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Sunday School Lesson for May 26 The Holy Spirit Given. Acts 2: 1-11

THE one hundred and fifty-fourth annual convention of the Evangelical Lutheran Ministry of Pennsylvania will be held in St. Michael's Lutheran church, Allentown, Pa., beginning Thursday, May 20. The local congregation of which the Rev. Dr. Jacob Zimhoner is pastor has made ample preparation for the event, which will bring a large gathering of energetic and laymen together. Important matters concerning the operation of the church will come up for consideration and action. A large class of graduates from the Theological seminary at Philadelphia will be confirmed to the office of the Christian ministry on Monday evening, June 3. The various boards and conference presidents will have special meetings. The statistics presented at the last meeting of the Philadelphia conference are as follows: Pastors of congregations, 23; pastors without parishes, 66; number of congregations, 531; membership, 122,830; Sunday schools, 521; officers and teachers, 9,158; scholars, 56,772; contributions during the year, \$882,648.

The Ministerium of Pennsylvania was organized in Philadelphia in August, 1718. This is the oldest Lutheran organization in America. The officers of the Ministerium are as follows: President, Rev. Samuel Laird, of Philadelphia; secretary, Rev. S. E. Ochsenford, D. D., of Rev. Jacob Steinhauser, both of Allentown; treasurer, Rev. J. A. Kunkleman, D. D., of Atlantic City, N. J.

Six of the Lutheran pastors of Scranton are connected with this body and will be in attendance at the coming convention. Rev. R. E. Y. Pierce, D. D., pastor of the Penn Avenue Baptist church, was at Springfield, Mass., during the week attending the National Baptist meeting. He will be home for Sunday's services. The Springfield Daily Republican said on Thursday about Dr. Pierce: "One of the prominent Baptist clergymen attending the meetings is Rev. Dr. Robert F. Y. Pierce. Dr. Pierce is widely known in young people's conventions, and has an international reputation in the Sunday school world. His writings and blackboard illustrations of religious truths are used by Christian workers in all lands. Dr. Pierce has many friends in this city who recall his efficient help given the Young Men's Christian association and Bible scholar and expounder, has never visited Scranton before. It ought to be generally known that he will give a Bible reading in the lecture room of the Second Presbyterian church on Saturday evening at 7:45 o'clock, and will preach on Sunday morning and evening. Many wish to hear his famous sermon on Sunday evening on 'Evolutionists.'"

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INTRODUCTION.—In the lesson we learned (Acts, xiv:19) that the apostles, after being stoned, directed the apostles to tarry in Jerusalem until they were endued with power from on high. Today we shall see how they obeyed His promise and that fulfilled. They gathered daily for prayer morning and evening in Jerusalem. On one occasion they suspended the prayers to fill the vacancy made by the apostle of Judas. Briefly reviewing the circumstances of the betrayal and showing that the fallen apostle had gone to his own place, he quoted Scripture to prove that another should be elected to fill the vacancy. The names of two, Joseph and Matthias, as candidates, and after prayer to determine the Divine will, cast lots, and the choice fell upon Matthias, who was there after numbered with the brethren. There has been a diversity of opinion concerning this transaction. Some think it was legitimate and proper. Others contend that Jesus had not authorized an election, that the apostles were not the successors of Judas, and that the apostolic office was not perpetual, but limited to the first century.

PENTECOST.—The Jewish Passover was the festival of redemption, the anniversary of the nation's birthday. It was celebrated on the 14th day of Nisan (Ex., xii:2), which month was reckoned as the beginning of the calendar. At the end of seven days, the festival of Pentecost (Heb., xlviii:16) there was another festival called Pentecost, from the Greek word for fiftieth day. The chief feature of the Pentecost consisted in offering to Jehovah harvest made from the new corn of the completed harvest, which, with two loaves, were waved before the Lord (Lev., xlviii:17), as an expression of gratitude in the harvest of the spirit, and as a thank offering for the gift of the Holy Spirit. When Pentecost came, seven days after the Passover, the apostles were assembled in the place of prayer. This act, their loyalty to Christ, while their hearts were engaged in the usual expressions of joy, approval to the day, filling the city with sounds of mirth, the disciples were by themselves, waiting and expecting the promise. It was a grand exhibition of the faith of the disciples, showing that they were already lifted above the lower level on which ordinary mortals move.

PHENOMENA.—While this short note, separated from the rejoicing multitude, who thronged the streets and the temple courts, the apostles suddenly found themselves in the midst of a phenomenon, the most surprising ever beheld by man (Acts, ii:2). First, there came a sound that seemed like the rushing of a mighty wind. It filled all the house where they were, which trembled, doubtless, in the wind, and then came (Acts, ii:3), an influence which fell upon them, as if tongues of fire and sat upon them. All this was emblematic. The wind and the fire were representative of the spirit of the Lord. Jesus was visited (II Kings, xiv:17), and so Jesus expressed Himself (John, vi:12) as the former. It was the wind that dried up the Red Sea (Ex., xiv:16), and that blew down the tower of Babel (Gen., xi:7). It was the wind that carried the ark (II Kings, xiv:17), and that carried the ark (II Kings, xiv:17). It was the wind that carried the ark (II Kings, xiv:17), and that carried the ark (II Kings, xiv:17).

SPEAKING.—These wonderful phenomena were succeeded by that which they were designed to announce. The company of men, who had gathered to pray, a precise fulfillment of that which Jesus had promised. It was not merely the language of the spirit, such as comes to all men everywhere (I Cor., xii:3), but a language which, under the influence of the Holy Spirit, they were able to speak in other tongues. They did not utter here and there a foreign word, but they delivered sentences, and even discourses, properly and elegantly, in languages with which previously they had no acquaintance. It will be remembered that God confounded the speech of the tower builders (Gen., xi:9), and that the Holy Spirit was to change their language to defeat their plans and compel them to scatter abroad. The Pentecostal miracle did not greatly differ, except that a temporary gift was imparted for a far different purpose, namely, to convey the gospel to all nations.

LANGUAGE.—One most remarkable feature of this wonderful occurrence demands special attention. Being unlearned men, the apostles knew only their mother tongue. Their utterances were limited to the language which they had learned in their own country. But under the control of the Holy Spirit they were able to speak in other tongues. They did not utter here and there a foreign word, but they delivered sentences, and even discourses, properly and elegantly, in languages with which previously they had no acquaintance. It will be remembered that God confounded the speech of the tower builders (Gen., xi:9), and that the Holy Spirit was to change their language to defeat their plans and compel them to scatter abroad. The Pentecostal miracle did not greatly differ, except that a temporary gift was imparted for a far different purpose, namely, to convey the gospel to all nations.

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BUCKNELL UNIVERSITY.—The annual oratorical contest of the junior class took place on Friday night. The ones who participated were Misses Grace Under, Bacon and Bunyan, and Messrs. Hockley, Boyer, McTavack, Ulmer and Kyle.

Miscellaneous.—Calvary Reformed church, House avenue and Gibson street—Rev. Marion L. Eiler, pastor. Services Sunday at 10:30 a. m. and 7:30 p. m. Morning prayer at 7:30 a. m. and 7:30 p. m. Christian Endeavor, 7 p. m. Holy communion, Sunday, June 2, morning and evening. Preparation service Friday, May 31, 8 p. m. Zion Episcopal church, 149 Capone street—Rev. J. W. Mosinger, Sunday school, 9:30; Senior Endeavor, 6:30; Junior Endeavor, 4 p. m. Prayer meeting, Wednesday evening. All ways free and everybody welcome to all services.

Reformed Episcopal.—Grace Reformed Episcopal church, Wyoming avenue, below Mulberry street—Rev. George L. Althoff, pastor. Preaching at 10:30 a. m. and 7:30 p. m. on Sunday school at 9:30 a. m. on the Taylor Avenue chapel. Epworth league meeting at 6:30 p. m. on Thursday evening.

Evangelical Lutheran.—Evangelical Lutheran—Gospel, John, xiv:23-31; Epistle, Acts, i:1-14. St. Mark's, Washington and Fourteenth streets—Rev. A. E. Bamer, W. B. pastor. Services: 10:30 a. m. and 7:30 p. m. on Sunday school at 9:30 a. m. on the Taylor Avenue chapel. Epworth league meeting at 6:30 p. m. on Thursday evening.

Episcopal.—St. Luke's Parish—Rev. Rogers Israel, D. D., pastor; Rev. E. J. Haughton, senior curate; Rev. M. B. Nash, junior curate. Whit Sunday, 10:30 a. m., morning prayer; 10:30 a. m., sermon; 7:30 p. m., evening prayer.

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Old Forge. Those who wish to do work in Mary cemetery on Decoration Day may secure lunch on the church lawn. The lunch and other refreshments will be served by the choir of the church. Rev. J. Edwin Broadhead and son, of Forest City, visited at the former's home during the week. The Primitive Methodists are holding a very successful fair in the hose

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IT IS EASY WORK when you are well, and rub and scrub, but when the back aches and the head throbs, a woman's work is a heavy combat. No woman can be strong and healthy of body who is the victim of those womanly diseases which are often responsible for feminine sufferings. Women who have used Dr. Pierce's Favorite Prescription for the cure of diseases of the womanly organs, say that work doesn't tire them any more. Favorite Prescription regulates the periods, dries enfeebling drains, heals inflammation and ulceration, and cures female weakness. It makes weak women strong and sick women well. There is no alcohol in Favorite Prescription, neither opium, cocaine or any other narcotic. I had poor health for nine years (ever since the birth of my child), writes Mrs. Armitage Watkins of Anne, Kansas Co., Mo. "I had female weakness, was very irregular and would sink any untold misery. I had tried every medicine in the world. I look right today. When I wrote I had no idea that I would ever get well, but when your letter reached me I began to have hope. I commenced taking Dr. Pierce's medicine as directed and began to improve in strength. I was soon able to do the work for my family of six. I think there never were such medicines in the world. I look right today. I am now a healthy woman. I have used Dr. Pierce's Favorite Prescription and five of Golden Medical Discovery and two vials of Pellets."