

FRIDAY — ACTIVITY

Fill in the missing words from the following Scripture verses.

The _____ Spirit _____ of the Lord fills the _____ world _____. Alleluia.. —
Psalm 68:1

Therefore its name was called _____ Babel _____, because there the Lord
confused the _____ language _____ of all the earth. — Genesis 11:9a

“And I will show wonders in the _____ heavens _____ and on the earth,
_____ blood _____ and fire and columns of smoke. The _____ sun _____
shall be turned to darkness, and the _____ moon _____ to blood, before
the great and awesome day of the _____ LORD _____ comes. And it shall
come to pass that everyone who _____ calls _____ on the name of the
_____ LORD _____ shall be _____ saved _____. — Joel 2:30–32a

And in your _____ steadfast _____ love you will cut off my _____ enemies _____,
and you will _____ destroy _____ all the adversaries of my _____ soul _____,
for I am your _____ servant _____. — Psalm 143:12

When the day of _____ Pentecost _____ arrived, they were all together in one
place. And suddenly there came from _____ heaven _____ a sound like a mighty
rushing _____ wind _____, and it filled the entire house where they were
sitting. And divided _____ tongues _____ as of fire appeared to them and rested
on each one of them. And they were all filled with the _____ Holy Spirit _____
and began to _____ speak _____ in other tongues as the Spirit gave them
utterance. — Acts 2:1–4



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The Feast of Pentecost

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INTROIT *Psalm 68:1, 4a, c, 11a, 33b, 35a; antiphon: Liturgical Text; Psalm 68:3*
The Spirit of the Lord fills the world. Alleluia.

The righteous shall be glad.

They shall exult before God;
they shall be jubilant with joy! Alleluia.

God shall arise, his enemies shall be scattered;
and those who hate him shall flee before him!

Sing to God, sing praises to his name;
exult before him!

The Lord gives the word;
behold, he sends out his voice, his mighty voice.

Awesome is God from his sanctuary;
the God of Israel—he is the one who gives power and strength to his people.

Glorify be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit;
as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.

The Spirit of the Lord fills the world. Alleluia.

The righteous shall be glad.

They shall exult before God;
they shall be jubilant with joy! Alleluia..

DAILY READINGS & DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

An answer key is available for download at www.stluth.org/lap

MEMORY VERSE

Psalm 104:30; Liturgical Text

Alleluia. When you send forth your Spirit, they are created, and you renew the face of the ground. Alleluia. Come, Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of the faithful, and kindle in them the fire of your love. Alleluia.

HYMN OF THE WEEK: LSB #497 — Come, Holy Ghost, God and Lord

CATECHISM CONNECTION: The Third Article of the Creed with Explanation

COLLECT OF THE WEEK

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.

DID YOU KNOW?

Pentecost comes from the Greek word *Pentēkostē*, meaning “the fiftieth day.” It is celebrated 50 days after Easter Sunday and is 10 days after Christ’s Ascension. Pentecost is also called “Whitsunday” or “White Sunday.”

MONDAY — THE PSALM

Read Psalm 143

What are some of David’s characteristics toward God?

He desires to be with God and not hidden (verse 7)

David trusts in the Lord. (verse 8)

He clings to God for deliverance from his enemies (verse 9)

David relies on God to direct him. God lifts up his soul. (verse 8) Let Your good Spirit lead me. (verse 10)

TUESDAY — THE OLD TESTAMENT

Read Genesis 11:1-9

What did the people want to build? Why did they build it? (verse 4)

They wanted to make a city with a tower that would reach the heavens. They wanted to make a name for themselves. They wanted to withstand God’s wrath concerning sin. They did not believe God’s Word that He would not destroy the world again with flood waters.

What material did the people use when building?

They made bricks instead of using stone found in nature.

What is the consequence of their rebellion against God?

The Trinity (mentioned as “us” in verse 7) confused their language so that they could not understand one another’s speech and dispersed them over the face of all the earth (verse 8).

WEDNESDAY — THE GOSPEL

Read John 14:23-31

Who is the Helper and why was He sent?

The Holy Spirit is the Helper and was sent by God both the Father and the Son. He will “comfort us in all tribulation, anguish, and sorrow which we must suffer for God” and teach us “the truth: the noble, precious Word of God, the Holy Gospel, the Catechism, Table of Duties, and all that is profitable and good.” (Spangenberg, *The Christian Year of Grace*, page 219)

What event is being referenced in verse 28?

Jesus Christ’s Ascension — I am going away, I am going to the Father

Review *Luther’s Small Catechism with Explanation*, question 3 (pages 48-49) and question 24 (page 61)

THURSDAY — THE EPISTLE

Read Acts 2:1-21

Who are “they” in verse 1?

The apostles

What gift did the Holy Spirit give them in verse 4?

The Holy Spirit gave the apostles “tongues of fire,” the ability to speak in other tongues (languages) that they did not know or were fluent in.

Which lesson is quoted in verses 17-21?

Optional Old Testament — Joel 2:28-32

In the sending of the Holy Spirit at Pentecost, what curse was over turned?

The Curse of Babel

Review *Luther’s Small Catechism with Explanation*, question 62 (pages 88-89) and question 155 (pages 148-149)

CATECHISM CONNECTION

What is the connection of The Third Article of the Creed with Explanation and Pentecost?

It is through the Holy Spirit that: “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.

What does this mean? I believe that I cannot by my own reason or strength believe in Jesus Christ, my Lord, or come to Him; but the Holy Spirit has called me by the Gospel, enlightened me with His gifts, sanctified and kept me in the true faith. In the same way He calls, gathers, enlightens, and sanctifies the whole Christian church on earth, and keeps it with Jesus Christ in the one true faith. In this Christian church He daily and richly forgives all my sins and the sins of all believers. On the Last Day He will raise me and all the dead, and give eternal life to me and all believers in Christ. This is most certainly true.”

Optional Reading & Discussion Questions

Joel 2:28-32

What promise does God give in these verses?

God promises to “pour out my Spirit” to all people. The Holy Spirit has called me by the Gospel, enlightened me with His gifts, sanctified and kept me in the true faith. It is through the Holy Spirit that the church is able to carry out the mission of spreading the Gospel.

Who is responsible for the survivors? (verse 32)

The LORD. We are chosen by His grace.