

About the Day of Pentecost
Theme: Come, Holy Spirit
– *highlighting the Scriptures for the week* –

At Shinar human skill was joined in concentrated service of sinful human pride. (Genesis) The LORD frustrated the arrogant, idolatrous plans of His creation by confusing the languages of mankind. In the New Creation, order is restored. (Acts) On the Day of Pentecost the Spirit gave tongues to speak forth the healing words of the Gospel in every language under heaven. Still today we have forgiveness in Jesus' Name by means of the Spirit's gifts outpoured. Departed visibly from the earth, Jesus rules His church in invisible ascended glory. He sends another Comforter to continue His work on earth, the promised Holy Spirit. (John) He brings repentance and joy to penitent hearts in the righteousness of Christ for all that believe.

WEEKLY BIBLE READING SCHEDULE

Use the schedule below in your personal devotion. The first three readings are the lessons read today; the last three will be read next Sunday. The Wednesday reading is the psalmody for the week. Each day you may want to pray that Psalm or the prayer printed in our service folder today, followed by the suggested reading and your personal requests and Thanksgivings to our Heavenly Father.

- Sunday** Genesis 11:1-9 What skill had the people developed on the plain of Shinar? What was their goal in constructing the city with its high tower? Why did the LORD frustrate their plan? How? Why therefore is there a confusion of languages over the entire world? How did God undo this confusion at Pentecost with the outpouring of the Spirit? How does the work of the Spirit continue today? What does this mean?
- Monday** Acts 2:1-21 What gifts of God did Peter hold out in this Pentecost gospel? For whom are the promised Spirit and His gifts available? How is this done? How were people added to the church on Pentecost Day? How are they added now? What does this mean?
- Tuesday** John 14:23-31 Who is the Counselor that Jesus promised? What is His purpose in coming? What results from His coming? Why did Jesus say He must go away? Where is the good news in this coming of the Spirit?
- Wednesday** Psalm 143 Why is the psalmist oppressed and spiritually faint? Have you ever had a similar experience? Where does he turn for help? How is this done? How are we taught the will of God in distressing circumstances? Who leads us on level ground (in rocky surroundings)? What comfort is found in the surety of God's holy Name, His righteousness, and His unfailing love? What does this mean?
- Thursday** Proverbs 8:1-4, 22-31 Who was the Craftsman by the side of God the Father in His wondrous creation? (see John 1:1-3, 14) Where does He speak to us now? What does this mean?
- Friday** Acts 2:14a, 22-36 What is (are) Peter's emphasis (emphases) in this second half of his famous Pentecost sermon? How is Jesus King David's LORD? What does this mean?
- Saturday** John 8:48-59 Why did "the Jews" think that Jesus was a Samaritan? What claim(s) is Jesus making for Himself in this conversation? Why did "the Jews" try to kill Him with stones? Of what was He guilty (in their opinion)?