**WORSHIP**

**WHERE HEAVEN MEETS EARTH**

**Session Two, Advent II, 9 December 2018**

**Opening:**

 Invocation – Baptism (see *Gathered*, 137-138)

 Psalm 95:1-7a (LSB, 95; aka “the Venite”) – spoken, intoned

 *(Coming: Venite in Matins and Morning Prayer)*

 Dr. Luther’s Morning Prayer (LSB, 327; also Evening Prayer)

**A Brief Course Overview:**

 The Lilly Peer Learning Project in Worship & Music

 The course theme, “Worship: Where Heaven Meets Earth”

 See *Gathered*, 23-38

 Resources: available for personal use

 *Lutheran Service Book* (LSB)

 *Gathered Guests: A Guide to Worship in the Lutheran Church*

 See also: *A Simple Explanation of the Church Service*

**What makes worship memorable?**

 Discussion and “homework”

**The Church Year** (see *Gathered*, 57-60, 62):

 The context and framework for worship: “the End”

 How “the End” was, is, and will be achieved.

 Advent I through Pentecost

 How “the End” empowers and impacts faith and life today.

 The Season after Pentecost

**An “End Time” Hymn** (disguised as a Christmas carol)**:** LSB 387, “Joy to the World”

**Closing Prayer:** Collect for Advent II

Stir up our hearts, O Lord, to make ready the way of your only-begotten Son, that by his coming we may be enabled to serve you with pure minds; through the same Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

***LOOKING AHEAD***

*12-16, the Season of Advent*

*12-23, a sampler of Christmas hymns*