

Work of the Spirit

- Pentecost story
 - Gives courage
 - Ability to speak in different languages – speak so others understand
 - Empower people to proclaim that Jesus Christ is Lord
 - Ability to speak in a way that people are drawn to repent
 - Grows the community of Christ's followers
 - Willingness to care for the needs of one another – empowers Jesus' followers to love
- Acts 3:1-8
 - Healing
 - Courage
- Acts 4
 - Speak the Word with boldness
 - Give up possessions for the sake of the needy in community
- Romans 8
 - Prays in and through us when we don't know how to pray
- Martin Luther's explanation of 3rd article of Creed
 - Calls – us and church
 - Enlightens – us and church
 - Makes holy – us and church
 - Keeps us in the faith
 - Forgives
 - Raises to new life
 - Gives eternal life
- Ethiopian Eunuch and other stories in Acts
 - Works in a liminal space with a persons on the margins
 - Carries the gospel message of Christ to people at the edges
 - Guides
 - Gives courage and enables to remain faithful in the face of persecution

Examen

Without over-thinking, write down 3 or 4 events from your day.

Using the works of the Spirit list has a guide, where have you seen the work of the Spirit in the events of your day?

For the negative events, is it because there are forces in you or your environment blocking the work of the Spirit? Or is the Spirit working to teach you something that's difficult to hear?

Sit in silence with your examen. Offer a prayer that arises from it.