

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: 15-17**

“If you love me, you will keep my commandments. And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Helper, to be with you forever, even the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot receive, because it neither sees him nor knows him. You know him, for he dwells with you and will be in 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!

TLH 224, LSB 497
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, as-
cend.
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**

This week, many of the readings will focus on the Holy Spirit and the gifts that He graciously gives to His people, people just like you. It is easy for us to get confused and think that the Holy Spirit is only about big, cinematic gifts like the Apostles received on the day of Pentecost. In fact, the gifts of the Spirit with which you are blessed are sometimes harder to see and easy to miss. And yet, through the work of the Spirit, faith is created and the Church is united and grows. These are gifts that all Christians benefit from, not just the gifts given to them but also those gifts that are given to others.

SUN

SCRIPTURE: **John 14:23-31 The Spirit Points the Way**

In this text, we find the promise from our Lord to send the Holy Spirit. What exactly does the Holy Spirit do? Jesus tells us. The Holy Spirit teaches us. And how does he do that? He brings to our minds the teachings of Jesus. In short, the work of the Holy Spirit is to point us to Jesus. Not to give us all kinds of experiences or to give spiritual secrets. The Spirit points us to Christ. This is why the Church, which is shaped by the Holy Spirit does the same thing. We as Christians must always be pointed to Christ, for it is in Christ that we find our hope and salvation. It is He who gives us peace. *Almighty God, thank You for the blessing of the Holy Spirit that I may be always reminded of the work of Your Son, for me. Amen.*

MON

SCRIPTURE: **Psalms 48 A Matter of Perspective**

One of the great things about this psalm is its rich imagery. God is a fortress that brings fear and dismay upon His enemies and yet the same Lord reveals His steadfast love to His people. It isn't that God treats one group differently than another, necessarily. It is that those who do not have faith see God as an enemy and yet realize how hopeless it is to destroy God. Those who trust in the Lord see Him as a place of respite and comfort, like the wall that surrounds Jerusalem. May we not see God as our enemy, but as our hope in time of danger. *Almighty God, bless me that I might have the eyes to see Your goodness and faithfulness for me every day of my life that I do not see You as my enemy. Amen.*

TUE

SCRIPTURE: **1 Peter 4:7-11e The Giver of All Good Things is God**

James 1:17 reminds us that all good things come from God. Peter makes the point that all of the gifts that we are given by the Holy Spirit are to be used for the sake of our neighbor. It can be easy for us to rejoice in a gift that we have because it is the means by which we make our living and how we feed ourselves. But God invites us to see our lives as more than opportunities to serve ourselves, but to serve our neighbors through the gifts given to us by the Holy Spirit. *Lord God, heavenly Father, please help me to use the gifts that You have given me for the sake of my neighbor and not just for my good alone. Amen.*

WED

SCRIPTURE: **Joel 2:28-32 The Outpouring of the Spirit**

These promises would be pretty great, wouldn't they? To see visions and to have prophetic dreams seems pretty incredible. But these things have already been fulfilled. They were fulfilled on Pentecost when the Holy Spirit gave an extra measure to the Apostles so that their ministry would be accompanied with signs that validated their message. Today, the Word of God is sufficient in itself to validate the claims of the Church. The Holy Spirit does not belong to only a select group of people 2000 years ago, but the Holy Spirit is living and active, dwelling in all who trust in the promises of Scripture that they will be received by our Lord when He comes again in glory. *Almighty God, thank You for the fulfillment of Your Word that someone like me would know Your Word, that teaches truth. Amen.*

THU

SCRIPTURE: **John 14:15-21 The Holy Spirit brings Jesus to Us**

Jesus promises His disciples that the Holy Spirit will come and dwell with them. Then He later says that both He and the Father will make their home with those who love Him and honor His Word. This is a truly wonderful thing to contemplate. Jesus promises the Holy Spirit, and the Holy Spirit is the One who creates faith in us so that we would love God and honor His Word. Because of this gift of the Spirit, the fullness of the Trinity is with you. We often hear about having Jesus in our hearts. We can talk about being full of the Spirit. But rarely do we speak of the Father abiding with His people, and yet according to the Word of our Lord, that is also what we receive. We have the fullness of the Trinity with us as we go through this dark world. There could be no better companion! *O Lord, be with me as I am in You through the blessings of faith. Amen.*

FRI

SCRIPTURE: **Ephesians 4:7-16 The Holy Spirit Holds Us Together**

Earlier this week, we read that the gifts we have are given for the sake of our neighbors. In this text, we see the very same idea. The Holy Spirit has given different gifts to different people, but all in the same Church so that we might all grow up together into our Lord Jesus Christ, Who is with us as our head. This shows that the true unity of faith is not something created by men or by theological councils or meetings. Unity is the working of the Holy Spirit for the sake of His people. *Holy Lord, be with me that I might have the true unity with my brothers and sisters in the faith that only comes as a result of Your gifts given to me through the Spirit. Amen.*

SAT

SCRIPTURE: **Psalms 145 Extolling the Name of God**

This week, the gifts of the Holy Spirit have been laid out for you. Let us all remember that this is not something to be kept secret in our hearts, but rather, based on the clear testimony of Christ we give thanks for all that the Lord has done for us and we rejoice. We gather together to praise Him. And we tell others about Him. One of the greatest joys that we can have is to see the Holy Spirit at work in another person whom we love. To see faith growing in someone who is hearing the Word, through which the Spirit is at work, is a great joy. *O Lord, grant me courage and thanksgiving enough to praise You to all who will hear that many will know Your wonderful deeds, including our salvation. Amen.*