

*For the week of the Twenty-first Sunday after Pentecost
October 30th, through November 6th, 2022*

Catechesis Notes for the Week — “The Reformation of the Holy Spirit” Red is used in the Church Year to represent a “festival of the Spirit.” Pentecost is red, and so is Reformation. On Reformation we honor Luther and the other Reformers as they were instruments of the Holy Spirit to reform the human institution of the Church. The Spirit used them to bring His people back to His Word. In the 1500’s, the Church looked no better than the Jews of Jesus’ day. Only the “elite” were considered capable of reading and understanding God’s Word. Those elite theologians, though, had not been reading Scripture directly but books written about books written about books written about Scripture. In other words they had no clue what the Bible said! But they were content with the wealth and the control that their doctrines and practice had given them. The Reformers, however, were brought to God’s Word and convicted by what they read. They Church had covered over the Gospel for material wealth and power. They knew they had to spread the truth of God’s Word. With the guidance of the Holy Spirit they were able to do just that. They placed the Scriptures into the hands of the people, and the Holy Spirit took over. The Spirit had convinced the people of the truth, that there was no obstruction or gatekeeper in their way blocking their path to the forgiveness of sins, but rather Christ gave full forgiveness to them at just their confession. Through the Reformers the Holy Spirit gave fresh air to His Church. Thanks be to God! Let us continue in our heritage of being used by the Holy Spirit to speak the truth of God’s Word!

The Order of Meditation and Prayer

*Pray and confess out loud as much from the order of meditation and prayer as you are able, or as your family size and ages dictate.
Learn by heart the verse, catechism, and hymn of the week.*

Theme: The Third Article

Invocation

In the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

Apostles’ Creed

Verse: John 6:63

It is the Spirit who gives life; the flesh is no help at all. The words that I have spoken to you are spirit and life.

Psalm 46 and/or the appointed daily psalms listed below

Prayer on the Psalm:

Thanks be to You, our Father, for all the mercy and truth that You have shown to us these many years. Grant You Word to dwell with us continually, defend Your Church against all her enemies, keep us in Your grace, and preserve for us temporal and eternal peace through Your Son, Jesus Christ.

Amen.

Daily Psalms	Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
Morning	42, 43	45	48	50	52, 53	54, 56	59	62, 63
Evening	44	46, 47	49	51	55	57, 58	60, 61	64, 65

Bible Readings for the Week:

	Bible Narrative	Second Reading
Sunday	Mathew 11:12-19 Reformation Day	
Monday	Hagar and Ishmael—Genesis 16:1-16	2 Corinthians 9:1-15
Tuesday	Circumcision and Abram's Name Change as Signs of the Covenant— Genesis 17:1-11 (12-14)	2 Corinthians 10:1-18
Wednesday	A Judge Leads, Gideon—Judges 7:1-23	2 Corinthians 11:1-15
Thursday	The Three Visitors—Genesis 18:1-15	2 Corinthians 11:16-12:10
Friday	Abraham Prays for Sodom—Genesis 18:16-33	2 Corinthians 12:11-13:14
Saturday	Revelation 7:2-17	1 John 3:1-3

The Catechism: The Creed — The Third Article

<p><i>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.</i></p>	Preschool+
<p><i>What does this mean?</i> 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.</p> <p>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.</p>	First Grade+
<p>In this Christian church He daily and richly forgives all my sins And the sins of all believers.</p> <p>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.</p>	Second Grade+

Daily Prayer

Select from among the following prayers:

Prayer on the Third Article:

Holy Spirit, I give You thanks that You have called me to saving faith in my Lord Jesus Christ through His Gospel, for without You I could never come to Him. By Your words, which are spirit and life, keep my united with my Savior in true faith, always enlightening me with Your gifts, and sanctifying me in body and soul to live for Christ alone; through my Lord Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with You and the Father, forever one God. Amen.

Collect of the Week

Almighty and everlasting God, You are always more ready to hear than we to pray and always ready to give more than we either desire or deserve. Pour down on us the abundance of Your mercy; forgive us those things of which our conscience is afraid; and give us those good things for which we are not worthy to ask except by the merits and meditation of Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

Daily Themes for Prayer

- Sunday: For the joy of the resurrection among us; for the fruit of faith nourished by the Word and Sacrament.*
- Monday: For faith to live in the promises of Holy Baptism; for one's calling and daily work; for the unemployed; for the salvation and well-being of our neighbors; for schools, colleges, and seminaries; for good government and for peace.*
- Tuesday: For deliverance against temptation and evil; for the addicted and despairing, the tortured and oppressed; for those struggling with sin.*
- Wednesday: For marriage and family, that husbands and wives, parents and children live in ordered harmony according to the Word of God; for parents who must raise children alone; for our communities and neighborhoods.*
- Thursday: For the Church and her pastors; for teachers, deaconesses, and other church workers; for missionaries and for all who serve the Church; for fruitful and salutary use of the blessed Sacrament of Christ's body and blood.*
- Friday: For the preaching of the holy cross of our Lord Jesus Christ and for the spread of His knowledge throughout the whole world; for the persecuted and oppressed; for the sick and dying.*
- Saturday: For faithfulness to the end; for the renewal of those who are withering in the faith or have fallen away; for receptive hearts and minds to God's Word on the Lord's Day; for pastors and people as they prepare to administer and receive Christ's holy gifts.*

In Our Prayers this Week

Our Congregation: *Dave & Marty Piotrowsky; Dean & Cathy Pope; Cody Reed; Louis & Linda Reed, Alex; Scott Reed, Justin & Melissa Rictor; Hunter & Lisa Roberts; Dorothy Rodgers; Sylvia Roeser; Joe & Deena Rogers; Joseph Rogers; Terry & Sharon Rohlfing; Timothy & Marie Roth, Levi, Nathaniel, Abigail, Shiloh.*

Baptismal Birthdays: *Robyn Harris, Mary Herrick.*

Wedding Anniversaries: *Jerry & Ronda Huffman;*

The Sick: *Xander Daniel; Larry Hanson; Marilyn Zimmerman*

Friends of our Congregation: *Judy, sister of Marty Piotrowsky; wife of Jim Zorn; Linda, cousin to Susan Ahrens*

Our Circuit:
Trinity Lutheran Church, Emporia; Rev. Adam Reichart
Messiah Lutheran Church, Emporia; Rev. Eddie Hosch

Our District Staff and President, *Rev. Justin Panzer.*
Tami Lierz, Administrative Assistant; Jeffrey Maltz, LCEF

Our Synod and President, *Rev. Matthew Harrison*

Our Community: *City of Ottawa, Ottawa University, Neosho Community College*

Our State and Governor, *Laura Kelly*

Our Nation and President, *Joseph Biden*

Lord's Prayer

Morning or Evening Prayer from the Catechism

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.

—or—

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.

Hymn of the Week

"A Mighty Fortress Is Our God"

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| <p>1 A mighty fortress is our God,
A trusty shield and weapon;
He helps us free from ev'ry need
That hath us now o'ertaken.
The old evil foe
Now means deadly woe;
Deep guile and great might
Are his dread arms in fight;
On earth is not his equal.</p> <p>2 With might of ours can naught be done,
Soon were our loss effected;
But for us fights the valiant One,
Whom God Himself elected.
Ask ye, Who is this?
Jesus Christ it is,
Of Sabaoth Lord,
And there's none other God;
He holds the field forever.</p> | <p>3 Though devils all the world should fill,
All eager to devour us,
We tremble not, we fear no ill;
They shall not overpow'r us.
This world's prince may still
Scowl fierce as he will,
He can harm us none.
He's judged; the deed is done;
One little word can fell him.</p> <p>4 The Word they still shall let remain
Nor any thanks have for it;
He's by our side upon the plain
With His good gifts and Spirit.
And take they our life,
Goods, fame, child, and wife,
Though these all be gone,
Our vict'ry has been won;
The Kingdom ours remaineth.</p> |
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Looking Forward to "All Saints' Day"

November 6, 2022

Service Hymns: 677, 671, 517, 670, 678, 507, 680, 700, 907

Readings: Revelation 7:2-17 | Psalm 149 | 1 John 3:1-3 | Matthew 5:1-12

"A great multitude ... from all tribes and peoples and languages" cry out, "Salvation belongs to our God who sits on the throne" (Rev. 7:9-10). Faith-filled saints from every place and time with unified voices eternally magnify the Lamb of God. As His beloved children, we, too, "shall see him as he is" (1 John 3:2). Joined with the throng of angels and countless saints, we shall "serve him day and night in his temple" (Rev. 7:15). In our earthly tension vacillating between saint and sinner, faith and doubt, sacred and profane, we earnestly seek Jesus to calm our fears, comfort our spirits and forgive our sins. The Holy Spirit, through faith in Christ, propels us forward, fortifying us in Word and Sacrament, to our eternal home. In the midst of our constant struggle as believers, we need to be blessed. And so we are. The poor in spirit, the meek, the hungry, the thirsty, the merciful, the pure and the persecuted are all blessed, and we will most certainly inherit the kingdom of heaven (Matt. 5:1-12).

