

“The Holy Spirit: Creator of the Church”



**5** PRAY THE PSALM OF THE WEEK **Wisdom 1:7; Psalm 68:1, 3, 4, 11, 33, 35**

The Spirit of the Lord fills the world. Alle- | luia.\*  
 Let the righ- | teous be glad;  
 let them rejoice be- | fore God;\*  
 yes, let them rejoice exceedingly. Alle- | luia.  
 Let God arise, let His enemies be | scattered;\*  
 let those also who hate Him flee be- | fore Him.  
 Sing to God, sing praises | to His name;\*  
 extol Him who rides | on the clouds.  
 The Lord | gave the Word;\*  
 great was the company of those who pro- | claimed it.  
 He sends out His voice, a | mighty voice.\*  
 The God of Israel gives strength and power to His | people.  
 nor His mercy | from me!

**6** SAY TOGETHER THE VERSE OF THE WEEK **John 14:27**

“Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you. Not as the world gives do I give to you. Let not your hearts be troubled, neither let them be afraid.”

**7** READ THE SCRIPTURE AND DEVOTION (OTHER SIDE OF THE PAGE)

**8** PRAY THE PRAYER OF THE WEEK

O God our merciful Father, who taught the hearts of Your faithful people by sending to them the light of Your Holy Spirit, bring us by the same Spirit to have a right judgment in all things and evermore to rejoice in His holy comfort: through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who with You and the Holy Spirit lives and reigns, one God, now and forever. Amen.

**9** PRAYER FOR OURSELVES AND OTHERS

**10** SING OR SAY THE HYMN OF THE WEEK  
**Come, Holy Ghost, God and Lord!**

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 Martin Luther



1. Come, Holy Ghost, God and Lord!  
 Be all Thy graces now out poured  
 On each believer's mind and heart;  
 Thy fervent love to them impart.  
 Lord, by the brightness of Thy light,  
 Thou in the faith dost men unite  
 Of every land and every tongue;  
 This to Thy praise, O Lord, our God, be sung.  
 Hallelujah! Hallelujah!

2. Thou holy Light, Guide Divine  
 Oh, cause the Word of Life to shine!  
 Teach us to know our God aright  
 And call Him Father with delight.  
 From every error keep us free;

Let none but Christ our Master be  
 That we in living faith abide,  
 In Him, our Lord, with all our might confide.  
 Hallelujah! Hallelujah!

3. Thou holy Fire, Comfort true,  
 Grant us the will Thy work to do  
 And in Thy service to abide;  
 Let trials turn us not aside.  
 Lord, by Thy power prepare each heart  
 And to our weakness strength impart  
 That bravely here we may contend,  
 Through life and death to Thee, our Lord, as-  
 cend.  
 Hallelujah! Hallelujah!

**1** BLESS YOURSELF WITH THE HOLY CROSS AND SAY:  
 In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**2** SAY THE 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.

**3** PRAY THE LORD'S PRAYER  
 Our Father, who art in  
 heaven,  
 hallowed be Thy name,  
 Thy kingdom come,  
 Thy will be done on earth as it  
 is in heaven.  
 Give us this day our daily  
 bread;  
 and forgive us our trespasses  
 as we forgive those who  
 trespass against us;  
 and lead us not into  
 temptation,  
 but deliver us from evil.  
 For Thine is the kingdom and  
 the power and the glory  
 forever and ever. Amen.

**4** PRAY THE MORNING OR EVENING PRAYER

*Morning.* 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.* 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.

**THEME OF THE WEEK: The Holy Spirit: Creator of the Church**

When Jesus ascends to fill all things, He also sends to us the great gift of the Holy Spirit. Through the Holy Spirit we are taught the words of the Father and Son. We are granted the peace of God. We are strengthened to live holy lives. We are told of the steadfast love and mighty works of God in His forgiving our sin and bringing us to eternal life. We are taught the commands of God and learn to love them as a precious gift. And so much more. The Holy Spirit brings to us all the gifts of God, including Christ Himself, so that we would be steadfast in the faith until we are called from this life to life everlasting.

SUN

**SCRIPTURE: John 14:23-31 – Words of the Trinity**

God gives us words. They flow from the Father to the Son. They are words of eternal life. And now that Christ has ascended, the Holy Spirit has been sent to bring those same words to us. Jesus says that the Holy Spirit comes to us for this purpose, to teach us all things and to bring to our remembrance His words. From those words flow to us the great gift of peace. As we live in a world which brings us tribulation, we have words from the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit which bring us peace, eternal peace in the forgiveness of our sins, and which make us unafraid. *Blessed Trinity, we give You thanks for speaking Your words of peace and life to us that we may be strengthened in this life to life everlasting. Amen.*

MON

**SCRIPTURE: Psalm 48 – The Steadfast Love of God**

“We have thought on Your steadfast love, O God, in the midst of Your temple.” So sings the church. We are consumed with considering the steadfast love of God. We can’t get it off our minds. We can’t stop singing about it or talking about it or confessing it. It’s on our lips and minds and heart. Because there is no greater thing for us to consider: our Lord has created us, redeemed us, sanctified us in the truth, has preserved us in the true faith, and will call us to be with Him to await that Last Day when we are raised to eternal life. He does all this because of His steadfast love toward us, that which we hear over and over in His temple, the church. *Dear Jesus, thank You for loving me even unto death that I would live eternally with You. Amen.*

TUE

**SCRIPTURE: 1 Peter 4:7-11 e – For Your Neighbor**

The Lord exhorts us to use the gifts we have been given for the benefit of our neighbor. We are to love one another in order to cover their sins. We use our love, received from God in our forgiveness, to forgive those who sin against us. We show hospitality joyfully, for the Lord has been hospitable in giving Himself over into death for us. Even our self-control and sober-mindedness is for the benefit of others, that we would learn to pray for them diligently. From these things, from living a Holy Christian life, the Lord Himself is glorified, because it reflects who He is and what He has done for us. *Holy Lord, help me to live a holy life toward You and my neighbor, that You may be glorified by my works and words. Amen.*

WED

**SCRIPTURE: Joel 2:28-32 – The Spirit of God Who Rescues Us**

At Pentecost, the words of the Prophet Joel come to pass. The Lord’s Spirit is poured out on the multitude. The Son has ascended and the Holy Spirit has been sent to bring all people to a saving knowledge of Jesus. The Holy Spirit descends to bring to our minds and hearts the name which is above every name, the name of Jesus, at which every knee shall bow, and upon which many will call and be saved. The Holy Spirit has descended and rescued many from the bondage of sin, death, and the devil, calling them out of darkness and into His light. And this is true not just for those at Pentecost, but for us also. *Heavenly Father, thank You for sending Your spirit to me through Your Word that I may call upon the name of Jesus and be saved. Amen.*

THU

**SCRIPTURE: John 14:15-21 – Delightful Commandments**

One of the reasons the Holy Spirit is given to us is so we learn to rejoice in and love the Lord’s Commandments. Jesus tells us that if we love Him we must keep His commandments. He is not saying that we must keep the law perfectly in order to be saved. Rather, those who love the Lord will also love and cherish His Words. They will guard and keep His commands. By the Holy Spirit we learn that these words are not simply rules for how to live your best life now, but they are God’s ordering of creation for our good and the good of our neighbor. They are a delight to us, because the Holy Spirit has made them a delight. *Blessed Lord, help me to always delight in Your Commandments. Amen.*

FRI

**SCRIPTURE: Ephesians 4:7-16 – The Gift of the Pastor**

When Jesus ascends and sends the Holy Spirit, one of the gifts He gives us is the Office of the Holy Ministry. The office exists to equip the saints with His Word. It exists to perform the ministry of Word and Sacrament to deliver the faith. It exists to build up Christ’s body, the Church, through His teaching. Using pastors, Jesus guards us from false doctrine, that would shipwreck our faith. He unites us in true doctrine, and teaches us to love one another as Christ has loved us. We learn from pastors to love through pure doctrine and the forgiveness of sins. That’s what the Holy Spirit gives through the Office of Pastor. *Dear Jesus, thank You for sending me pastors who teach me the faith that saves. Amen.*

SAT

**SCRIPTURE: Psalm 145 – The Mighty Work of Salvation**

We are charged, as God’s people, to proclaim the deeds of the Lord from one generation to the next. And while there are many great and mighty wonders which the Lord has performed: the Red Sea, the Manna, the many healings, etc., there is one which stands greater than all the others and which the others point us toward. The Lord, being gracious and merciful, comes into our flesh, dies our death, crushes the serpents head, draws us out of bondage, and is raised on the third day. The Lord, in His mercy, forgives our sins. The Lord promises the resurrection of our bodies on the Last Day. Such are the wondrous works of God. Such are the things we proclaim. *Blessed Lord, thank You for Your mighty work of saving me and all those You have called. Amen.*

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