

Taking Gathered Worship Home

Fifteenth Week of Pentecost – August 30, 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."

O God, our refuge and strength, the author of all godliness, hear the devout prayers of your Church especially in times of persecution, and grant that what we ask in faith we may obtain; through 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 – 24, 29
Job 38:1, 18–41
Revelation 18:1–8
Matthew 5:21–26
Evening Psalter – 8, 84
♪ *Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise* (p. 2)

MONDAY

Morning Psalter – 56, 57, 58
Job 40:1–24
Acts 15:36–16:5
John 11:55–12:8
Evening Psalter – 64, 65
♪ *O Word of God Incarnate* (p. 4)

TUESDAY

Morning Psalter – 61, 62
Job 40:1; 41:1–11
Acts 16:6–15
John 12:9–19
Evening Psalter – 68
♪ *Take My Life, and Let It Be* (p. 9)

WEDNESDAY

Morning Psalter – 72
Job 42:1–17
Acts 16:16–24
John 12:20–26
Evening Psalter – 119:73–96
♪ *Doxology* (p. 10)

THURSDAY

Morning Psalter – 70, 71
Job 28:1–28
Acts 16:25–40
John 12:27–36a
Evening Psalter – 74
♪ *Sanctus* (p. 10)

FRIDAY

Morning Psalter – 69
Esther 1:1–4, 10–22
Acts 17:1–15
John 12:36b–43
Evening Psalter – 73
♪ *Christ Hath a Garden* (p. 11)

SATURDAY

Morning Psalter – 75, 76
Esther 2:1–11, 15–23
Acts 17:16–34
John 12:44–50
Evening Psalter – 23, 27
♪ *Arise, My Soul, Arise* (pp. 12–13)

Heidelberg Catechism

Q. 105. What does God require in the sixth commandment?

A. I am not to dishonor, hate, injure, or kill my neighbor by thoughts, words, or gestures, and much less by deeds, whether personally or through another;^[1] rather, I am to put away all desire of revenge.^[2]

Moreover, I am not to harm or recklessly endanger myself.^[3]

Therefore, also, the government bears the sword to prevent murder.^[4]

[1] Gen. 9:6; Lev. 19:17, 18; Matt. 5:21, 22; 26:52. [2] Prov. 25:21, 22; Matt. 18:35; Rom. 12:19; Eph. 4:26. [3] Matt. 4:7; 26:52; Rom. 13:11–14. [4] Gen. 9:6; Ex. 21:14; Rom. 13:4.

Q. 106. But does this commandment speak only of killing?

A. By forbidding murder God teaches us that he hates the root of murder, such as envy, hatred, anger, and desire of revenge,^[1] and that he regards all these as murder.^[2]

[1] Prov. 14:30; Rom. 1:29; 12:19; Gal. 5:19–21; James 1:20; I John 2:9–11. [2] I John 3:15.

In Preparation for the Divine Service:

September 6, 2026, Fifteenth Sunday After Pentecost

Sermon Reading: Romans 8:18–39
Rev. Jon Herr

The Appointed Lessons:

Psalm 32:1–7	Ezekiel 33:7–9
Romans 13:1–10	Matthew 18:1–20