

# Taking Gathered Worship Home

## Week of Pentecost – Sunday, May 24, 2026

"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 God, on this day you once taught the hearts of your faithful people by sending them the light of your Holy Spirit. Grant us in our day by the same Spirit to have a right understanding in all things and evermore to rejoice in his holy consolation; through Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you in communion with the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

### Daily Readings

#### PENTECOST SUNDAY

Morning Psalter – 118  
Deuteronomy 16:9-12  
Acts 4:18-21, 23-33  
John 4:19-26  
Evening Psalter – 145  
♪ *A Mighty Fortress Is Our God* (p. 2)

#### MONDAY

Morning Psalter – 25  
Proverbs 10:1-12  
1 Timothy 1:1-17  
Matthew 12:22-32  
Evening Psalter – 9, 15  
♪ *Lord Jesus Christ, Be Present Now* (p. 4)

#### TUESDAY

Morning Psalter – 26, 28  
Proverbs 15:16-33  
1 Timothy 1:18—2:8  
Matthew 12:33-42  
Evening Psalter – 36, 39  
♪ *Come, Oh Come, O Quickening Spirit* (p. 7)

#### WEDNESDAY

Morning Psalter – 38  
Proverbs 17:1-20  
1 Timothy 3:1-16  
Matthew 12:43-50  
Evening Psalter – 119:25-48  
♪ *Creator Spirit, Heavenly Dove* (p. 9)

#### THURSDAY

Morning Psalter – 37:1-18  
Proverbs 21:30—22:6  
1 Timothy 4:1-16  
Matthew 13:24-30  
Evening Psalter – 37:19-42  
♪ *Dear Lord and Father of Mankind* (p. 11)

#### FRIDAY

Morning Psalter – 31  
Proverbs 23:19-21, 29—24:2  
1 Timothy 5:17-25  
Matthew 13:31-35  
Evening Psalter – 35  
♪ *Jesus, Thy Blood and Righteousness* (p. 12)

#### SATURDAY

Morning Psalter – 30, 32  
Proverbs 25:15-28  
1 Timothy 6:6-21  
Matthew 13:36-43  
Evening Psalter – 42, 43  
♪ *On Christ's Ascension I Now Build* (p.13)

### Heidelberg Catechism

#### Q. 76. What does it mean to eat the crucified body of Christ and to drink his shed blood?

A. First, to accept with a believing heart all the suffering and the death of Christ, and so receive forgiveness of sins and life eternal.[1] Second, to be united more and more to his sacred body through the Holy Spirit, who lives both in Christ and in us.[2] Therefore, although Christ is in heaven[3] and we are on earth, yet we are flesh of his flesh and bone of his bones,[4] and we forever live and are governed by one Spirit, as the members of our body are by one soul.[5]

[1] John 6:35, 40, 50-54. [2] John 6:55, 56; I Cor. 12:13. [3] Acts 1:9-11; 3:21; I Cor. 11:26; Col. 3:1. [4] I Cor. 6:15, 17; Eph. 5:29, 30; I John 4:13. [5] John 6:56-58; 15:1-6; Eph. 4:15, 16; I John 3:24.

#### 77. Q. Where has Christ promised that he will nourish and refresh believers with his body and blood as surely as they eat of this broken bread and drink of this cup?

A. In the institution of the Lord's supper: The Lord Jesus on the night when he was betrayed took bread, and when he had given thanks, he broke it and said, "This is my body which is for you. Do this in remembrance of me." In the same way also the cup, after supper, saying, "Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me." For as often as you eat this bread and drink the cup, you proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.[1] This promise is repeated by Paul where he says: The cup of blessing which we bless, is it not a participation in the blood of Christ? The bread which we break, is it not a participation in the body of Christ? Because there is one bread, we who are many are one body, for we all partake of the one bread.[2]

[1] 1 Corinthians 11:23-26, [2] 1 Corinthians 10:16, 17.

#### Q. 78. Are then the bread and wine changed into the real body and blood of Christ?

A. No. Just as the water of baptism is not changed into the blood of Christ and is not the washing away of sins itself but is simply God's sign and pledge,[1] so also the bread in the Lord's supper does not become the body of Christ itself,[2] although it is called Christ's body[3] in keeping with the nature and usage of sacraments.[4]

[1] Eph. 5:26; Tit. 3:5. [2] Matt. 26:26-29. [3] I Cor. 10:16, 17; 11:26-28. [4] Gen. 17:10, 11; Ex. 12:11, 13; I Cor. 10:3, 4; I Pet. 3:21.

### In Preparation for the Divine Service: May 31, 2026, Holy Trinity Sunday

**Sermon Reading:** 1 Peter 1:1-2  
Rev. Jon Herr

#### The Appointed Lessons:

Psalm 8  
Acts 2:14a, 22-36

Genesis 1:1—2:4  
Matthew 28:16-20