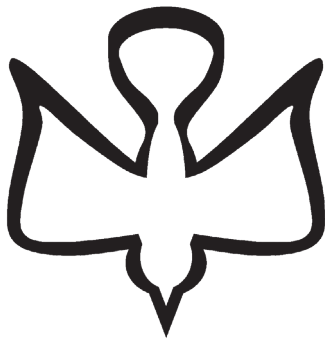


Day of Pentecost

May 19, 2024

Day of Pentecost (Year B)

While Jesus remained with his friends, he promised that after he left them he would send a helper to accompany them on their faith journey. The Holy Spirit is that helper and constant presence in our lives that brings us to faith, leads us, prays for us when we cannot find the words, and grants us the gifts to carry out Christ’s mission to the world. We are continually being formed and shaped by the Spirit.



THIS WEEK’S SCRIPTURE TEXTS

First Lesson: Ezekiel 37:1-14

Dry Bones

The Lord came to Ezekiel and granted him a vision of Israel’s resurrection from the dead. Through the breath of life, God’s promise was to bring withered, lifeless, dry bones back to vitality. This image served as a promise to Israel that they would be brought home from the place of death and restored to a new life in God’s presence.

Psalm 139:1-12 (13-16)

You Know What My Life Will Be

The psalmist sang of the omniscient power of the God who created him. There is nothing that can be hidden from God: not thoughts or movements, not emotions or the condition of his body.

Second Lesson: Acts 2:1-21

A Mighty Rushing Wind

As Jesus had promised while he was still with his followers, the Holy Spirit arrived on Pentecost while they were gathered together in the same house. The sound of the Spirit was like a rushing wind that filled the entire dwelling and landed on each of them who were present as a divided tongue of fire. All who were gathered spoke different languages, yet all were able to understand one another.

Gospel Lesson: John 15:26-27; 16:4b-15

Jesus Sent a Helper

Jesus promised to send to his followers a helper; this advocate and guide is the Holy Spirit of God. The Spirit would bear witness to Jesus as will the disciples, Jesus explained. Jesus told the disciples that he had to go away so that the Helper could come to them. Whatever belonged to Jesus, he said, will now belong to them.

Suggestions for the Day:

- Liturgical Color: Red
- Find the Rite of Confirmation on the Liturgy and Services page of SOWeR.
- There is an editable Confirmation Certificate on the Pentecost Summer Seasonal page. Simply download this interactive PDF, fill in the pertinent information and print.
- Consider reading the Second Lesson from Acts 2 simultaneously from different language translations to give the worshipping community the feel for what it might have been like on that first Pentecost Sunday. For different language translations, try biblegateway.com. They have translations in many languages, including Spanish, French, Chinese and Russian.

SUGGESTED HYMNS FOR WORSHIP

Hymn Titles:	LBW	WOV	LSB	ELW	REC	Sola
O Day Full of Grace	161	---	503	627	165	165
Spirit of Gentleness	---	684	---	396	---	---
There’s a Wideness in God’s Mercy	290	---	---	587	186	186
Every Time I Feel the Spirit	---	---	---	---	---	web
Holy Spirit, Ever Dwelling	523	---	650	582	---	---
Spirit of God, Descend Upon My Heart	486	---	---	800	---	---
Come, Holy Ghost, God and Lord	163	---	497	395	166	166
Lord Jesus Christ, Be Present Now	253	---	902	527	44	44
Lord, Speak to Us That We May Speak	403	---	---	676	267	267
Nearer, My God, to Thee	---	---	---	---	255	255

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:**
- Holy Spirit (CCLI# 6087919)
 - Fresh Wind (CCLI# 7166857)
 - Fall Like Rain (CCLI# 7214412)
 - Holy Spirit, Come (CCLI# 7165620)
 - Holy Spirit, Living Breath of God (CCLI# 4779872)

The contemporary song suggestions above are noted by their CCLI number. To print these songs, a congregation must have a CCLI license.