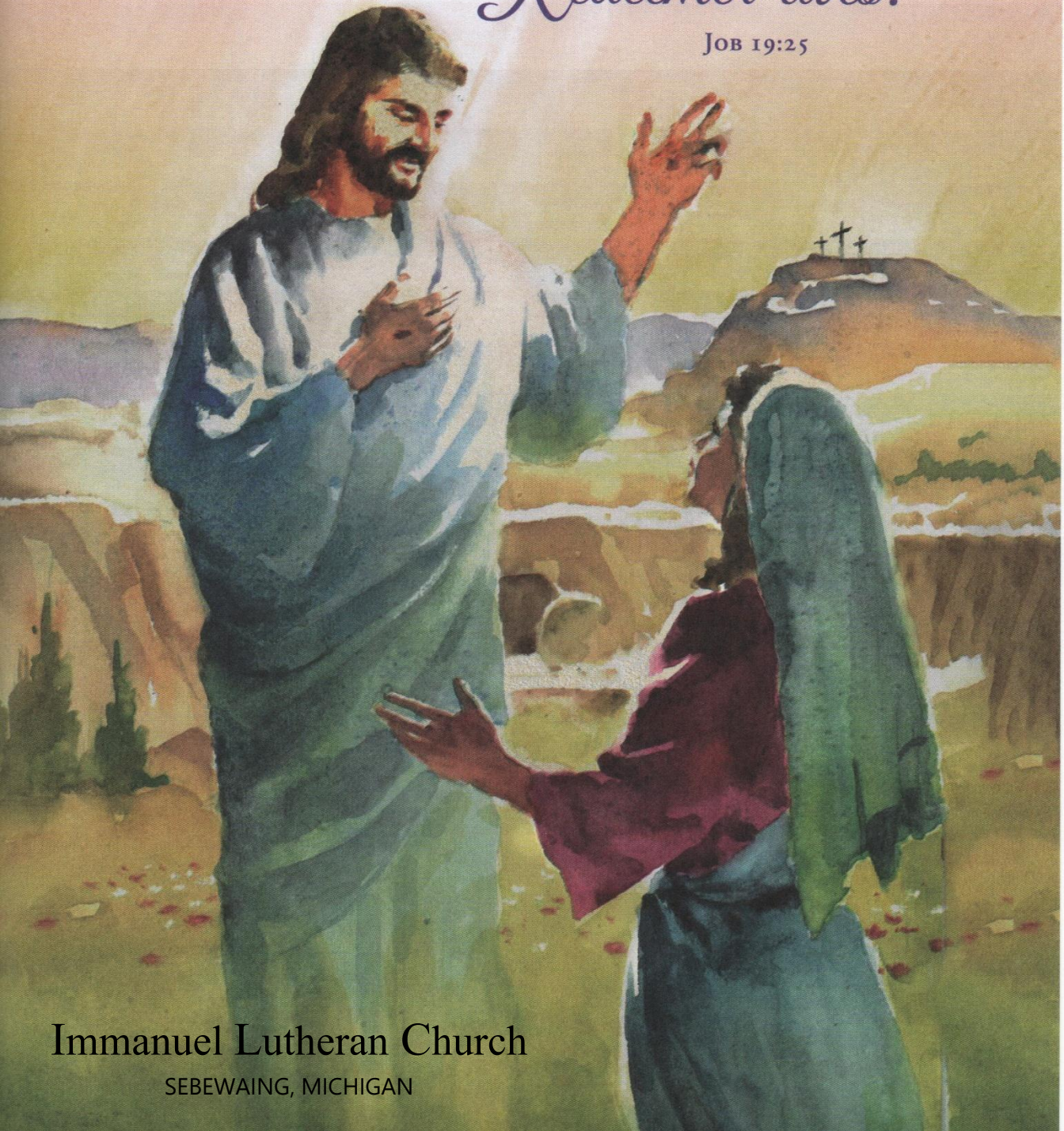


I KNOW THAT MY  
*Redeemer lives.*

JOB 19:25



Immanuel Lutheran Church

SEBEWAING, MICHIGAN

# Easter & Graduate Sunday

May 17, 2026

## Immanuel Lutheran Church

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### Sunday Worship

9:00 am

with

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and RADIO – 103.7 FM

### Monday Worship

6:30 pm



A Stephen  
Ministry Congregation

### WHO SHOULD COMMUNE HERE

...In the Sacrament of the Altar we receive, as Christ says, His true body and His true blood for the forgiveness of our sins. Those who come to the Lord's Supper at this altar, are those who: 1 Repent of their sins, and earnestly seek to live according to God's will. 2 Trust the Word of Christ that His body and blood are truly present and received here for forgiveness. 3 Confess the faith of the Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod, as a member of this congregation or of another LCMS congregation. If you have questions about our communion practice, please speak to the pastor or an elder.

### Philippians 4:6

*...Do not be anxious about anything, but in everything, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God.*

### TODAY'S RADIO BROADCAST

...is underwritten by Ken and Janet Rink.

### VOTERS MEETING

...is TODAY in the great room immediately after worship! Have your Kids with you? Sunday School is available in the church basement.

### PARADE WALKERS

...of all ages are needed to hand out pro-life merchandise or simply to walk in the Bad Axe Memorial Day Weekend Parade on Saturday, May 23<sup>rd</sup>. Volunteers need to arrive at the Bad Axe Middle School before 9:30am. Contact Mary Jo 989-954-7028.

### BULLETIN COVERS

...for this last Sunday of Easter were given in honor of all glory of our Risen Savior.

### EVANGELISM BOARD

...Thank you to all who donated to the Operation Hope and Care at Good Samaritan Rescue Mission in Bay City. These items will help fill the totes given to the homeless upon entering the rescue mission. "My commandment is this: love one another just as I love you." John 15:12. Thank you again!

### ATTENTION HIGH SCHOOL SENIORS

...There is a scholarship fund available for anyone going to a Lutheran college to enter into church work. That may be a Pastor, Teacher, Deacon, Deaconess, Director of Christian Education, Minister of Music or Youth Director. Immanuel's Couples Club began this in 1951; there were many rummage sales held to raise money for this scholarship. Please contact Darlene Werschky at 989-883-2785 for more information.

## **IN OUR PRAYERS**

+ Today we celebrate all of our **Graduates!** We wish you all God's Blessings today and on all your future endeavors.

### **SPECIAL NEEDS**

...Lois Dressler, Scott Adams, Lorraine Morey, Kevin Weeks, John Volz, Cassie (Molina) Kerinuk, Loretta Tope, Marlene Faber, Warren Beers, Joan Walz, Gil & Joy Sprague, Nancy Pommerenke, Gary Volz, Nelda Gnagey, Chuck Dutcher, LoAnn Rieman, Ernie Sbresney III, Sue McGathy, Jim Simmet, Barb Nitz, Collin Nitz, Frank Gunsell, Ian Faist, Wayne Morris, Karen Swartzendruber, Stephen Sprague, Scott Smith, Brenda Chambers, Rick Chambers, Christine Brown, and Hank & Sandy Brandt.

## **CHURCH ATTENDANCE**

...Sunday, May 10, 2026; 9:00 – 224; Monday, 6:30 – 38

## **THE LUCKHARD MUSEUM – THE INDIAN MISSION**

...will be open on Sunday, May 17, from 2-4pm. Stop by for a tour and a visit! Bring your family and children! See you at the museum!

## **LISTEN TO THE LUTHERAN HOUR**

...every Sunday morning on WLEW 1340AM at 11:10, WMIC AM 660 at 10:05 or WSAM AM 1340 at 8:30. Today's Lutheran Hour message is "Don't Despise Small Beginnings" with Lutheran Hour speaker Rev. Dr. Michael Zeigler. Our small efforts to become the people Jesus saved us to be might seem insignificant, but small efforts compound. (Acts 1:14)

## **POSITIVE ALTERNATIVES BABY BOTTLE BOOMERANG**

...will be held until Father's Day. The bottles are available for you to take from the displays by the church office and in the narthex. Please fill with your change or bills and return to the same areas. Positive Alternatives is a Christ-centered ministry serving women who are facing an unwanted, unplanned or at-risk pregnancy.

# **School News**

## **FROM THE PRINCIPAL**

...God blessed us with wonderful weather for Field Day last Friday. Our Kindergarten and First Graders were able to join us in Sebewaing for a fun afternoon filled with group activities. Thank you to the Zagatas for donating the ice cream sandwiches for a treat!

...The Unionville campus also enjoyed their "Mommy and Muffins" day last Friday morning. We are so blessed to be able to have these memorable moments for our students and the important people in their lives.

...Congratulations to three of our Eighth Graders on their Confirmation today at St. Paul. God's richest blessings to Bentley Saenz, Ella Sattelberg, and Emily Sattelberg as they take this next step in their faith journey!

...Do you still need flowers or garden plants? Have you already planted your garden, and you need to replant your vegetables? The Buds to Blooms fundraiser is now through the end of May. Simply let them know at checkout that you are shopping for Christ the King. A portion of your sales will come back to the school. Happy planting!

...Track season is coming to an end. The girls competed in Regionals yesterday. This is the qualifying race for the state meet on May 30th. Watch for an update in next week's bulletin.

...CTK Lunch Program: Are you interested in being a part of our Adopt Our Salad Bar for a Day program, but aren't sure what to do next? Pick up a brochure at the back of our church.

## Our Lord's Business this Week May 17 – May 24

- SUNDAY:            8:30 AM    Graduate Reception  
                      9:00 AM    **WORSHIP/Communion**  
                      10:15 AM   Sunday School & **Voters' Meeting**
- MONDAY:           5:00 PM    Finance  
                      **6:30 PM    WORSHIP/Communion**
- TUESDAY:          6:00 PM    Public School Confirmation Class
- WEDNESDAY:      8:05 AM    Chapel – CTK 6-8 handbells play  
                      9:30 AM    Adult Bible Class  
                      12:00 PM   Bulletin Deadline  
                      4:00 PM    Newsletter deadline
- THURSDAY:        Church Office Closed
- FRIDAY:            CTK – No School/Church Office Closed
- NEXT SUNDAY:     8:30 AM    Music and Fellowship in the Great Room  
                      9:00 AM    **WORSHIP/Communion**  
                      10:15 AM   Sunday School & Bible Study
- NEXT MONDAY:    CTK – No School/Church Office Closed

### **SERVING NEXT WEEK (MAY 24)**

Elders:            9:00-John Kemp & Jeff Williamson  
Acolytes:        9:00-Aria Russell & Brooklynn Bills  
Greeters:        9:00-Pat & Kari Stecker  
Scrip:            9:00-Lois Bohn  
Ushers:           9:00-GROUP 6: Rodney Bohn, James Bohn, Ethan Bohn,  
                      Troy Streiter, Tom Williamson

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Immanuel Lutheran Church, Sebewaing

# Seventh Sunday of Easter

May 17, 2026

9:00 am

## Divine Service 1

### *Announcements*

Hymn – *Fight the Good Fight* – Peter Boyer, trumpet

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### Divine Service 3

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Invocation, Confession and Absolution

### Introit

I will sing of steadfast love and justice;  
to you, O Lord, I will make music.

Make a joyful noise to the Lord, all the earth!

Serve the Lord with gladness! Come into his presence with singing!

Know that the Lord, he is God!

It is he who made us, and we are his; we are his people, and the sheep of his pasture.

Enter his gates with thanksgiving, and his courts with praise!

Give thanks to him; bless his name!

For the Lord is good; his steadfast love endures forever,  
and his faithfulness to all generations.

**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.**

I will sing of steadfast love and justice;  
to you, O Lord, I will make music.

Kyrie

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This Is the Feast – *Reagan Kemp, timpani*

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Salutation and Collect

O King of glory, Lord of hosts, uplifted in triumph far above all heavens, leave us not without consolation but send us the Spirit of truth whom You promised from the Father; for You live and reign with Him and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

## The First Reading – *Acts 1:12-26*

The Gradual

Christ has risen from the dead.

[God the Father] has crowned him with glory and honor.

He has given him dominion over the works of his hands;  
he has put all things under his feet.

The Epistle – *1 Peter 4:12-19, 5:6-11*

Alleluia & Verse

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The Gospel – *John 17:1-11*

Hymn – *Christ Is the World's Redeemer*

**LSB 539**

Sermon

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## Communion Liturgy

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Prayer of Thanksgiving

The Lord's Prayer

The Words of Our Lord

Agnus Dei



Distribution Hymns

*A Hymn of Glory Let Us Sing*

**LSB 493**

*Sarabande – Annalise Harder, bass recorder*

*Little Menuett – Annalise Harder, bass recorder*

*Christ the Lord Is Risen Today; Alleluia*

**LSB 463**

*Oh, For a Thousand Tongues to Sing – Peter Boyer, trumpet*

**LSB 528**

Thank the Lord

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Post-Communion Collect

Benediction

Closing Hymn – *Crown Him with Many Crowns – Peter Boyer, trumpet*

**LSB 525**

## Acts 1:12-26

Then [the apostles] returned to Jerusalem from the mount called Olivet, which is near Jerusalem, a Sabbath day's journey away. <sup>13</sup>And when they had entered, they went up to the upper room, where they were staying, Peter and John and James and Andrew, Philip and Thomas, Bartholomew and Matthew, James the son of Alphaeus and Simon the Zealot and Judas the son of James. <sup>14</sup>All these with one accord were devoting themselves to prayer, together with the women and Mary the mother of Jesus, and his brothers.

<sup>15</sup>In those days Peter stood up among the brothers (the company of persons was in all about 120) and said, <sup>16</sup>“Brothers, the Scripture had to be fulfilled, which the Holy Spirit spoke beforehand by the mouth of David concerning Judas, who became a guide to those who arrested Jesus. <sup>17</sup>For he was numbered among us and was allotted his share in this ministry.” <sup>18</sup>(Now this man bought a field with the reward of his wickedness, and falling headlong he burst open in the middle and all his bowels gushed out. <sup>19</sup>And it became known to all the inhabitants of Jerusalem, so that the field was called in their own language Akeldama, that is, Field of Blood.) <sup>20</sup>“For it is written in the Book of Psalms,

“‘May his camp become desolate,  
and let there be no one to dwell in it’;  
and

“‘Let another take his office.’”

<sup>21</sup>So one of the men who have accompanied us during all the time that the Lord Jesus went in and out among us, <sup>22</sup>beginning from the baptism of John until the day when he was taken up from us—one of these men must become with us a witness to his resurrection.”

<sup>23</sup>And they put forward two, Joseph called Barsabbas, who was also called Justus, and Matthias. <sup>24</sup>And they prayed and said, “You, Lord, who know the hearts of all, show which one of these two you have chosen <sup>25</sup>to take the

place in this ministry and apostleship from which Judas turned aside to go to his own place.” <sup>26</sup>And they cast lots for them, and the lot fell on Matthias, and he was numbered with the eleven apostles.

## 1 Peter 4:12-19; 5:6-11

Beloved, do not be surprised at the fiery trial when it comes upon you to test you, as though something strange were happening to you. <sup>13</sup>But rejoice insofar as you share Christ's sufferings, that you may also rejoice and be glad when his glory is revealed. <sup>14</sup>If you are insulted for the name of Christ, you are blessed, because the Spirit of glory and of God rests upon you. <sup>15</sup>But let none of you suffer as a murderer or a thief or an evildoer or as a meddler. <sup>16</sup>Yet if anyone suffers as a Christian, let him not be ashamed, but let him glorify God in that name. <sup>17</sup>For it is time for judgment to begin at the household of God; and if it begins with us, what will be the outcome for those who do not obey the gospel of God?

<sup>18</sup>And “If the righteous is scarcely saved, what will become of the ungodly and the sinner?” <sup>19</sup>Therefore let those who suffer according to God's will entrust their souls to a faithful Creator while doing good. . . .

<sup>6</sup>Humble yourselves, therefore, under the mighty hand of God so that at the proper time he may exalt you, <sup>7</sup>casting all your anxieties on him, because he cares for you. <sup>8</sup>Be sober-minded; be watchful. Your adversary the devil prowls around like a roaring lion, seeking someone to devour. <sup>9</sup>Resist him, firm in your faith, knowing that the same kinds of suffering are being experienced by your brotherhood throughout the world. <sup>10</sup>And after you have suffered a little while, the God of all grace, who has called you to his eternal glory in Christ, will himself restore, confirm, strengthen, and establish you. <sup>11</sup>To him be the dominion forever and ever. Amen.

## John 17:1-11

When Jesus had spoken these words, he lifted up his eyes to heaven, and said, "Father, the hour has come; glorify your Son that the Son may glorify you,<sup>2</sup> since you have given him authority over all flesh, to give eternal life to all whom you have given him.<sup>3</sup> And this is eternal life, that they know you the only true God, and Jesus Christ whom you have sent.<sup>4</sup> I glorified you on earth, having accomplished the work that you gave me to do.<sup>5</sup> And now, Father, glorify me in your own presence with the glory that I had with you before the world existed.

<sup>6</sup>"I have manifested your name to the people whom you gave me out of the world. Yours they were, and you gave them to me, and they have kept your word.<sup>7</sup> Now they know that

everything that you have given me is from you.<sup>8</sup> For I have given them the words that you gave me, and they have received them and have come to know in truth that I came from you; and they have believed that you sent me.<sup>9</sup> I am praying for them. I am not praying for the world but for those whom you have given me, for they are yours.<sup>10</sup> All mine are yours, and yours are mine, and I am glorified in them.<sup>11</sup> And I am no longer in the world, but they are in the world, and I am coming to you. Holy Father, keep them in your name, which you have given me, that they may be one, even as we are one."

PREACHER: Rev Michael Boyer  
ELDERS: John Kemp & Jeff Williamson  
ORGANIST: Barbara Bleck  
ACOLYTES: Emersynn Reige & Hunter Zuzga  
GREETERS: Janet Sharpsteen & Pat Holland  
SCRIP: Kari Stecker  
USHERS: GROUP 5: Jim Engelhardt, Mike Wildner, Dave Wildner, Drew Rievert, Chase Rievert, Warren Volz, Evan Volz, Roger Bloomfield, Tim Smith, John Markiewicz

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***Congratulations  
High School Seniors!***

Chloe Beringer  
Annie Bowman  
Peter Boyer  
Caleb Brink  
Ethan Dexter  
Tayler Ewald  
Kody Fritz  
Ryder Gangler  
Lincoln Haag

Erin Jubar  
Owen Kauffold  
Cole Kelly  
McKenna Kemp  
Jacob Kieliszewski  
Evan Konecny  
Cyriel Reige  
Madison Tietz

***Congratulations  
8<sup>th</sup> grade graduates!***

Ben Bowman  
Trevor Brink  
Samuel Hofmeister  
Addison Kelly  
Madison Reithel  
Oscar Schulz  
Mya Sweetman

***Congratulations***

Dalton Anderson on graduating from Delta.



# Provide For The People You Love And The Ministries You Care About

At your baptism the Lord gave you the gift of life. He also placed in your heart the desire to be generous with the earthly blessings He shares with you.

**Lifetime Plan for Giving™** is a process offered by the LCMS Foundation to assist you in transferring the blessings God has given you to your family and favorite ministries in the most efficient manner.

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- The important documents everyone should have before going to Heaven.
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## LIFETIME PLAN FOR GIVING WORKSHOP

Immanuel  
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Sunday, June 14<sup>th</sup>



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**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.**

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

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.