

The Congregation at Prayer

*A Guide for Daily Meditation and Prayer for the week following the Day of Pentecost
(May 28th – June 3rd)*

CATECHETICAL THEME:

God the Holy Spirit – The Giving of the Spirit

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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.

Daily Readings	Catechetical Narrative	Second Reading	Psalm
Sunday	The Work of the Holy Spirit John 15:26–16:4		Psalm 9
Monday	The Spirit Sanctifies 1 Corinthians 6:11	Numbers 32	Psalm 10
Tuesday	The Spirit Convicts and Converts John 16:4-15	Numbers 33	Psalm 11
Wednesday	The Giving of the Holy Spirit Acts 2:1-13	Numbers 34	Psalm 12

Thursday	Peter's Pentecost Day Sermon Acts 2:14-36	Numbers 35	Psalm 13
Friday	What to Do to Be Saved Acts 2:37-41	Numbers 36	Psalm 14
Saturday	Isaiah 6:1-7	Romans 11:33-36	Psalm 15

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

For those who gave their lives for our country. For the World: That God would deliver us from pestilence and famine; war and bloodshed; sedition and rebellion. **For Those Who Are Recovering From Surgery:** Marilyn Schneider. **For Those Undergoing Medical Treatments:** Sheri Nolte, Marla Corry, Beth Jones (daughter-in-law of Mike Jones), Joe Childress (father of David Childress), Beth Mayer (niece of Mia Zimmermann). **For Those Who Are Dealing with Chronic Pain:** Barb Mueller, Sam Tepe (brother of Angie Siddell), Ariana Nolte, Randy Zimmermann. **Homebound Members:** Earlene Lange, Ruth Onken. **Baptismal Birthday:** Michael Brinkmann (5/28), Ben Schatz, Jaime Schneider, Steve Hoffmann (5/20), Addison Hanks (5/31), Tammy Gerstenecker (6/2). **Anniversaries:** Tim & Chris Hanke (5/30).

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)