAY

Morning Psalter – 137, 144
Job 3:1-26
Acts 9:10-19a
John 6:41-51
Evening Psalter – 104
♪ *How Sweet the Name of Jesus Sounds* (pp. 12-13)

Heidelberg Catechism

Q. 97. May we then not make any image at all?

A. God cannot and may not be visibly portrayed in any way. Creatures may be portrayed, but God forbids us to make or have any images of them in order to worship them or to serve God through them.^[1]

[1] Ex. 34:13, 14, 17; Num. 33:52; II Kings 18:4, 5; Is. 40:25.

Q. 98. But may images not be tolerated in the churches as “books for the laity”?

A. No, for we should not be wiser than God. He wants his people to be taught not by means of dumb images^[1] but by the living preaching of his Word.^[2]

[1] Jer. 10:8; Hab. 2:18-20. [2] Rom. 10:14, 15, 17; II Tim. 3:16, 17; II Pet. 1:19.

In Preparation for the Divine Service:

August 9, 2026, Eleventh Sunday After Pentecost

Sermon Reading: Romans 6:15-23
Rev. Eric Landry

The Appointed Lessons:

Psalm 18:1-16	Job 38:4-18
Romans 10:5-17	Matthew 14:22-33