

THIRD ARTICLE:

GOD THE SPIRIT

1. When did the Holy Spirit first come to Jesus' followers? Read and highlight **Acts 2**.

2. According to Luther's explanation of the Third Article on page 205 in *The Lutheran Handbook*, what five words describe the work of the Holy Spirit for the church?

A. \_\_\_\_\_ B. \_\_\_\_\_ C. \_\_\_\_\_

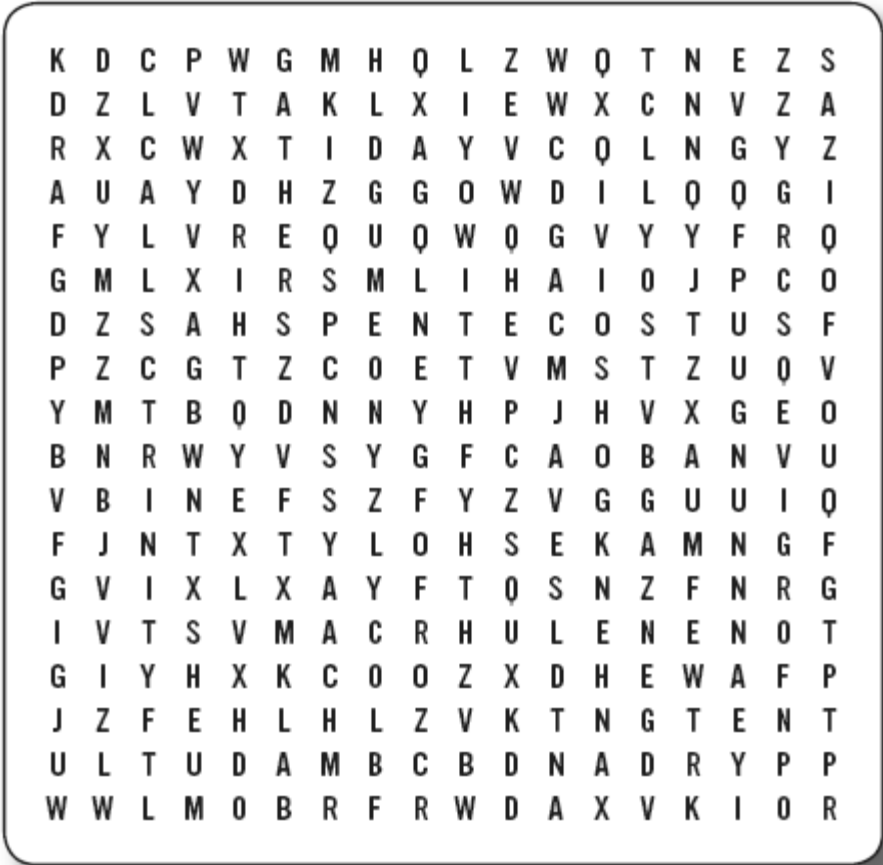
D. \_\_\_\_\_ E. \_\_\_\_\_

3. How do you solve the mystery of the Trinity?

4. According to **Ephesians 2:8**, how does a person get faith?

5. According to **Galatians 5:20**, what are the "fruits of the Spirit"?

6. Once you determine the missing words, find them in the puzzle.



- A. The \_\_\_\_\_ Article deals with the Holy Spirit
- B. Acts 2:1 tells about this day when the Spirit came to the disciples: \_\_\_\_\_
- C. Another word for helper: \_\_\_\_\_
- D. Luther says the Spirit does these four things: \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_.
- E. The Spirit has the power to \_\_\_\_\_ sins.
- F. The Spirit is part of the Holy \_\_\_\_\_.

7. Describe the idea of the Trinity to someone who is not a Christian.

6. Choose one of the following quotes and tell why you like.

"People who tell me there is no God are like a six-year-old boy saying there is no such thing as passionate love; they just haven't experienced it." ~ William Alfred

"All that is true, by whomsoever it has been said, is by the Holy Spirit." ~ Thomas Aquinas

"Snow is water, and ice is water, and water is water, these three are one." ~ Joseph Dare

"The most beautiful thing we can experience is the mysterious. It is the source of all true art and all science. He to whom this emotion is a stranger, who can no longer pause to wonder and stand rapt in awe, is as good as dead: his eyes are closed." ~ Albert Einstein

"Our scientific power has outrun our spiritual power. We have guided missiles and misguided men."

~ Martin Luther King Jr.

"Conscience is God's presence in man." ~ Emanuel Swedenborg

"I believe in Christianity as I believe that the sun has risen: not only because I see it, but because by it I see everything else." ~ C. S. Lewis

**Guides: At the end of the lesson, read the following:**

Spirit. Wind. Breath. They are all the same word in Hebrew. *Ruach. Ruach.* Spirit. Wind. Breath. When the Spirit of God brooded over the waters in the cast cold of space before anything was called to be, it was the Spirit, Wind, Breath of God. In essence, we are enlivened, animated, brought to life by the very Spirit, Wind, Breath of God. We carry a small spark of eternity within these frail bodies. We carry a small wisp of the very Spirit of the living God.

Oh Holy Wind that brooded over the waters and called everything from nothing, call to the emptiness and darkness of my soul and create in me a universe of wonder.

Oh Holy Breath that breathed into the lifeless clay and brought Adam and Eve to life, breathe into my lifeless form and bring me to life, true life.

Oh Holy Spirit that touched so lightly your servant Mary to bring our Lord to be and then thundered so powerfully through the open tomb, touch me with the presence of Jesus, then call me as well from the locked tomb of my existence.

Give me your Spirit, Wind, Breath and call me to life, new life, true life. AMEN."

**Give the benediction:**

The Lord bless you and keep you

The Lord's face shine upon you and be gracious to you

The Lord look upon with favor and give you peace.

**Invite the members of your group to bless one another with the following words:**

"(NAME), child of God, may the fire of the Holy Spirit burn in your soul this day."