

Congregation in Prayer May 15, 2016

Pentecost is the birthday of the Church. We celebrate because Jesus, who died and rose again and ascended into heaven, now sends the Promised One, the Comforter and Guide, the Holy Spirit. Today is the day He empowered His people as the people of God! The wind of the Spirit continues to blow in the lives of His people today. It is by the power of the Spirit, working through Word and Sacrament, that people are brought to faith and established in faith. [Acts 2:1-15; Gen 11:1-9; Jn 14:23-31]

The Order of Meditation and Prayer for Daily Use

(Pray and confess out loud as much of the Order of Meditation as possible)

Theme for the Week: Pentecost

Invocation (Spoken while making the sign of the cross to remember your baptism)

In the name of the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. Amen.

Apostle's Creed

Learn by Heart Verse (Practice saying this verse word for word, out loud, throughout the day)

Romans 1:16 (ESV) For I am not ashamed of the gospel, for it is the power of God for salvation to everyone who believes

From the Catechism (Read together and discuss briefly)

<p>To Workers of All Kinds</p> <p>Slaves, obey your earthly masters with respect and fear, and with sincerity of heart, just as you would obey Christ. Obey them not only to win their favor when their eye is on you, but like slaves of Christ, doing the will of God from your heart. Serve wholeheartedly, as if you were serving the Lord, not men, because you know that the Lord will reward everyone for whatever good he does, whether he is slave or free. Eph. 6:5-8</p>	1 st Grade
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Daily Bible Readings

Monday	The Feast of Pentecost—Acts 2:1-13
Tuesday	Peter's Sermon on Joel—Acts 2:14-21
Wednesday	Peter Call to Repentance—Acts 2:22-36
Thursday	The Life of the Church—Acts 2:37-47
Friday	Peter and John Heal the Lame Man—Acts 3:1-10
Weekend	Looking ahead

Daily Themes for Prayer:

Sunday: Pray for those who are prevented from gathering for worship: those who live in areas where persecution is strong; those who do not have a Christian church nearby; those who are homebound; those whose work keeps them away from worship.

Monday: Pray for the salvation and well-being of your neighbors; for our Lutheran schools, colleges, and seminaries; for those who serve as teachers, healthcare workers, police and firefighters; for good government and for peace.

Tuesday: Pray for your personal life of faith: that you would continue to grow in the grace and knowledge of the Lord Jesus, that the fruit of the Spirit would be evident in your life and relationships, that your attitudes, your reactions, and your choices would reflect your faith in Christ.

Wed: Pray for the mission of our congregation: to bring people hope, healing and new life through Jesus Christ. Pray about practical ways for you personally to join Jesus in His mission.

Thursday: Pray for your pastors. Pray for protection for them from the attacks of the enemy. Pray for their influence for Christ in the congregation and in the community. Pray that they are able to finish strong and remain faithful to the end.

Friday: Pray for the ministry of Lutheran Church Charities: for their comfort dog ministry; for their Lutheran Emergency Response Teams (LERT) that deploy when disasters happen here and around the country.

Saturday: Pray for the witness of you and your family to those God brings across your path. Pray for eyes to see the opportunities the Lord gives you to talk to others about Jesus or to serve them in His name.

Lord's Prayer

Going with God's Blessing

Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

Looking Ahead (Take a look at the readings for next Sunday)

Prov. 8:1–4, 22–31

Acts 2:14a, 22–36

John 8:48–59