

Taking Gathered Worship Home

Eighteenth Week of Pentecost – September 20, 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."

Gracious God, you gave your Son into the hands of sinful men who killed him. Forgive us when we reject your unfailing love, and grant us the fullness of your 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 – 118
Hosea 5:8–6:6
1 Corinthians 2:6–16
Matthew 14:1–12
Evening Psalter – 145
♪ *Lead On, O King Eternal* (p. 2)

MONDAY

Morning Psalter – 106:1–18
Hosea 6:7–7:7
Acts 22:30–23:11
Luke 6:39–49
Evening Psalter – 106:19–48
♪ *Psalm 27:1–9* (p. 5)

TUESDAY

Morning Psalter – 120, 121, 122, 123
Hosea 7:8–16
Acts 23:12–24
Luke 7:1–17
Evening Psalter – 124, 125, 126, 127
♪ *O God, the Rock of Ages* (p. 6)

WEDNESDAY

Morning Psalter – 119:145–176
Hosea 8:1–14
Acts 23:23–35
Luke 7:18–35
Evening Psalter – 128, 129, 130
♪ *Jesus Shall Reign* (p. 9)

THURSDAY

Morning Psalter – 131, 132, 133
Hosea 9:1–9
Acts 24:1–23
Luke 7:36–50
Evening Psalter – 134, 135
♪ *Sanctus* (p. 10)

FRIDAY

Morning Psalter – 140, 142
Hosea 9:10–17
Acts 24:24–25:12
Luke 8:1–15
Evening Psalter – 141, 143
♪ *Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing* (p. 11)

SATURDAY

Morning Psalter – 137, 144
Hosea 10:1–15
Acts 25:13–27
Luke 8:16–25
Evening Psalter – 104
♪ *For the Bread Which You Have Broken* (pp. 12–13)

Heidelberg Catechism

Q. 111. What does God require of you in this commandment?

A. I must promote my neighbor's good wherever I can and may, deal with him as I would like others to deal with me, and work faithfully so that I may be able to give to those in need.^[1]

[1] Is. 58:5–10; Matt. 7:12; Gal. 6:9, 10; Eph. 4:28.

Q. 112. What is required in the ninth commandment?

A. I must not give false testimony against anyone, twist no one's words, not gossip or slander, nor condemn or join in condemning anyone rashly and unheard.^[1] Rather, I must avoid all lying and deceit as the devil's own works, under penalty of God's heavy wrath.^[2] In court and everywhere else, I must love the truth,^[3] speak and confess it honestly, and do what I can to defend and promote my neighbor's honor and reputation.^[4]

[1] Ps. 15; Prov. 19:5, 9; 21:28; Matt. 7:1; Luke 6:37; Rom. 1:28–32. [2] Lev. 19:11, 12; Prov. 12:22; 13:5; John 8:44; Rev. 21:8. [3] 1 Cor. 13:6; Eph. 4:25. [4] 1 Pet. 3:8, 9; 4:8.

In Preparation for the Divine Service: September 27, 2026, Eighteenth Sunday After Pentecost

Sermon Reading: Romans 11:1–36
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The Appointed Lessons:

Psalm 25:1–10	Ezekiel 18:1–4. 25–32
Philippians 2:1–4, 14–18	Matthew 21:23–27