

Taking Gathered Worship Home

Thirteenth Week of Pentecost – August 16, 2026

"Taking Gathered Worship Home" (TGW) 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, your son willingly endured the agony and shame of the cross for our redemption. Grant us courage to take up our cross daily and follow him wherever he leads; 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 – 148, 149, 150

Job 11:1–20

Revelation 5:1–14

Matthew 5:1–12

Evening Psalter – 114, 115

♪ *All Praise to God, Who Reigns Above* (p. 2)

MONDAY

Morning Psalter – 25

Job 12:1–6, 13–25

Acts 11:19–30

John 8:21–32

Evening Psalter – 9, 15

♪ Psalm 67 (p. 5)

TUESDAY

Morning Psalter – 26, 28

Job 12:1–28

Acts 12:1–17

John 8:33–47

Evening Psalter – 36, 39

♪ *The King of Love My Shepherd Is* (p. 6)

WEDNESDAY

Morning Psalter – 38

Job 12:1; 14:1–22

Acts 12:18–25

John 8:47–59

Evening Psalter – 119:25–48

♪ *Rock of Ages* (p. 9)

THURSDAY

Morning Psalter – 37:1–17

Job 16:16–22; 17:1, 13–16

Acts 13:1–12

John 9:1–17

Evening Psalter – 37:18–40

♪ Sanctus (p. 10)

FRIDAY

Morning Psalter – 31

Job 19:1–7, 14–27

Acts 13:13–25

John 9:18–41

Evening Psalter – 35

♪ *Children of the Heavenly Father* (p. 11)

SATURDAY

Morning Psalter – 30, 32

Job 22:1–4, 21–23:7

Acts 13:26–43

John 10:1–18

Evening Psalter – 42, 43

♪ *O That I Had a Thousand Voices* (pp. 12–13)

Heidelberg Catechism

Q. 101. But may we swear an oath by the Name of God in a godly manner?

A. Yes, when the government demands it of its subjects, or when necessity requires it, in order to maintain and promote fidelity and truth, to God's glory and for our neighbor's good. Such oath-taking is based on God's Word^[1] and was therefore rightly used by saints in the Old and the New Testament.^[2]

[1] Deut. 6:13; 10:20; Jer. 4:1, 2; Heb. 6:16. [2] Gen. 21:24; 31:53; Josh. 9:15; I Sam. 24:22; I Kings 1:29, 30; Rom. 1:9; II Cor. 1:23.

Q. 102. May we also swear by saints or other creatures?

A. No. A lawful oath is a calling upon God, who alone knows the heart, to bear witness to the truth, and to punish me if I swear falsely.^[1] No creature is worthy of such honor.^[2]

[1] Rom. 9:1; II Cor. 1:23. [2] Matt. 5:34–37; 23:16–22; James 5:12.

In Preparation for the Divine Service: August 23, 2026, Thirteenth Sunday After Pentecost

Sermon Reading: Romans 8:1–17
Rev. Jon Herr

The Appointed Lessons:

Psalm 138

Isaiah 51:1–6

Romans 11:33–12:8

Matthew 16:13–20