

Taking Gathered Worship Home

The Eighth Week of Pentecost – Sunday, July 7, 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."

O God, your almighty power is made known chiefly in showing mercy. Grant us the fullness of your grace, that we may be called to repentance and made partakers of your heavenly treasures; through your Son Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

Daily Readings

SUNDAY

Morning Psalter – 146, 147
Numbers 27:12-23
Acts 19:11-20
Mark 1:14-20
Evening Psalter – 111, 112, 113
♪ *How Firm a Foundation* (p. 2)

MONDAY

Morning Psalter – 1, 2, 3
Numbers 32:1-6, 16-27
Romans 8:26-30
Matthew 23:1-12
Evening Psalter – 4, 7
♪ *Psalm 123* (p. 4)

TUESDAY

Morning Psalter – 5, 6
Numbers 35:1-3, 9-15, 30-34
Romans 8:31-39
Matthew 23:13-26
Evening Psalter – 10, 11
♪ *Hail to the Lord's Anointed* (p. 5)

WEDNESDAY

Morning Psalter – 119:1-24
Deuteronomy 1:1-18
Romans 9:1-18
Matthew 23:27-39
Evening Psalter – 12, 13, 14
♪ *Children of the Heavenly Father* (p. 8)

THURSDAY

Morning Psalter – 18:1-19
Deuteronomy 3:18-28
Romans 9:19-33
Matthew 24:1-14
Evening Psalter – 18:20-50
♪ *Doxology* (p. 9)

FRIDAY

Morning Psalter – 16, 17
Deuteronomy 31:7-13, 24—32:4
Romans 10:1-13
Matthew 24:15-31
Evening Psalter – 22
♪ *Ah, Holy Jesus* (p. 10)

SATURDAY

Morning Psalter – 20, 21
Deuteronomy 34:1-12
Romans 10:14-21
Matthew 24:32-51
Evening Psalter – 110, 116, 117
♪ *All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name* (pp. 11-12)

Heidelberg Catechism

Q. 83. What are the keys of the kingdom of heaven?

A. The preaching of the holy gospel and church discipline. By these two the kingdom of heaven is opened to believers and closed to unbelievers.[1]

[1] Matt. 16:19; John 20:21-23.

Q. 84. How is the kingdom of heaven opened and closed by the preaching of the gospel?

A. According to the command of Christ, the kingdom of heaven is opened when it is proclaimed and publicly testified to each and every believer that God has really forgiven all their sins for the sake of Christ's merits, as often as they by true faith accept the promise of the gospel. The kingdom of heaven is closed when it is proclaimed and testified to all unbelievers and hypocrites that the wrath of God and eternal condemnation rest on them as long as they do not repent. According to this testimony of the gospel, God will judge both in this life and in the life to come.[1]

[1] Matt. 16:19; John 3:31-36; 20:21-23.

Q. 85. How is the kingdom of heaven closed and opened by church discipline?

A. According to the command of Christ, people who call themselves Christians but show themselves to be unchristian in doctrine or life are first repeatedly admonished in a brotherly manner. If they do not give up their errors or wickedness, they are reported to the church, that is, to the elders. If they do not heed also their admonitions, they are forbidden the use of the sacraments, and they are excluded by the elders from the Christian congregation, and by God himself from the kingdom of Christ.[1] They are again received as members of Christ and of the church when they promise and show real amendment.[2]

[1] Matt. 18:15-20; 1 Cor. 5:3-5; 11-13; 2 Thess. 3:14, 15. [2] Luke 15:20-24; 2 Cor. 2:6-11.

In Preparation for the Divine Service: July 14, 2024, The Eighth Sunday after Pentecost Day

Sermon Reading: 1 Peter 5:5-14
Rev. Eric Landry

The Appointed Lessons:

Psalm 85:8-13 Amos 7:7-15
Ephesians 1:3-14 Mark 6:14-29