# Everyday FAITH Family Page

#### Law/Gospel

My sins crucified Jesus. Through His Word and Baptism, God washes away my sins and gives me eternal life.

#### **Bible Words**

Whoever believes and is baptized will be saved. Mark 16:16

### Prayer

Lord Jesus, thank You for the blessings that You give us in Baptism: forgiveness of sins, rescue from eternal death and the devil, and eternal salvation. By the power of the Holy Spirit, may we be bold to tell others of the life and salvation found only in You. In Your name we pray. Amen.

## **Peter Preaches on Pentecost**

Acts 2:22-24, 36-41

n Pentecost, fifty days after the Sabbath of Passover, the Twelvemost likely with other believers, 120 in all—are gathered together in one place (Acts 1:15; 2:17). Divided tongues of fire come to them and alight on each of those gathered. The Holy Spirit enables them to speak in various languages, but not just any languages. Our Lord empowers them to speak in the native tongues of those nations nearby whose citizens are in Jerusalem to celebrate the Feast of Pentecost, connecting directly into Jesus' mandate to teach and baptize.

Peter, who had previously denied Jesus three times, now boldly takes advantage of this dramatic event to preach Law and Gospel to those present. Peter quotes the prophet Joel and King David in an effort to add force to his convicting message: they all are responsible for crucifying Jesus, even if they were not present at the very event.

Peter follows with a call to repentance and sweet Gospel, directing his hearers to Baptism and the gifts that it brings: faith, forgiveness of sins, eternal life, and the Holy Spirit.

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