

Taking Gathered Worship Home

The Seventeenth Week of Pentecost – Sunday, September 8, 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.”

O Lord, let your merciful ears be open to the prayers of your humble servants, and grant that what they ask may be in accord with your gracious will; 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 – 63, 98
Job 25:1-6; 27:1-6
Revelation 14:1-7, 13
Matthew 5:13-20
Evening Psalter – 103
♪ *Praise My Soul, the King of Heaven* (p. 2)

MONDAY

Morning Psalter – 41, 52
Job 32:1-10, 19—33:1, 19-28
Acts 13:44-52
John 10:19-30
Evening Psalter – 44
♪ *Like a River Glorious* (p. 4)

TUESDAY

Morning Psalter – 45
Job 29:1-20
Acts 14:1-18
John 10:31-42
Evening Psalter – 47, 48
♪ *He Who Would Valiant Be* (p. 6)

WEDNESDAY

Morning Psalter – 119:49-72
Job 29:1; 30:1-2, 16-31
Acts 14:19-28
John 11:1-16
Evening Psalter – 49, 53
♪ *Lead On, King Eternal* (p. 10)

THURSDAY

Morning Psalter – 50
Job 29:1; 31:1-23
Acts 15:1-11
John 11:17-29
Evening Psalter – 59, 60
♪ *Doxology* (p. 10)

FRIDAY

Morning Psalter – 40, 54
Job 29:1; 31:24-40
Acts 15:12-21
John 11:30-44
Evening Psalter – 51
♪ *Stricken, Smitten, and Afflicted* (p. 12)

SATURDAY

Morning Psalter – 55
Job 38:1-17
Acts 15:22-35
John 11:45-54
Evening Psalter – 138, 139
♪ *Jesus Lives, and So Shall I* (pp. 13-14)

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; 1 John 2:9-11. [2] 1 John 3:15.

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; 1 Pet. 3:8. [3] Ex. 23:4, 5; Matt. 5:44, 45; Rom. 12:20.

In Preparation for the Divine Service:

September 15, 2024, The Seventeenth Sunday after Pentecost Day

Sermon Reading: 1 Samuel 12:1-25
Rev. Eric Landry

The Appointed Lessons:

Psalm 96	Isaiah 50:4-10
James 3:1-12	Mark 9:14-29