

# *The Body of Christ*



May 15, 2016

*Activated by the Spirit*

# FAITH



**Share:** share your Highs & Lows of the day.



**Read:** Read the following daily readings to deepen your understanding of Sunday's text.

15 Sunday Acts 2:1-4 – Coming of Spirit at Pentecost

16 Monday 1 Corinthians 12:1-11 – Spiritual Gifts

17 Tuesday 1 Corinthians 12:12-37 – One Body with Many Members

18 Wednesday 1 Corinthians 13:1 – 7 – Gifts of Love

19 Thursday 1 Corinthians 13:8-13 – Love is Greater Than Any Spiritual Gift

20 Friday 1 Corinthians 14:1-5 – Spiritual Gifts Used Out of Love for Others

21 Saturday 1 Corinthians 14:6 -33 – Gifts of Prophecy and Tongues



**Talk:** study the reading and consider the background.

*All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other languages, as the Spirit gave them ability. Acts 2:4*

On the day of Pentecost (50 days after Christ's resurrection), many were gathered together when God sent God's Holy Spirit to enter the world and motivate people to serve God and others. It was a community event that sparked the spread of Christianity worldwide.

- \* Who are the people in your community that help spread the word of God?
  
- \* How can you support them in their work?
  
- \* Tell about a time you felt the presence of the Holy Spirit in your life.

## Notes from Sunday to support this week's devotions:



**Pray:** Pray for your Highs & Lows, for yourself, for your family, and for the world. You can use this prayer or make your own.

Holy Spirit, your fire burns within us. Spark the flame so that we are moved to carry your flame into the world, spreading the good news of God's love to all who will hear. Amen.

**Prayer Concerns to take home for this week:**



**Bless:** Close your devotion with a blessing. Mark the sign of the cross on each other's head or your own forehead and use words of blessing like:

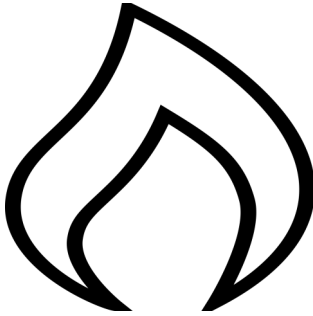
- \* You are a blessed and loved child of God, marked by the cross of Christ forever.
- \* Jesus loves you and so do I.
- \* May God fill you with God's Holy Spirit. Amen.

**By acting on what we learn, we are blessed to be a blessing.**

Consider the following activity this week.

Light a small bonfire in your backyard fire pit or barbeque. As you enjoy the fire, share stories of where you have seen God working in the world this week. Make smores.

Fifty days after Jesus was raised from the dead, many of his followers were gathered together. All of a sudden, from heaven there was a frightening sound. It sounded like a tornado! The sound was so loud, it filled the entire house. Then, flames of fire flickered and lapped at the room, but no one was burned. The flames divided and rested on each person gathered there. One of them started to speak, but it wasn't his own language. He was speaking in another language – one he had never even studied. In fact, many of them were speaking in languages that were not their own. The Holy Spirit had given them the ability to speak with all the peoples of the world, even if those people didn't speak the same language! But that wasn't all. The Holy Spirit gave people all kinds of interesting gifts – spiritual gifts – to help them spread the good news of God's love. Some were given wisdom, some faith, some healing, some the working of miracles, others prophecy, still others the ability to determine what kinds of spirit a person had. With all those gifts, there was nothing that Jesus' followers couldn't do! What spiritual gifts might you have?



Color the flames different colors. Fire can burn, but God's Spirit of Love burns in our hearts!