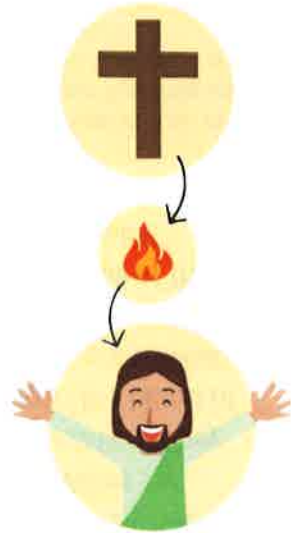


# KIDS IN THE DIVINE SERVICE

## What is “Pentecost”?

The word “Pentecost” (pronounced PEN-tuh-kost) comes from the Greek word *pentekostos* which means “fiftieth.” Exactly 50 days after Jesus rose from the dead, the Holy Spirit came upon the disciples in the form of flames of fire.



## Why is Pentecost so important?

When Jesus died, the disciples were sad because they thought that their friend and Lord was gone forever. But Jesus rose again! Forty days after His resurrection, Jesus did finally ascend into heaven leaving the disciples below. However, before Jesus actually died, rose again and ascended into heaven, He made a promise to His disciples that He would send the Holy Spirit to them. He said that the Holy Spirit would come and guide them “into all the truth” (John 16:13). Jesus doesn’t leave us alone to fend for ourselves. Jesus is here with us, and the Holy Spirit guides and leads the Church into the truth of the wonderful Gospel! We celebrate and remember this at Pentecost.



### Parents:

At home, read the story of Pentecost in Acts 2 to your children. Remind them that the Holy Spirit comes to us through the Word and Sacraments just as our Lord has promised. Encourage them to thank God for the gift of His Holy Spirit in their lives.

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## What is a “Suffrage”?

A suffrage is a prayer for help. The word “suffrage” comes from the Latin word *suffragium* which means “support.” In this type of prayer we ask our Lord to give us His support, assistance and protection. More importantly, we ask Him to keep us strong in the faith and to give faith to other people.



## Why is it good to use the Suffrages?

Look at the Suffrages in our hymnal (Responsive Prayer 1, pp. 282–84 in *Lutheran Service Book*). In the morning Suffrages, we ask God to take care of us. In the afternoon or evening suffrages we ask God to and protect His Church and world. God commands us to pray in this way (see 1 Tim. 2:1–4). We hear from God’s Word that He desires for us to pray for all people. God wants all people to believe in Jesus. In the Suffrages, we pray that God would provide for such salvation. What a wonderful opportunity for us to speak to God on behalf of others!



### Parents:

Read through Responsive Prayer 1 with your children. Compare the language in these Suffrages to the language of the Divine Service. How are they similar? How are they different? Be sure to read and discuss 1 Tim. 2:1–4.

