



**DAILY BREAD
LECTIONARY DEVOTIONS
PENTECOST—YEAR C**

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 *see next page*

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.
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

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:

FIRST LESSON: GENESIS 11:1-9

The self-glorifying pride of sinful hearts can be seen in the account of the Tower of Babel. The one language of creation was misused as a tool to keep people unified in idolatrous work. Language and tongues are confused in order to bring people to carry out the will of the Lord and fill the earth. At the same time, language and tongue would set apart the nation of Israel, limiting the proclamation of the Messianic promise through God's chosen people. Centuries later, the out-pouring of the Holy Spirit brings about not only a reversal of Babel but proclamation of the promise fulfilled to the nations.

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?