INVOCATION

L: In the name of the Father and of the Son + and of the Holy Spirit.

G: Amen

PSALM OF THE DAY: PSALM 51b

A: Come, Holy Spirit, renew our hearts and kindle in us the fire of your love.

L: O Lord, open my lips,

G: and my mouth will declare your praise.

L: You do not delight in sacrifice, or I would bring it;

G: you do not take pleasure in burnt offerings.

L: The sacrifices of God are a broken spirit;

G: a broken and contrite heart, O God, you will not despise.

L: Create in me a pure heart, O God,

G: and renew a steadfast spirit within me.

L: Do not cast me from your presence

G: or take your Holy Spirit from me.

L: Restore to me the joy of your salvation,

G: and grant me a willing spirit, to sustain me.

L: Then I will teach transgressors your ways,

G: and sinners will turn back to you.

A: Come, Holy Spirit, renew our hearts and kindle in us the fire of your love.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

L: Holy Spirit, God and Lord, come to us this joyful day with your sevenfold gift of grace. Rekindle in our hearts the holy fire of your love that in a true and living faith we may tell abroad the glory of our Savior, Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with you and the Father, one God, now and forever.

READING & MEDITATION  

PRAYER

LORD’S PRAYER

A: 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.

L: For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever and ever. Amen.

VERSE OF THE DAY

A: Come, Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of your faithful people, and kindle in them the fire of your love. (From the antiphon: Come, Holy Spirit)

BENEDICTION

L: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ and the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

A: Amen

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READING AND MEDITATION:

Pentecost: The fifty days have passed and the promised Holy Spirit is poured out upon the Bride of Christ. The once-hidden gospel is no longer the possession of a chosen few. For the Spirit enables the message of salvation to enflame hearts for bearing witness to the ends of the earth.

As you study this week, seek to find the connecting theme in all the lessons by using Luther’s Four Big Barber Questions to ponder and discuss each individual reading:

1. What is God saying to me in this lesson?
2. For what does this lesson lead me to give thanks?
3. What sins does this lesson lead me to confess?
4. For what does this lesson lead me to pray?

THE GOSPEL: JOHN 15:26, 27
Pilate questioned it, the disciples were confused by it, but Jesus promised it: the Truth. Imagine the overwhelming task before the Twelve: truthful recollection of everything they had heard and seen! Yet the promise of coming Truth not only assured timid disciples then, but disciples today, of perfect recollection. The Spirit proceeded from the Father and the Son to testify not to subjective truth but to essential Truth: the Way, the Truth, and the Life.

My takeaways:

SECOND LESSON: ACTS 2:1-21
The Christ-promised coming of the Holy Spirit reverses the confusion of Babel as the disciples are given the gift of speaking in tongues. In a rush of wind and with tongues of flame the prophecy of Joel is fulfilled. The timidity of the Twelve dissolves in fiery witnessing to the Truth. What began in the streets of Jerusalem, is even now carried to the ends of the earth.

My takeaways:

What major theme(s) connect(s) all the lessons?