

Congregation at Prayer June 4, 2017

Pentecost is an opportunity to celebrate the gift of the Holy Spirit to the church. It is also the opportunity to celebrate the work of the Holy Spirit in the church. On the first Pentecost we read of His dramatic work that brought 3,000 new believers into the church. [Numbers 11:24-30; Acts 2:1-21; John 7:37-39]

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: the Gift of the Spirit

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)
John 14:26 (ESV) But the Helper, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, he will teach you all things and bring to your remembrance all that I have said to you.

From the Catechism (Read together and discuss briefly)

The Third Article: Sanctification 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.	Kindergarten +
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.	3rd Grade +

Daily Bible Readings

Monday	You Shall Not Give False Testimony—Matthew 5:33-37
Tuesday	Love Your Enemies—Matthew 5:38-48
Wednesday	The Lord's Prayer—Matthew 6:1-18

Thursday	Treasure in Heaven—Matthew 6:19-34
Friday	Jesus Is the Narrow Way—Matthew 7:1-14
Weekend	Looking Ahead

Daily Themes for Prayer:

Sunday: Pray that the joy of the Resurrection would be seen in us; that the fruits of faith, nourished by the Word and Sacraments, would be evident in us and among us.

Monday: Pray for faith to live in the promises of your Baptism; for your calling and daily work; pray for your family members by name. Pray for those you know who are not yet believers in Jesus or who are unchurched that they would come to know and respond to the Savior's love for them.

Tuesday: Pray for deliverance in the face of temptation and evil; for the addicted and despairing, the tortured and oppressed; for those caught in cycle of sinful behavior.

Wed: Pray for marriage and family: that husbands and wives, parents and children live in harmony according to the Word of God; for families devastated by divorce; for parents who must raise children alone.

Thursday: Pray for Christ's Church and her pastors; for teachers, deacons, deaconesses, and other church workers; for missionaries and for all who serve the Church; for the faithful and fruitful use of Word and Sacrament among us.

Friday: Pray for the preaching of the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ and the sharing of the Good News of His death and Resurrection in our neighborhoods and throughout the whole world. Pray for the sick and dying. Pray that you would have compassion for them and their families going through difficult days.

Saturday: Pray for faithfulness to the end for His people; for the renewal of those who are withering in the faith or have fallen away; for receptive hearts and minds to God's Word on the Lord's Day; for pastors and people as they prepare to administer and receive Christ's gifts of Word and Sacrament.

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)

Gen. 1:1—2:4a

Acts 2:14a, 22–36

Matt. 28:16–20