

Taking Gathered Worship Home

Sixteenth Week of Pentecost – September 6, 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."

Lord God, heavenly Father, since we cannot stand before you relying on anything we have done, help us trust in your abiding grace and live according to your Word; 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 – 93, 96
Esther 3:1–4:3
James 1:19–27
Matthew 6:1–6, 16–18
Evening Psalter – 34
♪ *Love Divine, All Loves Excelling* (p. 2)

MONDAY

Morning Psalter – 80
Esther 4:4–17
Acts 18:1–11
Luke 1:1–4; 3:1–14
Evening Psalter – 77, 79
♪ *He Who Would Valiant Be* (p. 4)

TUESDAY

Morning Psalter – 78:1–39
Esther 5:1–14
Acts 18:12–28
Luke 3:15–22
Evening Psalter – 78:40–72
♪ *If Thou But Suffer God to Guide Thee* (p. 6)

WEDNESDAY

Morning Psalter – 119:97–120
Esther 6:1–14
Acts 19:1–10
Luke 4:1–13
Evening Psalter – 81, 82
♪ *How Firm a Foundation* (p. 9)

THURSDAY

Morning Psalter – 83
Esther 7:1–10
Acts 19:11–20
Luke 4:14–30
Evening Psalter – 85, 86
♪ *Doxology* (p. 10)

FRIDAY

Morning Psalter – 88
Esther 8:1–17
Acts 19:21–41
Luke 4:31–37
Evening Psalter – 91, 92
♪ *Humbly I Adore Thee* (p. 11)

SATURDAY

Morning Psalter – 87, 90
Esther 9:1–32
Acts 20:1–16
Luke 4:38–44
Evening Psalter – 136
♪ *In Christ Alone* (pp. 12–13)

Heidelberg Catechism

Q. 107. Is it enough, then, that we do not kill our neighbor in any such way?

A. No. When God condemns envy, hatred, and anger, he commands us to love our neighbor as ourselves,^[1] to show patience, peace, gentleness, mercy, and friendliness toward him,^[2] to protect him from harm as much as we can, and to do good even to our enemies.^[3]

[1] Matt. 7:12; 22:39; Rom. 12:10. [2] Matt. 5:5; Luke 6:36; Rom. 12:10, 18; Gal. 6:1, 2; Eph. 4:2; Col. 3:12; IPet. 3:8. [3] Ex. 23:4, 5; Matt. 5:44, 45; Rom. 12:20.

Q. 108. What does the seventh commandment teach us?

A. That all unchastity is cursed by God.^[1] We must therefore detest it from the heart^[2] and live chaste and disciplined lives, both within and outside of holy marriage.^[3]

[1] Lev. 18:30; Eph. 5:3–5. [2] Jude 22, 23. [3] I Cor. 7:1–9; I Thess. 4:3–8; Heb. 13:4.

In Preparation for the Divine Service: September 13, 2026, Sixteenth Sunday After Pentecost

Sermon Reading: Romans 9:1–29
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The Appointed Lessons:

Psalm 103:1–12	Genesis 50:15–21
Romans 14:1–12	Matthew 18:21–35