

# Taking Gathered Worship Home

## The Fifteenth Week of Pentecost – Sunday, August 25, 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 and most merciful God, defend your church from all false teachings and error, that your faithful people may confess you to be the one true God, and rejoice in your good gifts of life and salvation; 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 – 146, 147  
Job 4:1-21  
Revelation 4:1-11  
Mark 6:1-6a  
Evening Psalter – 111, 112, 113  
♪ *Lead On, O King Eternal* (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  
♪ *Come, Ye Thankful People* (p. 4)

#### TUESDAY

Morning Psalter – 5, 6  
Job 6:1-21  
Acts 9:32-43  
John 6:60-71  
Evening Psalter – 10, 11  
♪ *Be Thou My Vision* (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  
♪ *Before the Throne* (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. 9)

#### FRIDAY

Morning Psalter – 16, 17  
Job 9:1-35  
Acts 10:34-48  
John 7:37-52  
Evening Psalter – 22  
♪ *Christ, the Life of All the Living* (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; 1 Tim. 2:8. [8] Rom. 2:24; Col. 3:17; 1 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.

#### 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; 1 Sam. 24:22; 1 Kings 1:29, 30; Rom. 1:9; 2 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; 2 Cor. 1:23. [2] Matt. 5:34-37; 23:16-22; James 5:12.

### In Preparation for the Divine Service:

September 1, 2024, The Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost Day

**Sermon Reading:** 1 Samuel 9:1 — 10:16  
Rev. Eric Landry

#### The Appointed Lessons:

Psalm 119:129-136                      Deuteronomy 4:1-2, 6-9  
Ephesians 6:10-20                      Mark 7:14-23