Taking Gathered Worship Home

Twelfth Week of Pentecost – August 9, 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 God, whom to know is everlasting life, grant us to know your Son, Jesus, to be the way, the truth, and the life and steadfastly walk in the way that leads to life eternal; through the same 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 – 146, 147
Job 4:1–21
Revelation 4:1–11
Mark 6:1–6a
Evening Psalter – 111, 112, 113
♫ *Holy, Holy, Holy* (p. 2)

Monday
Morning Psalter – 1, 2, 3
Job 4:1, 5:1–27
Acts 9:19b–31
John 6:52–59
Evening Psalter – 4, 7
♫ *I Heard the Voice of Jesus Say* (p. 4)

Tuesday
Morning Psalter – 5, 6
Job 6:1–21
Acts 9:32–43
John 6:60–71
Evening Psalter – 10, 11
♫ *God Moves in a Mysterious Way* (p. 6)

Wednesday
Morning Psalter – 119:1–24
Job 6:1, 7:1–21
Acts 10:1–16
John 7:1–13
Evening Psalter – 12, 13, 14
♫ *Let Us Love and Sing and Wonder* (p. 9)

Thursday
Morning Psalter – 18:1–19
Job 8:1–22
Acts 10:17–33
John 7:14–36
Evening Psalter – 18:20–50
♫ Doxology (p. 10)

Friday
Morning Psalter – 16, 17
Job 9:1–35
Acts 10:34–48
John 7:37–52
Evening Psalter – 22
♫ *Be Thou My Vision* (p. 11)

Saturday
Morning Psalter – 20, 21
Job 9:1, 10:1–22
Acts 11:1–18
John 8:12–20
Evening Psalter – 110, 116, 117
♫ *Lo! He Comes with Clouds Descending* (pp. 12–13)

Heidelberg Catechism

Q. 99. What is required in the third commandment?
A. We are not to blaspheme or to abuse the Name of God by cursing,[1] perjury,[2] or unnecessary oaths,[3] nor to share in such horrible sins by being silent bystanders.[4] In short, we must use the holy Name of God only with fear and reverence,[5] so that we may rightly confess him,[6] call upon him,[7] and praise him in all our words and works.[8]

[1] Lev. 24:10–17. [2] Lev. 19:12. [3] Matt. 5:37; James 5:12. [4] Lev. 5:1; Prov. 29:24. [5] Ps. 99:1–5; Is. 45:23; Jer. 4:2. [6] Matt. 10:32, 33; Rom. 10:9, 10. [7] Ps. 50:14, 15; I Tim. 2:8. [8] Rom. 2:24; Col. 3:17; I Tim. 6:1.

Q. 100. Is the blaspheming of God's Name by swearing and cursing such a grievous sin that God is angry also with those who do not prevent and forbid it as much as they can?
A. Certainly,[1] for no sin is greater or provokes God's wrath more than the blaspheming of his Name. That is why he commanded it to be punished with death.[2]

[1] Lev. 5:1. [2] Lev. 24:16.

In Preparation for the Divine Service:

August 16, 2026, *Twelfth Sunday After Pentecost*

Sermon Reading: Romans 7:1–25
Rev. Eric Landry

The Appointed Lessons:

Psalm 67	Isaiah 56:1, 6–8
Romans 11:1–2a, 13–15, 28–32	Matthew 15:21–28