

5 PRAY THE PSALM OF THE WEEK **Wisdom 1:7; Psalm 68:1, 3, 4, 11, 33, 35**

The Spirit of the Lord fills the world. Alle- | luia.*

Let the righ- | teous be glad;
let them rejoice be- | fore God:*
yes, let them rejoice exceedingly. Alle- | luia.
Let God arise, let His enemies be | scattered; *
let those also who hate Him flee be- | fore Him.
Sing to God, sing praises | to His name; *
extol Him who rides | on the clouds.
The Lord | gave the Word; *
great was the company of those who pro- | claimed it.
He sends out His voice, a | mighty voice.*
The God of Israel gives strength and power to His | people.

6 SAY TOGETHER THE VERSE OF THE WEEK **John 14:26**

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.

7 READ THE SCRIPTURE AND DEVOTION (OTHER SIDE OF THE PAGE)

8 PRAY THE PRAYER OF THE WEEK

O God our merciful Father, who taught the hearts of Your faithful people by sending to them the light of Your Holy Spirit, bring us by the same Spirit to have a right judgment in all things and evermore to rejoice in His holy comfort: through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who with You and the Holy Spirit lives and reigns, one God, now and forever. Amen.

9 PRAYER FOR OURSELVES AND OTHERS

10 SING OR SAY THE HYMN OF THE WEEK
Come, Holy Ghost, God and Lord!

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Martin Luther



1. Come, Holy Ghost, God and Lord!
Be all Thy graces now out poured
On each believer's mind and heart;
Thy fervent love to them impart.
Lord, by the brightness of Thy light,
Thou in the faith dost men unite
Of every land and every tongue;
This to Thy praise, O Lord, our God, be sung.
Hallelujah! Hallelujah!

2. Thou holy Light, Guide Divine,
Oh, cause the Word of Life to shine!
Teach us to know our God aright
And call Him Father with delight.

From every error keep us free;
Let none but Christ our Master be
That we in living faith abide,
In Him, our Lord, with all our might confide.
Hallelujah! Hallelujah!

3. Thou holy Fire, Comfort true,
Grant us the will Thy work to do
And in Thy service to abide;
Let trials turn us not aside.
Lord, by Thy power prepare each heart
And to our weakness strength impart
That bravely here we may contend,
Through life and death to Thee, our Lord, ascend.
Hallelujah! Hallelujah!



“The Holy Spirit: Creator of the Church”

1 BLESS YOURSELF WITH THE HOLY CROSS AND SAY:
In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

2 SAY THE APOSTLES' CREED
I believe in God, the Father Almighty,
Maker of heaven and earth.
And in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our
Lord, who was conceived by the Holy
Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered
under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died
and was buried. He descended into hell.
The third day He rose again from the
dead. He ascended into heaven and sits at
the right hand of God, the Father
Almighty. From thence He will come to
judge the living and the dead.

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.

3 PRAY THE LORD'S PRAYER
Our Father, who art in
heaven,
hallowed be Thy name,
Thy kingdom come,
Thy will be done on earth as it
is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily
bread;
and forgive us our trespasses
as we forgive those who
trespass against us;
and lead us not into
temptation,
but deliver us from evil.
For Thine is the kingdom and
the power and the glory
forever and ever. Amen.

4 PRAY THE MORNING OR EVENING PRAYER

Morning. I thank You, my
heavenly Father, through Jesus
Christ, Your dear Son, that You
have kept me this night from all
harm and danger; and I pray that
You would keep me this day also
from sin and every evil, that all my
doings and life may please You.
For into Your hands I commend
myself, my body and soul, and all
things. Let Your holy angel be with
me, that the evil foe may have no
power over me. Amen.

Evening. I thank you, my
heavenly Father, through Jesus
Christ, Your dear Son, that You
have graciously kept me this day;
and I pray that You would forgive
me all my sins where I have done
wrong, and graciously keep me this
night. For into Your hands, I
commend myself, my body and
soul, and all things. Let Your holy
angel be with me, that the evil foe
may have no power over me. Amen.

THEME OF THE WEEK: **The Holy Spirit: Creator of the Church**

We confess that God made all that is seen and unseen by speaking into the nothingness His creative word. In the same way, the Lord continues to create His faithful followers by speaking to them through the Holy Spirit and giving life. This week, as we reflect on the work of the Holy Spirit, let us not lose sight of the means by which the Holy Spirit works: through Word and Sacrament. Where the Word of God is, there is the Spirit. Where Jesus is in the water, bread, and wine, there is the Spirit. You and all of God's people are sustained by the creative work of the Holy Spirit.

SUN

SCRIPTURE: **John 14:23-31: The Helping Spirit**

The Holy Spirit is called the "Paraklete" in Greek. This can mean "Comforter", "Advocate", or "Helper". The idea is this; the Holy Spirit is here to do something for you. He comforts you with the message that your sins are forgiven and you have life in Jesus' Name. He is your advocate in that He takes your mumbling and unformed prayers before the Father. He is your helper in that He shows you the way of holiness in the revelation of Holy Scripture. We think of Jesus doing things for us. The Holy Spirit does the same. His work is for you. He continues to comfort, advocate, and help you always. *Dear Paraklete, be my helper always. Amen.*

MON

SCRIPTURE: **Psalms 48: Zion, the Church of God**

As you think about how God talks about Zion you can make the connection that He is also talking about His Church in the New Testament. The Church of God is where God makes Himself known as a fortress (v. 3), rulers are astounded at what God does there (v. 5), it is established forever (v. 8), the people will sing and rejoice (v. 10-11), and God will guide us forever (v. 14). Your Lord has made great promises to you and to all of His church on earth. We are to rejoice in all of His benefits to us and recognize that we aren't alone. Just as the Holy Spirit has kept you in this true faith, He keeps all of His church on earth. *Father, continue to bless my congregation and keep us faithful to Your Word. Amen.*

TUE

SCRIPTURE: **1 Peter 4:7-11: The Use of Gifts**

The Holy Spirit gives you a gift. The gift may be the same or different from those who are closest to you. Whatever that gift may be, God gives it to you to serve one another (v. 10). In order to figure out how to serve others, listen to God's Word to you in the Ten Commandments. There, you have directions of how to love God and your neighbor as yourself. Using your gifts in this way is pleasing to the Lord. When you fail to love like Jesus loves, then turn to that love of Jesus and receive the forgiveness of your sins. *Holy Spirit, give me the wisdom to use Your gifts for the good of others. Amen.*

WED

SCRIPTURE: **Joel 2:28-32: The Spirit Poured Out on You**

What a wonderful blessing that the Lord gives us insight into how the Holy Spirit comes upon us. In verse 28 the Lord says, "I will pour out my Spirit." We of course think of Pentecost but you had the Holy Spirit poured out upon you when the water was applied to your skin and the Holy, Triune Name of God was spoken over you at baptism. The Holy Spirit poured upon you and created faith in your heart. The Holy Spirit continues to be poured out upon you as you hear the Word of God and receive the Body and Blood of Jesus Christ. In these ways God continues to pour out His Spirit upon you. *Father, keep me in this Christian faith by the working of Your Holy Spirit. Amen.*

THU

SCRIPTURE: **John 14:15-21: Never Orphans as Children of God**

You can feel like an orphan because you are estranged from your parents, your parents have died, or you don't quite have the relationship that you wish you had. One of the feelings that an orphan has is one of loneliness. Jesus says, "I will not leave you as orphans." Jesus tells you that you are a child of God and your heavenly Father will never forsake you. But He says this not only to you but to all of your fellow Christians. You are never alone because you also have the people you go to church with as your fellow believers. The Spirit is drawing you together that you may not neglect meeting together. Never alone, God is caring for you. *Heavenly Father, give me Your peace and be mine forever. Amen.*

FRI

SCRIPTURE: **Ephesians 4:7-16: Words of the Spirit**

Speaking the truth in love causes you to grow up into the body of Christ. In order to speak the truth in love you must first know the truth. Thus, the Spirit instructs you through the Word concerning all that God would have you know. As you grow in knowledge and wisdom, you mature into the body of Christ and become more like Jesus. The truth of Jesus is your truth and this is the truth that we have to share with other people. Being the body of Christ, God uses you to speak of He who is your holiness. *Holy Spirit, help me to speak the truth in love. Amen.*

SAT

SCRIPTURE: **Psalms 104: The Work of the Spirit Endures Forever**

Ascension Day was on May 5th and we recalled that even as Jesus is now in heaven, He continues to come to us in His Word and Sacraments. In the same way, the work of the Holy Spirit endures forever. The Spirit is the Helper who keeps us in this faith and causes us to rejoice in all the works of the Lord. The Spirit causes us to sing to the Lord as long as we live and sing praises to God while we have our being. The lives of God's people are intimately bound together with the Holy Spirit. He continues to guide our days and lead us at last to our eternal home where our songs of praise will endure for all of eternity. *Holy Spirit, cause the songs of praise to be on our lips. Amen.*