

Taking Gathered Worship Home

Twenty-third Week of Pentecost – October 25, 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."

Lord God, heavenly Father, send forth your Son to lead home his bride, the Church, that with all the company of the redeemed we may finally enter into his eternal wedding feast; through the same Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

Daily Readings

REFORMATION SUNDAY

Morning Psalter – 93, 96

Joel 1:1–14

1 Corinthians 14:1–12

Matthew 20:1–16

Evening Psalter – 34

♪ *A Mighty Fortress Is Our God* (p. 2)

MONDAY

Morning Psalter – 80

Joel 1:15–2:2

Revelation 18:15–24

Luke 14:12–24

Evening Psalter – 77, 79

♪ *Glorious Things of Thee Are Spoken* (p. 4)

TUESDAY

Morning Psalter – 78:1–39

Joel 2:3–11

Revelation 19:1–10

Luke 14:25–35

Evening Psalter – 78:40–72

♪ *Forgive Our Sins as We Forgive* (p. 6)

WEDNESDAY

Morning Psalter – 119:97–120

Joel 2:12–19

Revelation 19:11–21

Luke 15:1–10

Evening Psalter – 81, 82

♪ *Lord of Our Life* (p. 9)

THURSDAY

Morning Psalter – 83

Joel 2:21–27

James 1:1–15

Luke 15:1–2, 11–32

Evening Psalter – 85, 86

♪ *Doxology* (p. 10)

FRIDAY

Morning Psalter – 88

Joel 2:28–3:8

James 1:16–27

Luke 16:1–9

Evening Psalter – 91, 92

♪ *What Is the World to Me* (p. 11)

REFORMATION DAY

Morning Psalter – 87, 90

Joel 3:9–21

James 2:1–13

Luke 16:10–18

Evening Psalter – 136

♪ *Jesus, Thy Blood and Righteousness* (pp. 12–13)

Heidelberg Catechism

Q. 121. Why is there added, who art in heaven?

A. These words teach us not to think of God's heavenly majesty in an earthly manner,^[1] and to expect from his almighty power all things we need for body and soul.^[2]

[1] Jer.23:23,24; Acts 17:24, 25. [2] Mt.6:25-34; Rom.8:31,32.

Q. 122. What is the first petition?

A. Hallowed be thy Name. That is: Grant us first of all that we may rightly know thee,^[1] and sanctify, glorify, and praise thee in all thy works, in which shine forth thy almighty power, wisdom, goodness, righteousness, mercy, and truth.^[2] Grant us also that we may so direct our whole life — our thoughts, words, and actions — that thy Name is not blasphemed because of us but always honored and praised.^[3]

[1] Jer. 9:23, 24; 31: 33, 34; Matt. 16:17; John 17:3. [2] Ex. 34:5-8; Ps. 145; Jer. 32:16-20;

Luke 1:46-55, 68-75; Rom. 11: 33-36. [3] Ps. 115:1; Matt. 5:16.

In Preparation for the Divine Service:

November 1, 2026, All Saints' Day

Sermon Reading: Matthew 5:11–16
Rev. Jon Herr

The Appointed Lessons:

Psalm 68:1–10

Acts 1:12–26

1 Peter 4:12–19; 5:6–11

John 17:1–11