

Taking Gathered Worship Home

Twentieth Week of Pentecost – October 4, 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, the protector of all who trust in you, have mercy on us that with you as our ruler and guide we may so pass through things temporal that we lose not the things eternal; 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 – 148, 149, 150

Micah 1:1 – 9

1 Corinthians 10:1 – 13

Matthew 16:13 – 20

Evening Psalter – 114, 115

♪ *Christ Is Made the Sure Foundation* (p. 2)

MONDAY

Morning Psalter – 25

Micah 2:1 – 13

Revelation 7:1 – 8

Luke 9:51 – 62

Evening Psalter – 9, 15

♪ *Beautiful Savior* (p. 4)

TUESDAY

Morning Psalter – 26, 28

Micah 3:1 – 8

Revelation 7:9 – 17

Luke 10:1 – 16

Evening Psalter – 36, 39

♪ *That Stone Is Made Head Cornerstone* (p. 6)

WEDNESDAY

Morning Psalter – 38

Micah 3:9–4:5

Revelation 8:1 – 13

Luke 10:17 – 24

Evening Psalter – 119:25 – 48

♪ *Come, My Way, My Truth, My Life* (p. 9)

THURSDAY

Morning Psalter – 37:1 – 17

Micah 5:1 – 15

Revelation 9:1 – 12

Luke 10:25 – 37

Evening Psalter – 37:18 – 40

♪ *Sanctus* (p. 10)

FRIDAY

Morning Psalter – 31

Micah 6:1 – 8

Revelation 9:13 – 21

Luke 10:38 – 42

Evening Psalter – 35

♪ *I Greet Thee, Who My Sure Redeemer Art* (p. 11)

SATURDAY

Morning Psalter – 30, 32

Micah 7:1 – 7

Revelation 10:1 – 11

Luke 11:1 – 13

Evening Psalter – 42, 43

♪ *Jesus, Priceless Treasure* (pp. 12-13)

Heidelberg Catechism

Q. 115. If in this life no one can keep the Ten Commandments perfectly, why does God have them preached so strictly?

A. First, that throughout our life we may more and more become aware of our sinful nature, and therefore seek more eagerly the forgiveness of sins and righteousness in Christ.^[1]

Second, that we may be zealous for good deeds and constantly pray to God for the grace of the Holy Spirit, that he may more and more renew us after God's image, until after this life we reach the goal of perfection.^[2]

[1] Ps. 32:5; Rom. 3:19-26; 7:7, 24, 25; I John 1:9. [2] I Cor. 9:24; Phil. 3:12-14; I John 3:1-3.

Q. 116. Why is prayer necessary for Christians?

A. Because prayer is the most important part of the thankfulness which God requires of us.^[1] Moreover, God will give his grace and the Holy Spirit only to those who constantly and with heartfelt longing ask him for these gifts and thank him for them.^[2]

[1] Ps. 50:14, 15; 116:12-19; I Thess. 5:16-18. [2] Matt. 7:7, 8; Luke 11:9-13.

In Preparation for the Divine Service:

October 11, 2026, Twentieth Sunday After Pentecost

Sermon Reading: Romans 12:9-21
Rev. Dr. Mark Garcia

The Appointed Lessons:
Psalm 23
Philippians 4:4-13
Isaiah 25:6-9
Matthew 22:1-14