

Day of Pentecost

June 8, 2025

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On the day of Pentecost, Jesus sent the Holy Spirit to guide and counsel the first believers. All that he taught them while he was with them would be recalled to them by the power of the Spirit as they needed it. That same Spirit moves within all the various expressions of the Church today, guiding believers to keep the Word of Christ, which is also the Word of the Father who sent Him.



THIS WEEK’S SCRIPTURE TEXTS

First Lesson: Genesis 11:1-9

God Confuses the People’s Language

The descendants of Noah made their way eastward and settled in the fertile valley that was supplied by the two rivers that surrounded it. Even though God told the descendants of Noah to be fruitful and multiply and fill the earth with their offspring, they did not want to separate from one another. Instead, they wanted to build a tower to heaven and make a name for themselves.

Psalm 143

Prayer for Pardon and Relief

The psalmist laid out his anguish before the Lord and asked not to be judged too harshly, saying no one is righteous before God. He was pursued and crushed by the enemy; his spirit was broken and in need of God’s loving mercy.

Second Lesson: Acts 2:1-21

The Holy Spirit Arrives

As the disciples were gathered together in the same house, the fulfillment of Jesus’ promised Holy Spirit was realized. The sound of a rushing wind indicated the Spirit’s powerful arrival. The entire dwelling was filled with the wind of the Spirit, and tongues of fire landed on all who were present. Each one spoke in different languages, yet all could understand each other.

Gospel Lesson: John 14:23-31

Those Who Love Christ Keep His Word

Judas inquired how Jesus would show himself to them, and the response was to keep his word. The Holy Spirit was to be sent to the disciples and would then teach them and help them to recall all that Jesus said to them while he was with them.

Suggestions for the Day:

- * The liturgical color is red.
- * Use the Kyrie and the Hymn of Praise.
- * A Gospel procession is appropriate for the day. Read the Gospel in the midst of the congregation.
- * Use the Nicene Creed.
- * Be creative! Consider decorating the worship space with lots of red in addition to the red paraments on the altar: red flowers, red balloons (to signify the wind of the Spirit), maybe a red mobile that seems to float in the worship space.
- * There is a pattern on Pinterest for making doves out of paper doilies. Have the children make doves and hang them in the worship space.

SUGGESTED HYMNS FOR WORSHIP

Hymn Titles:	LBW	WOV	LSB	ELW	REC	Sola
O Holy Spirit, Enter In	459	---	913	786	---	---
Breathe on Me, Breath of God	488	---	---	---	217	217
Hail Thee, Festival Day	142	---	489	394	---	---
O Day Full of Grace	161	---	503	627	165	165
Come, Holy Ghost, God and Lord	163	---	497	395	166	166
Holy Spirit, Ever Dwelling	523	---	650	582	---	---
Come Down, O Love Divine	508	---	501	804	---	---
Lord, Listen to Your Children Praying	---	775	---	752	21	21
Blest Be the Tie that Binds	370	---	649	656	48	48
To God the Holy Spirit, Let Us Pray	317	---	768	743	167	167

The hymn suggestions above can be found in: LBW= Lutheran Book of Worship, WOV= With One Voice, ELW= Evangelical Lutheran Worship (Augsburg Fortress); LSB= The Lutheran Service Book (Concordia Publishing), REC= The ReClaim Hymnal for Church and Home (ReClaim Resources), and *** means you can find it on SOWeR at “Hymns and Music.”

CONTEMPORARY SONGS

Praise Song Titles
Wind of the Spirit (CCLI# 806416)
Spirit Song (CCLI# 27824)
Build Your Kingdom Here (CCLI# 6186078)
Holy Spirit (CCLI# 6087919)
Here For You (CCLI #5925649)

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