

JUNE 4, 2017
PENTECOST SUNDAY



The Holy Spirit has come to live and work in us.

DAILY BIBLE READINGS

These passages are related to the Lectionary texts for this Sunday.

Sunday	Acts 2:1-21	The Holy Spirit Comes
Monday	1 Corinthians 12:3b-13	Spiritual Gifts
Tuesday	John 20:19-23	Jesus gives the Holy Spirit
Wednesday	Acts 4:5-31	Peter and John give witness
Thursday	Joel 2:18-29	God will pour out the Spirit
Friday	Ezekiel 39:7-8, 21-29	The Spirit is promised
Saturday	Psalms 104:24-34, 35b	The Lord cares for creation
Sunday	Genesis 1:1–2:4a	God creates sky and earth

SCRIPTURE VERSE FOR THIS WEEK

“The Spirit has given each of us a special way of serving others.”

1 Corinthians 12:7 (CEV)

PRAYERS AND BLESSING

A Prayer for the Week:

Send your Spirit upon us, Lord. Let our lives do your healing and saving work in the world. Amen.

Mealtime Prayer:

Come, Spirit of God and be our guest, our table to grace and our food to bless. Amen.

A Blessing to Give:

May the Lord Jesus give you peace, fill you with joy, and breathe into you the Holy Spirit.



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HYMN OF THE WEEK

*God of Tempest,
God of Whirlwind*



CARING CONVERSATIONS



Discuss in your home or small group:

- What are your strengths? How do you use them to serve others?
- In 1 Corinthians 12 Paul states that the Spirit gives people a variety of gifts to contribute to the work of the church. How does a variety of gifts make for a healthy church?
- Where do you see the Holy Spirit poured out today?

DEVOTIONS



Read: 1 Corinthians 12:3b-11.

One of the joys of Christian community is helping each other, especially our children, discover and grow into the gifts God has given them. Some of the spiritual gifts the New Testament describes are as follows:

Prophecy—Sharing the Word of God with others.

Helping—A willingness to help others with their needs.

Teaching—An ability to help others understand God’s Word.

Exhortation—The capacity to encourage and motivate others.

Giving—A spirit of generosity.

Leading—The ability to lead and direct others.

Mercy—A sense of compassion for others and a willingness to act on these feelings.

Which of these gifts do you see in yourself and the people around you? Offer a prayer for the gift of the Holy Spirit to strengthen the body of Christ with a variety of gifts.

SERVICE



1 Corinthians 12:7 tells us that the Holy Spirit gives us gifts to use as a special way of serving others. Have a discussion about how members of your household are using their God-given gifts for the sake of others. Brainstorm ways in which you could use them more effectively.

RITUALS AND TRADITIONS



Twice in John 20:19-23 Jesus says to his disciples, “Peace be with you.” It is the greeting of the resurrected Lord that the church has used ever since to address one another. During this next week and beyond, greet others with the words, “**Peace be with you,**” and let it be a witness to your faith in the resurrected Lord Jesus Christ.



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