

## **The Congregation at Prayer**

*A Guide for Daily Meditation and Prayer for the week of Pentecost  
(June 5<sup>th</sup> – June 11<sup>th</sup>)*

### **CATECHETICAL THEME:**

***God the Holy Spirit – The Giving of the Spirit***

#### **This Week's Catechetical Theme: God the Holy Spirit – The Giving of the Spirit**

This week, we consider the person and work of God the Holy Spirit. Proceeding from the Father and the Son, the Holy Scriptures reveal the Holy Spirit as the One through whom faith is given and sustained. It is He that convicts the world concerning sin, righteousness and judgment (John 16:8). That is, through the preaching of repentance (The Law), the Holy Spirit brings sinners to contrition; and through the preaching of the forgiveness of sins (The Gospel), He also points the contrite heart to Christ, where forgiveness was earned for all! God bless your time in His Word!

**Invocation:** In the name of the Father and of the + Son and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

#### **The Ten Commandments & The Apostles' Creed**

#### **The Catechism:** God the Holy Spirit – The Giving of the Spirit

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Christian church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

*What does this mean?* I believe that I cannot by my own reason or strength believe in Jesus Christ, my Lord, or come to Him; but the Holy Spirit has called me by the Gospel, enlightened me with His gifts, sanctified and kept me in the true faith. In the same way He calls, gathers, enlightens, and sanctifies the whole Christian church on earth, and keeps it with Jesus Christ in the one true faith. In this Christian church He daily and richly forgives all my sins and the sins of all believers. On the Last Day He will raise me and all the dead, and give eternal life to me and all believers in Christ. This is most certainly true.

<b>Daily Readings</b>	<b>Catechetical Narrative</b>	<b>Second Reading</b>	<b>Psalm</b>
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>Jesus Promises the Holy Spirit John 14:23-31</b>		<b>Psalm 123</b>
<b>Monday</b>	<b>The Spirit Sanctifies 1 Corinthians 6:11</b>	<b>Galatians 6</b>	<b>Psalm 124</b>
<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>The Spirit Convicts and Converts John 16:4-15</b>	<b>Ephesians 1</b>	<b>Psalm 125</b>
<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>The Giving of the Holy Spirit Acts 2:1-13</b>	<b>Ephesians 2</b>	<b>Psalm 126</b>

<b>Thursday</b>	<b>Peter's Pentecost Day Sermon Acts 2:14-36</b>	<b>Ephesians 3</b>	<b>Psalms 127</b>
<b>Friday</b>	<b>What to Do to Be Saved Acts 2:37-41</b>	<b>Ephesians 4</b>	<b>Psalms 128</b>
<b>Saturday</b>	<b>Isaiah 6:1-7</b>	<b>Romans 11:33-36</b>	<b>Psalms 129</b>

### Questions to Discuss in the Home

**Sun:** Reflect upon today's text and sermon. **Mon – Fri:** For each day's reading, answer the following questions: 1) What does the reading reveal about the person and work of the Holy Spirit? 2) What work of the Holy Spirit does the passage reveal? 3) How is the Spirit's work connected to that of the Father and the Son? 4) In what sense does the passage reveal the Spirit giving the gifts of God to His people? 5) What Law (command) of God is revealed in the passage? 6) What Gospel (Good News) is revealed in the passage? **Sat:** In preparation for Sunday, reflect upon today's texts.

### Memory Verse

Nevertheless, I tell you the truth; it is to your advantage that I go away; for if I do not go away, the Helper will not come to you. But if I go, I will send him to you. And when he comes, he will convict the world concerning sin and righteousness and judgment. (John 16:7-8)

### In Our Prayers this Week

**Our Church:** Bethlehem Lutheran Church and Preschool. **Circuit 7 Vacancies:** Trinity Lutheran Church-Centralia. **For Those Recently Married:** Tucker & Sarah Albers. **For Those Who are Expecting:** Corinne Bradley, Shaelyn Huels (Caroline & Randy Tate's daughter). **For Those Recovering from Surgery:** Linda Nehrt (Eddie & Verdell Hermsmeyer's niece), Barb Mueller, Pat Borgelt (father of Angie Nolte). **Those Undergoing Medical Treatments:** Beth Mayer (niece of Mia Zimmermann), Elbert Brink. **Thanks for Healing:** Ali Schubel (6<sup>th</sup> grader at Carlyle). **Those in Need of Healing:** Carolyn Freund, Clare Jones (granddaughter of Mike & Opal Jones). **Those Who Are Dealing with Chronic Pain:** Sam Tepe (brother of Angie Siddell), Ariana Nolte, Randy Zimmermann, Connie Schilling. **Homebound Members:** Melvin & Earlene Lange, Ruth Onken, Paul Schierschwitz, Marlene Schierschwitz. **Baptismal Birthdays:** Katie Cummins, Britlyn Tyberendt (6/6), Paul Evilsizer, Tristan Nolte (6/7), Zoe Kuper (6/8), Aaron Ruckman (6/9), Mandy Albers (6/11). **Anniversaries:** Melvin & Earlene Lange (6/6), Brent & Katrina Hanke (6/7), Skipp & Tina Golding (6/10).

### The Lord's Prayer and Morning or Evening Prayer From the Small Catechism

**Hymn of the Week:** Come, Holy Ghost, God and Lord (LSB 497)