

Mount Olive Lifeguide

The Festival of Pentecost

May 19-21, 2018

John 14:25-27 “All this I have spoken while still with you. ²⁶But the Advocate, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, will teach you all things and will remind you of everything I have said to you. ²⁷Peace I leave with you; my peace I give you. I do not give to you as the world gives. Do not let your hearts be troubled and do not be afraid.

1. Long before the first Pentecost Sunday, the Holy Spirit had already been active in the lives of his people. Besides the gift of faith, what other very important work had the Holy Spirit begun and would continue to carry out for the next 60+?
2. List as many passages as you can that refer to either the activity of the Holy Spirit or the significance of his work (Using a Bible concordance or Biblegateway.com may be helpful).
3. Recall or find (Lutheran catechism or online) Martin Luther’s explanation to the 3rd Article. What are activities we credit to the Holy Spirit?
4. Four times on Maundy Thursday Jesus promised the disciples that he would send the Holy Spirit. What did they so desperately need this promise?
5. 7 weeks before that first Pentecost the disciples they had also gathered in a locked room. What is different at Pentecost?
6. Why do you think God doesn’t give us miraculous signs of the Holy Spirit’s presence today?
7. What numerous blessings are ours in worship services that follow the same order and have many of the same elements each week? What parts of the services are taken directly from scripture?
8. Finish this sentence: “Christmas and Easter are the two biggest festivals in the lives of Christians, but it is because of Pentecost that the messages of Christmas and Easter _____ .