



May  
Week 1

Personal and Family Devotions • Small Groups • Church meetings

## 1 Invocation

Make the sign of the cross and say:  
In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

## 2 Psalm

Make a joyful noise to God, all the earth;  
**Sing out the glory of his name; make his praise glorious.**

Give blessing to God, you people,  
**let the sound of his praise be heard.**  
He keeps us among the living,  
**and he does not permit our feet to slip.**  
Come and listen, all you who fear God,  
**and I will declare what he has done for my soul.**

If I had seen sin within my heart,  
**the Lord would not have listened to me.**  
But God has truly heard;  
**he has paid attention to the voice of my prayer.**

*Psalm 66:1-2, 8-9, 16, 18-19*

Glory 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.**

## 3 Hymns

**Blest Be the Tie That Binds** (page 5)  
**By Grace I'm Saved** (page 6)  
**Holy Spirit, Light Divine** (page 7)

## 4 Lessons



### BIBLE BOOKS

General Letters, part 2

### 1 John

*Summary Statement*

**A letter about Christian fellowship**

*Outline*

**I. Fellowship in God's Light (1-2)**

**II. Fellowship in God's Love (3-5)**

*Key Verses*

**1:8-9; 2:2; 3:1; 4:19; 5:12**

*Daily Readings*

<b>Su</b>	1Jn 1:1-7	1Jn 1:8-2:2
<b>Mo</b>	1Jn 2:3-6	1Jn 2:7-14
<b>Tu</b>	1Jn 2:15-17	1Jn 2:18-27
<b>We</b>	1Jn 2:28-3:3	1Jn 3:4-12
<b>Th</b>	1Jn 3:13-24	1Jn 4:1-6
<b>Fr</b>	1Jn 4:7-21	1Jn 5:1-5
<b>Sa</b>	1Jn 5:6-13	1Jn 5:14-21



## BIBLE EVENTS

Early Church

### Acts 1:1-11 ★ Jesus' Ascension



- What did Jesus tell His disciples would happen in a few days? (1:5)
- Where did Jesus tell His disciples to be His witnesses? (1:8)
- When Jesus ascended, what hid him from their eyes? (1:9)
- Who stood by the disciples as they stood looking intensely to heaven? (1:10)

### Acts 2:1-21 ★ Pentecost



- What was heard throughout the house where the disciples were sitting? (2:2)
- What appeared and sat on each of the disciples? (2:3)
- When the disciples were filled with the Holy Spirit, how did they speak? (2:4)
- Which prophet did Peter say predicted the current events? (2:16)

Events labeled with a star (★) are appropriate for disciples of all ages. Other events may contain more mature content.

### Acts 3:1-26 Peter Heals a Lame Man



- Where was the lame man carried every day? (3:2)
- In whose name did Peter tell the man to get up and walk? (3:6)
- When the people saw the lame man now walking and praising God, what were they filled with? (3:10)
- How did Peter say this man was made strong? (3:16)

### Acts 5:1-11 Ananias and Sapphira



- When Ananias and Sapphira sold some property and gave the money to the apostles, what did they keep? (5:1-2)
- Who did Peter tell Ananias that he had lied to? (5:3-4)
- What happened to Ananias as a punishment for lying? (5:5)
- What came upon the church as a result of Ananias and Sapphira's punishment? (5:11)

**For application: IDEA** What is stated in the verse, passage or selection? **THANK** What does this verse, passage or selection make me thankful for? **CONFESS** What does this verse, passage or selection make me sorry for? **HELP** What help do I need from God to act on what I have read?



## BIBLE TEACHINGS

### The Creed, Third Article

#### Third Article: Of Sanctification

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; even as He calls, gathers, enlightens, and sanctifies the whole Christian church on earth, and keeps it with Jesus Christ in the one true faith. In that 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 will give eternal life to me and to all believers in Christ. This is most certainly true.

### Holy Spirit

#### 89. List four ways we know Jesus and the Holy Spirit are God.

- A. They both have divine names
- B. They both have divine attributes
- C. They both do divine works
- D. They both receive divine honor

*Jesus: A – John 1:1; Romans 9:5; 1 John 5:20; Revelation 17:14; B – Matthew 28:18; John 8:57-58; 21:17; C – John 1:3; D – John 14:13-14; Philippians 2:9-11*

*Holy Spirit: A – Acts 5:3-4; 1 Corinthians 3:16; B – Psalm 139:7-8; 1 Corinthians 2:11; Hebrews 9:14; C – Job 33:4; Romans 8:27; Titus 3:5; D – 2 Corinthians 3:17; 1 Peter 4:14*

Younger disciples should focus on the content in the yellow box from Martin Luther's Small Catechism.

#### 90. What is the Holy Spirit's work of sanctification in our life?

- A. The Holy Spirit creates and continues faith in us
- B. The Holy Spirit empowers us to live a godly life

*A – Romans 8:7; 1 Corinthians 2:14; 12:3; B – Galatians 5:22-23*

#### 91. What can you not do by your own reason or strength?

Believe in Jesus Christ, my Lord, or come to Him

*John 1:13; Romans 8:7; Ephesians 2:1*

#### 92. What has the Holy Spirit done for you?

- A. Called me by the Gospel
- B. Enlightened me with His gifts
- C. Sanctified me
- D. Kept me in the true faith

*A – 2 Thessalonians 2:13-14; B – Acts 26:17-18; 2 Corinthians 4:4-6; C – 2 Corinthians 5:17; Galatians 5:24-25; Ephesians 2:10; Titus 2:14; D – Psalm 51:10-12; Isaiah 41:10; 1 Peter 1:5; 5:10*

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## 5 Creed

**I believe in God, the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth.**

**And in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died and was buried. He descended into hell. The third day He rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of God, the Father Almighty. From thence He will come to judge the living and the dead.**

**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.**

## 6 Prayers

*Pray for your family and friends, your church, your community, your nation, your world, and your own personal needs. As you C.H.A.T. with God, remember to Confess your sins, Honor and praise God, Ask Him your requests, and Thank Him for His blessings.*



O Jesus Christ, almighty Son of God, You are no longer in humiliation here on earth, but are seated at the right hand of Your Father, Lord over all things: Send us Your Holy Spirit; give Your Church pious pastors, preserve Your Word, control and restrain the devil and all who would oppress us; mightily uphold Your kingdom, until all Your enemies have been put under Your feet, that we may hold the victory over sin, death, and the devil. Lord, in Your mercy, **Hear our prayer.**

Lord Jesus Christ, almighty Son of God: Send Your Holy Spirit into our hearts, through Your Word, that He may rule and govern us according to Your will, comfort us in every temptation and misfortune, and defend us by Your truth against every error, so that we may continue steadfast in the faith, increase in love and good works, and firmly trusting in Your grace, which You purchased for us by Your death, obtain eternal salvation. Lord, in Your mercy, **Hear our prayer.**



Almighty God, who has given us commandment to pray for the gift of the Holy Spirit: Most heartily we ask You, through Jesus Christ our Advocate, to grant us Your Holy Spirit, that He may quicken our hearts by Your saving Word, and lead us into all truth, that He may guide, instruct, enlighten, govern, comfort and sanctify us unto everlasting life. Lord, in Your mercy, **Hear our prayer.**

### Lord's Prayer

**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.**

### Luther's Morning Prayer

**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 all evil, that all my actions 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

### Luther's Evening Prayer

**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. Amen.**

## 7 Blessing

May the grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with all of you. (2 Corinthians 13:14) **Amen.**

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[www.projectwittenberg.org/etext/hymnals/CSB1919/CSBCollectsandPrayers.txt](http://www.projectwittenberg.org/etext/hymnals/CSB1919/CSBCollectsandPrayers.txt)



## Blest Be the Tie That Binds

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1. Blest be the tie that binds Our hearts in Chris - tian love; The  
 2. Be - fore our Fa - ther's throne We pour our ar - dent prayers; Our  
 3. We share our mu - tual woes, Our mu - tual bur - dens bear, And  
 4. When here our path - ways part, We suf - fer bit - ter pain; Yet,  
 5. From sor - row, toil and pain, And sin we shall be free And

fel - low - ship of kin - dred minds Is like to that a - bove.  
 fears, our hopes, our aims are one, Our com - forts and our cares.  
 of - ten for each oth - er flows The sym - pa - thiz - ing tear.  
 one in Christ and one in heart, We hope to meet a - gain.  
 per - fect love and friend - ship reign Through all e - ter - ni - ty.



# By Grace I'm Saved



1. By grace I'm saved, grace free and bound-less; My soul, be - lieve and doubt it  
 2. By grace! None dare lay claim to mer - it; Our works and con - duct have no  
 3. By grace God's Son, our on - ly Sav - ior, Came down to earth to bear our  
 4. By grace! This ground of faith in cer - tain; As long as God is true, it



not. Why stag - ger at this word of prom - ise? Has Scrip - ture ev - er false - hood  
 worth. God in His love sent our Re - deem - er, Christ Je - sus, to this sin - ful  
 sin. Was it be - cause of your own mer - it That Je - sus died your soul to  
 stands. What saints have penned by in - spi - ra - tion, What in His Word our God com -



taught? No! Then this word must true re - main: By grace you too will life ob - tain.  
 earth; His death did for our sins a - tone, And we are saved by grace a - lone.  
 win? No, it was grace, and grace a - lone, That brought Him from His heav'n - ly throne.  
 mands, Our faith in what our God has done De - pends on grace, grace through His Son.

5. By grace to timid hearts that tremble,  
 In tribulation's furnace tried,  
 By grace, in spite of fear or trouble,  
 The Father's heart is open wide.  
 Where could I help and strength secure  
 If grace were not my anchor sure?

6. By grace! On this I'll rest when dying;  
 In Jesus' promise I rejoice;  
 For though I know my heart's condition,  
 I also know my Savior's voice.  
 My heart is glad, all grief has flown  
 Since I am saved by grace alone.

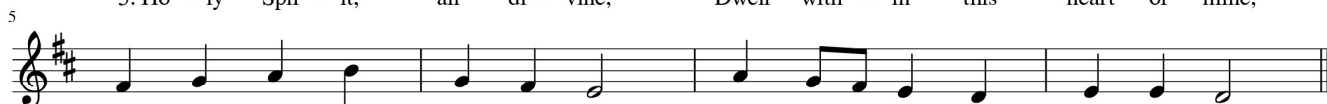




# Holy Spirit, Light Divine



1. Ho - ly Spir - it, light di - vine, Shine up - on this heart of mine;  
 2. Let me see my Sav - ior's face, Let me all His beau - ties trace;  
 3. Ho - ly Spir - it, pow'r di - vine, Cleanse this guilt - y heart of mine;  
 4. Hol - ly Spir - it, joy di - vine, Cheer this sad - dened heart of mine;  
 5. Ho - ly Spir - it, all di - vine, Dwell with - in this heart of mine;



Chase the shades of night a - way, Turn the dark - ness in - to day.  
 Show those glo - rious truths to me Which are on - ly known to Thee.  
 In Thy mer - cy pit - y me, From sin's bon - dage set me free.  
 Yield a sa - cred, set - tled peace, Let it grow and still in - crease.  
 Cast down ev - 'ry i - dol throne, Reign su - preme, and reign a - lone.