



Our Congregation at Prayer
Daily Scripture and Prayer
To be Used in the Home
Getting Ready for Day of Pentecost A
Immanuel Lutheran Church

Theme for Sunday: The Spirit comes through the Means of Grace bringing the death of Jesus to sinners.

The following short order may be used for devotions at home during the week or Daily Prayer for individuals and families may be used in the hymnal (LSB page 294 and following).

Invocation

In the Name of the Father and of the Son (+) and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

Introit *Psalm 104.24, 27-28, 30; ant Liturgical text*

Come, Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of the faithful,

And kindle in them the fire of your love. Alleluia.

O LORD, how manifold are your works! In wisdom have you made them all;

The earth is full of your creatures.

These all look to you,

To give them their food in due season.

When you give it to them, they gather it up;

When you open your hand, they are filled with good things.

When you send forth your Spirit, they are created,

And you renew the face of the ground.

Glory be to the Father and to the Son

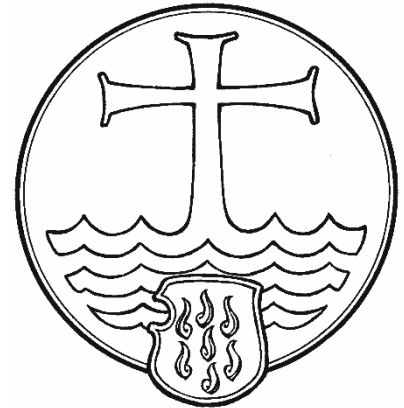
And to the Holy Spirit;

As it was in the beginning,

Is now, and will be forever. Amen.

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And kindle in them the fire of your love. Alleluia.



Collect

O God, on this day You once taught the hearts of Your faithful people by sending them the light of Your Holy Spirit. Grant us in our day by the same Spirit to have a right understanding in all things and evermore to rejoice in His holy consolation; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

Gradual *Acts 2.17b, Romans 10.10*

I will pour out my Spirit on all flesh,

And your sons and your daughters shall prophecy.

With the heart one believes and is justified,

And with the mouth one confesses and is saved.

The Psalm for Pentecost Day A may be read (Psalm 25.1-15) or those printed below.

Daily Psalms	Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Morning	103	5	42	89.1-18	97	51	104
Evening	117; 139	84; 29	102; 133	1; 33	16; 62	142; 65	118; 111

Readings for next Sunday (see below) or these daily readings may be used

Sunday	Numbers 14.1-25	Luke 18.18-34
Monday	Numbers 14.26-45 (Num 15.1-41)	Luke 18.35-19.10
Tuesday	Numbers 16.1-22	Luke 19.11-28
Wednesday	Numbers 16.23-40	Luke 19.29-48
Thursday	Num 16.41-17.13 (Num 18.1-19.22)	Luke 20.1-18
Friday	Numbers 20.1-21	Luke 20.19-44
Saturday	Numbers 20.22-21.9	Luke 20.45-21.19

Talk About Next Sunday's Old Testament Reading: Numbers 11.24-30

What does it mean that some of the Spirit was put on the seventy elders?

When else does God use a cloud to cover His presence?

Why would Moses want all people to be prophets?

Talk About Next Sunday's Second Reading: Acts 2.1-21

How had the disciples acted before this?

What changed in them on Pentecost?

How is everyone able to hear the disciples in their own language?

Talk About Next Sunday's Gospel Reading: John 7.37-39

What is this "rivers of living water"?

What was Jesus talking about?

Catechism Selection (this may be read, recited, or spoken responsively)

Office of the Keys

What is the Office of the Keys?

The Office of the Keys is that special authority which Christ has given to His Church on earth to forgive the sins of repentant sinners, but to withhold forgiveness from the unrepentant as long as they do not repent.

Where is this written?

This is what St. John the Evangelist writes in chapter twenty: The Lord Jesus breathed on His disciples and said, "Receive the Holy Spirit. If you forgive anyone his sins, they are forgiven; if you do not forgive them, they are not forgiven." (John 20:22-23)

What do you believe according to these words?

I believe that when the called ministers of Christ deal with us by His divine command, in particular when they exclude openly unrepentant sinners from the Christian congregation and absolve those who repent of their sins and want to do better, this is just as valid and certain, even in heaven, as if Christ our dear Lord dealt with us Himself.