

The Congregation at Prayer

New Hope Lutheran Church, Ossian, Indiana

A Guide for Daily Meditation and Prayer

For the Week of Pentecost

Beginning May 23, 2021

*Theme: "The Holy Spirit Gives Peace"**

(Congregation speaks non-italic boldface text)

Invocation

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

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.***

Verse: 1 John 4:19 (ESV): "We love because He first loved us."****

Psalm: 118:15-29

The Catechism: The Table of Duties---To Widows, To Everyone**

<i>Table of Duties---To Widows --- What is 1 Timothy 5:5-6?</i> The widow who is really in need and left all alone puts her hope in God and continues night and day to pray and to ask God for help.	Third Grade +
But the widow who lives for pleasure is dead even while she lives.	Fourth Grade +
<i>Table of Duties---To Everyone---What is Romans 13:9?</i> The commandments...are summed up in this one rule: "Love your neighbor as yourself."	First Grade +
<i>What is 1 Timothy 2:1?</i> I urge...that requests, prayers, intercession and thanksgiving be made for everyone.	Second Grade +

Readings for the week of Pentecost

Day	Bible Narrative	Second Reading
<i>Sunday</i>	<i>Pentecost— If Anyone Loves Me He Will Keep My Word—John 14:23-31</i>	
<i>Monday</i>	<i>The Ascension of Our Lord—Acts 1:1-14</i>	<i>2 Kings 2:1-15</i>
<i>Tuesday</i>	<i>Matthias is Chosen to Fill Judas's Office—Acts 1:12-26</i>	<i>Isaiah 52:7-10</i>
<i>Wednesday</i>	<i>The Feast of Pentecost—Acts 2:1-13</i>	<i>Genesis 11:1-9</i>
<i>Thursday</i>	<i>Peter's Sermon on the Prophet Joel—Acts 2:14-21</i>	<i>Isaiah 43:5-13</i>
<i>Friday</i>	<i>Peter Calls the Church to Repentance—Acts 2:22-36</i>	<i>Psalm 68:18-20, 32-35</i>
<i>Saturday</i>	<i>The Call of Isaiah—Isaiah 6:1-7</i>	<i>Romans 11:33-36</i>

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 – To Widows: Jesus Christ, You have made the Church Your bride through Your suffering and death. Grant that all widows would not lose hope but trust fully in your mercy and pray fervently in all circumstances. Comfort, uphold and support them in every need, through Jesus Christ our Lord, **Amen.**

Prayer on the Catechism – To Everyone: Heavenly Father, You so loved us that You gave Your only Son to die for us. In this we know love. By the power of Your Holy Spirit, grant that we may love our neighbors as we love ourselves and pray fervently for all people, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, **Amen.**

In our prayers this week: Daryl Doehrmann; Marlene Eschenbacher; Timothy and Lynette Esslinger; Donald and Charlene Ferrell; Nathan, Megan, Magdalen, and Delilah Ferrell; Dennis, Darlene, Trent, and Troy Fiedler; Keith and Janet Fuller.

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

Morning Prayer: **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 Prayer: **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.****

The Hymn of the Week: “Come, Holy Ghost, Creator Blest” LSB 498 (stanzas 1 and 6)

Looking forward to Trinity

May 30, 2021

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

Theme: “The Holy Trinity Reveals Himself to Sinners”*

Lectionary Summary: “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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*Themes and lectionary summary provided by www.lcms.org/worship/lectionary-summaries. Last accessed 05/19/2020.

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