

LECTIONARY SUMMARIES

FOR THE MONTH OF JUNE

THE DAY OF PENTECOST (5 June 2022)

Genesis 11:1–9
Acts 2:1–21
John 14:23–31

The Holy Spirit Gives Peace

Following the flood, Noah's descendants failed to spread out and fill the earth as God had spoken. Rather, they exalted themselves; with *“one language and the same words”* (Gen. 11:1), they spoke proudly and arrogantly. The Lord humbled them by confusing *“the language of all the earth,”* dividing and dispersing the people (Gen. 11:9). That dispersal was reversed on Pentecost Day (the 50th day of Easter), when God caused the one Gospel of the Lord Jesus Christ to be preached in a multitude of languages. *“At this sound the multitude came together”* (Acts 2:6), for the preaching of Christ is the primary work of the Holy Spirit, whereby He gathers people from all nations into one Church. The Holy Spirit teaches and brings to our remembrance the words of Jesus, which are the words of the Father who sent Him. These words bestow forgiveness and peace to those who keep and hold on to them in love for Jesus. *“Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you. Not as the world gives do I give to you. Let not your hearts be troubled, neither let them be afraid”* (John 14:27).

THE HOLY TRINITY (12 June 2022)

Proverbs 8:1–4, 22–31
Acts 2:14a, 22–36
John 8:48–59

The Triune God Reveals Himself in Christ Jesus

The divine Word of the Father also is the holy wisdom who *“was beside him, like a master workman,”* who *“was daily his delight, rejoicing before him always”* (Prov. 8:30). This Word became flesh and suffered death in order to bestow life by the preaching of His Gospel *“to the children of man”* (Prov. 8:4). He honors the Father, and the Father glorifies Him by raising Him from the dead, so that all who keep His Word *“will never see death”* (John 8:51). Long ago, *“father Abraham rejoiced”* in the day of Christ, for *“he saw it and was glad”* (John 8:56). Though Christ was *“crucified and killed by the hands of lawless men,”* *“God raised him up, loosing the pangs of death”* (Acts 2:23, 24). As He *“received from the Father the promise of the Holy Spirit”* (Acts 2:33), so it is by and through the Son that God the Father pours out the Holy Spirit upon His Church.

PROPER 7C

(19 June 2022)

Isaiah 65:1–9

Galatians 3:23–4:7

Luke 8:26–39

Jesus Brings Release from the Bonds of Sin, Death and the Devil

The Lord finds those who did not seek Him or ask for Him. He spreads out His hands “*to a rebellious people*” (Is. 65:2) and calls them to be His people and to dwell in peace upon His holy mountain (Is. 65:9). For wherever

Jesus Christ enters in, Satan is cast out. Those who were enslaved and driven mad by the assaults and accusations of the devil are set free by the Word of Christ. He drowns and destroys the old Adam in us with the waters of Holy Baptism and thereby brings us out of death into life. No longer naked in our shame, living “*among the tombs*” (Luke 8:27), we are brought into the Lord’s house, fully clothed by Christ; He has come in “*the fullness of time*” (Gal. 4:4) to fulfill the Law on our behalf and to redeem us from its every accusation. Therefore, having been justified by His grace through faith in His Gospel, “*you are no longer a slave, but a son*” (Gal. 4:7).

PROPER 8C

(26 June 2022)

1 Kings 19:9b–21

Galatians 5:1, 13–25

Luke 9:51–62

Christ’s Messengers Proclaim His Kingdom

When the prophet Elijah became discouraged and despaired of his life, “*the word of the LORD came to him*” (1 Kings 19:9b) and stood him “*on the mount before the LORD*” (1 Kings 19:11). The Lord made Himself known to the prophet — not in the impressive power of gale force winds, or in an earthquake, or in the fire, but in “*the sound of a low whisper*” (1 Kings 19:12). Today God reveals Himself to us through the frail preaching of the

Gospel. The Son of Man sends “*messengers ahead of him ... to make preparations for him*” (Luke 9:52). Putting their hand to that plow of preaching, they “*go and proclaim the kingdom of God,*” and they do not look back (Luke 9:60, 62). What they preach is not the power of the Law with its “*yoke of slavery,*” but the power of God unto salvation through the Gospel of forgiveness, by which “*Christ has set us free*” (Gal. 5:1).