# Taking Gathered Worship Home

The Fourteenth Week of Pentecost – Sunday, August 18, 2024

"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."

Almighty God, whom to know is everlasting life, grant us to know your Son, Jesus, to be the way, the truth, and the life, that we may steadfastly follow his steps on the way that leads to life eternal; 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 ■ Wake, Awake (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 ☐ Beautiful Savior (p. 4)

#### 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 I Heard the Voice of Jesus (p. 7)

#### 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 ☐ O Heavenly Word (p. 10)

#### THURSDAY

Morning Psalter – 131, 132, 133 Job 1:1-22 Acts 8:26-40 John 6:16-27 Evening Psalter – 134, 135 ☐ Doxology (p. 11)

#### FRIDAY

### SATURDAY

Morning Psalter – 137, 144

Job 3:1-26

Acts 9:10-19a

John 6:41-51

Evening Psalter – 104

J When I Survey the Wondrous Cross (p. 13)

## Heidelberg Catechism

## Q. 96. What does God require in the second commandment?

**A.** We are not to make an image of God in any way,[1] nor to worship him in any other manner than he has commanded in his Word.[2]

[1] Deut. 4:15-19; Is. 40:18-25; Acts 17:29; Rom. 1:23. [2] Lev. 10:1-7; Deut. 12:30; 1 Sam. 15:22, 23; Matt. 15:9; John 4:23, 24.

### 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; 2 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; 2 Tim. 3:16, 17; 2 Pet. 1:19.

# In Preparation for the Divine Service: August 25, 2024, The Fourteenth Sunday after Pentecost Day

**Sermon Reading:** 2 Peter 3:11-18 Rev. Eric Landry

### The Appointed Lessons:

Psalm 14 Isaiah 29:11-19 Ephesians 5:22-33 Mark 7:1-13