

The Congregation at Prayer

New Hope Lutheran Church

Ossian, Indiana

A Guide for Daily Meditation and Prayer

For the Week of Pentecost

Beginning May 31, 2020

*Theme: The Holy Spirit Gives Peace.**

Invocation

In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

Apostles' Creed

Verse: John 14:26 (ESV)

“[Jesus said], ‘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.’”

Psalm 143

*The Catechism: The Third Article***

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.	Preschool +
<i>What does this mean?</i> 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.	Second Grade +

Readings for the Week of Pentecost

Day	Bible Narrative	Second Reading
Sunday	Pentecost: “Peace I leave with you...”—John 14:23-31	
Monday	Pentecost Monday: Acts 10:34a, 42-48	John 3:16-21
Tuesday	Pentecost Tuesday: Acts 8:14-17	Isaiah 32:14-20
Wednesday	The Genealogy of Jesus—Matthew 1:1-17	Isaiah 1:16-20
Thursday	The Baptism of Our Lord—Matthew 3:13-17	Isaiah 2:2-5
Friday	The Temptation of Our Lord—Matthew 4:1-11	Isaiah 3:1-11
Saturday	Holy Trinity: Isaiah 6:1-7	Romans 11:33-36

Prayers: ***

Collect for the Day of Pentecost

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.**

Prayer on the Catechism, The Third Article: Holy Spirit, by our own reason or strength we cannot believe in Jesus Christ or come to Him, but You have called us by the Gospel and enlightened us with Your gifts in Word and Sacrament. By your grace, keep us steadfast in the one true faith unto life everlasting. Through Jesus Christ, our Lord, **Amen.**

Collect in Time of Pestilence

O God, You desire not the death of sinners, but rather that we turn from our wickedness and live. Graciously behold Your people who plead to You and spare us. Withdraw the scourge of Your wrath and be moved in mercy to turn away this pestilence from us; for the sake of Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

In Our Prayers This Week

For all affected by COVID-19, healthcare workers, government; for an increase in faith and love among believers during this pandemic; that the unrepentant would confess their sin, believe in Christ for forgiveness, and be united to Christ through baptism in His holy body, the Church. (Consider praying the Litany on pg. 288 of Lutheran Service Book)

Lord's Prayer and Morning or Evening Prayer from the Catechism

The Hymn of the Week: "Come, Holy Ghost, God and Lord" LSB 497

Looking forward to Holy Trinity

June 7, 2020

Readings: Isaiah 6:1–7
Romans 11:33–36
John 3:1–15 (16–17)

The Holy Trinity Reveals Himself to Sinners

When Isaiah beheld the glory of the Lord, he cried out "*Woe is me!*" For the sinner cannot stand in the presence of a holy God and live (Is. 6:1–7). But God the Father lifted up His Son Jesus for us on the cross, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have eternal life. This eternal life of Christ is given us according to the Holy Spirit's good pleasure in Baptism. "*Unless one is born [again] of water and the Spirit, he cannot enter the kingdom of God*" (John 3:5). To sinners in fear of death, the messengers of God place on our lips the living body and blood of Christ and speak His words of absolution, "*Your guilt is taken away, and your sin atoned for*" (Is. 6:7). Having received forgiveness and life from the Father through the Son by the Holy Spirit, we join with the angels in praising the blessed Trinity, "*Holy, holy, holy is the LORD of hosts!*" (Is. 6:3). "*For from Him and through Him and to Him are all things. To Him be glory forever. Amen*" (Rom. 11:33–36).*

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