

Taking Gathered Worship Home

The Second Week of Pentecost – Sunday, May 26, 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."

Almighty and everlasting God, you have given us grace to acknowledge the glory of the eternal Trinity by the confession of a true faith and to worship the Unity in the power of the Divine Majesty. Keep us steadfast in this faith and defend us from all adversities; for you, O Father, Son and Holy Spirit, live and reign, one God, now and forever. Amen.

Daily Readings

HOLY TRINITY SUNDAY

Morning Psalter – 146, 147
Job 38:1-11; 42:1-6
Revelation 19:4-16
John 1:29-34
Evening Psalter – 111, 112, 113
♪ *Holy God, We Praise Your Name* (p. 2)

MONDAY

Morning Psalter – 25
Proverbs 10:1-12
1 Timothy 1:1-17
Matthew 12:22-32
Evening Psalter – 9, 15
♪ *Psalm 29* (p. 4)

TUESDAY

Morning Psalter – 26, 28
Proverbs 15:16-33
1 Timothy 1:18—2:15
Matthew 12:33-42
Evening Psalter – 36, 39
♪ *Lord Jesus Christ, Be Present Now* (p. 5)

WEDNESDAY

Morning Psalter – 38
Proverbs 17:1-20
1 Timothy 3:1-16
Matthew 12:43-50
Evening Psalter – 119:25-48
♪ *Come, Thou Almighty King* (p. 9)

THURSDAY

Morning Psalter – 37:1-19
Proverbs 21:30—22:6
1 Timothy 4:1-16
Matthew 13:24-30
Evening Psalter – 37:20-42
♪ *All Glory Be to Thee, Most High* (p. 11)

FRIDAY

Morning Psalter – 31
Proverbs 23:19—24:2
1 Timothy 5:17-25
Matthew 13:31-35
Evening Psalter – 35
♪ *Holy, Holy, Holy* (p. 12)

SATURDAY

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

Heidelberg Catechism

Q. 69. How does holy baptism signify and seal to you that the one sacrifice of Christ on the cross benefits you?

A. In this way: Christ instituted this outward washing[1] and with it gave the promise that, as surely as water washes away the dirt from the body, so certainly his blood and Spirit wash away the impurity of my soul, that is, all my sins.[2]

[1] Matt. 28:19. [2] Matt. 3:11; Mark 16:16; John 1:33; Acts 2:38; Rom. 6:3, 4; 1 Pet. 3:21.

Q. 70. What does it mean to be washed with Christ's blood and Spirit?

A. To be washed with Christ's blood means to receive forgiveness of sins from God, through grace, because of Christ's blood, poured out for us in sacrifice on the cross.[1] To be washed with his Spirit means to be renewed by the Holy Spirit and sanctified to be members of Christ, so that more and more we become dead to sin and lead a holy and blameless life.[2]

[1] Ez. 36:25; Zech. 13:1; Eph. 1:7; Heb. 12:24; 1 Pet. 1:2; Rev. 1:5; 7:14. [2] John 3:5-8; Rom. 6:4; 1 Cor. 6:11; Col. 2:11, 12.

Q. 71. Where has Christ promised that he will wash us with his blood and Spirit as surely as we are washed with the water of baptism?

A. In the institution of baptism, where he says: Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.[1] He who believes and is baptized will be saved, but he who does not believe will be condemned.[2] This promise is repeated where Scripture calls baptism the washing of regeneration and the washing away of sins.[3]

[1] Matthew 28:19, [2] Mark 16:16, [3] Titus 3:5; Acts 22:16. Col.2:11-13.

In Preparation for the Divine Service: June 2, 2024, The Second Sunday after Pentecost Day

Sermon Reading: 1 Peter 2:13-25
Rev. Eric Landry

The Appointed Lessons:

Psalm 81:1-10	Deuteronomy 4:12-15
2 Corinthians 4:5-12	Mark 2:23—3:6