

## First Reading

Acts 17:16–31

<sup>16</sup>Now while Paul was waiting for them at Athens, his spirit was provoked within him as he saw that the city was full of idols. <sup>17</sup>So he reasoned in the synagogue with the Jews and the devout persons, and in the marketplace every day with those who happened to be there. <sup>18</sup>Some of the Epicurean and Stoic philosophers also conversed with him. And some said, “What does this babblers wish to say?” Others said, “He seems to be a preacher of foreign divinities”—because he was preaching Jesus and the resurrection. <sup>19</sup>And they took hold of him and brought him to the Areopagus, saying, “May we know what this new teaching is that you are presenting?” <sup>20</sup>For you bring some strange things to our ears. We wish to know therefore what these things mean.” <sup>21</sup>Now all the Athenians and the foreigners who lived there would spend their time in nothing except telling or hearing something new.

<sup>22</sup>So Paul, standing in the midst of the Areopagus, said: “Men of Athens, I perceive that in every way you are very religious. <sup>23</sup>For as I passed along and observed the objects of your worship, I found also an altar with this inscription, ‘To the unknown god.’ What therefore you worship as unknown, this I proclaim to you. <sup>24</sup>The God who made the world and everything in it, being Lord of heaven and earth, does not live in temples made by man, <sup>25</sup>nor is he served by human hands, as though he needed anything, since he himself gives to all mankind life and breath and everything. <sup>26</sup>And he made from one man every nation of mankind to live on all the face of the earth, having determined allotted periods and the boundaries of their dwelling place, <sup>27</sup>that they should seek God, in the hope that they might feel their way toward him and find him. Yet he is actually not far from each one of us, <sup>28</sup>for ‘In him we live and move and have our being’; as even some of your own poets have said, ‘For we are indeed his offspring.’ <sup>29</sup>Being then God’s offspring, we ought not to think that the divine being is like gold or silver or stone, an image formed by the art and imagination of man. <sup>30</sup>The times of ignorance God overlooked, but now he commands all people everywhere to repent, <sup>31</sup>because he has fixed a day on which he will judge the world in righteousness by a man whom he has appointed; and of this he has given assurance to all by raising him from the dead.”

## Epistle

1 Peter 3:13–22

<sup>13</sup>Now who is there to harm you if you are zealous for what is good? <sup>14</sup>But even if you should suffer for righteousness’ sake, you will be blessed. Have no fear of them, nor be troubled, <sup>15</sup>but in your hearts regard Christ the Lord as holy, always being prepared to make a defense to anyone who asks you for a reason for the hope that is in you; <sup>16</sup>yet do it with gentleness and respect, having a good conscience, so that, when you are slandered, those who revile your good behavior in Christ may be put to shame. <sup>17</sup>For it is better to suffer for doing good, if that should be God’s will, than for doing evil.

<sup>18</sup>For Christ also suffered once for sins, the righteous for the unrighteous, that he might bring us to God, being put to death in the flesh but made alive in the spirit, <sup>19</sup>in which he went and proclaimed to the spirits in prison, <sup>20</sup>because they formerly did not obey, when God’s patience waited in the days of Noah, while the ark was being prepared, in which a few, that is, eight persons, were brought safely through water. <sup>21</sup>Baptism, which corresponds to this, now saves you, not as a removal of dirt from the body but as an appeal to God for a good conscience, through the resurrection of Jesus Christ, <sup>22</sup>who has gone into heaven and is at the right hand of God, with angels, authorities, and powers having been subjected to him.

## Holy Gospel

John 14:15–21

<sup>15</sup>[Jesus said:] “If you love me, you will keep my commandments. <sup>16</sup>And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Helper, to be with you forever, <sup>17</sup>even the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot receive, because it neither sees him nor knows him. You know him, for he dwells with you and will be in you.

<sup>18</sup>“I will not leave you as orphans; I will come to you. <sup>19</sup>Yet a little while and the world will see me no more, but you will see me. Because I live, you also will live. <sup>20</sup>In that day you will know that I am in my Father, and you in me, and I in you. <sup>21</sup>Whoever has my commandments and keeps them, he it is who loves me. And he who loves me will be loved by my Father, and I will love him and manifest myself to him.”

# HE WILL GIVE YOU ANOTHER HELPER . . . THE SPIRIT

JOHN 14:16, 17



**About the Cover:** Jesus never abandons us. He is always with us in His Word. The Spirit strengthens us to live our faith no matter what happens in life. Jesus promised, “I will ask the Father, and He will give you another Helper . . . the Spirit” (John 14:16–17). Jesus then promises even more: “I will not leave you as orphans” (v. 18 ESV®). Jesus loves us so much that He gave His life for us, that we may live with Him forever.



# SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

May 17 & 21, 2017

Sharing, Believing, Living, Caring

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Liturgy: (W) Divine Service Setting One p. 151; (S) Special Order of Service

Hymns: (W) 457, 683, 805, 490, 618, 655

Sermon: "The High Cost of Loving" John 14:15-21

***Holy Communion:** Members of the Lutheran Church Missouri Synod are invited to receive the Lord's Supper. Non-members are requested to speak with Pastor before worship.*

## THE MEASURE OF OUR LOVE

Attendance 5/10 (Wed.): 30                      Offering: \$ 621.00

Attendance 5/14 (Sun): 111                      Offering: \$1,929.00

S.S. - 22                      Staff - 7                      B.C. - 10

Budget Needs: \$3,330.00                      Scrip Profit 5/14: \$24.50

## KINGDOM WORK THIS WEEK

MON (5/22)                      Summer Newsletter Items Due

WEDS (5/24)                      **7:00 p.m. Worship**  
8:00 p.m. Church Council

SUN (5/28)                      **9:00 a.m. Worship**

MON (5/29)                      Memorial Day - Office Closed

**ALTAR FLOWERS** are given in God's glory by Tony & Susan Wittmann.

**TODAY'S BULLETINS** are sponsored by Gary & Linda Streck.

**CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATES** - Samantha Bonick, Caleb Delvaux, Connor Eichhorst, Rebekah Krahn, Crystal McWilliams, Elyssa Schleis, & Mariana Vargas.

**THANK YOU** to everyone who purchased roses on Sunday. Your support of Right to Life is greatly appreciated.

**YOUTH LOCK-IN:** Attention Parents of current 6<sup>th</sup> graders & up: We will be holding a Service Lock-in Thursday, June 8<sup>th</sup> from 3:00 p.m.-7:30 a.m. Friday morning June 9<sup>th</sup>. Please sign up as soon as possible with Holly & Melissa so we can plan accordingly.

**WEAR RED FOR PENTECOST** - Wednesday, May 31 and Sunday June 4 we will celebrate Pentecost. The liturgical color of the day is red which is symbolic of the Holy Spirit. You are encouraged to wear red.

**HELP NEEDED:** The Board of Stewardship/Evangelism is looking for people/families to walk along our church float on June 9<sup>th</sup> to pass out hand-outs. We will be decorating the float on Thursday, June 8<sup>th</sup> at 9 a.m. if you would like to help. Contact Ron & Sue Detert (756-3439), or Lon & Lori Fels (920-864-2366) if you can help by being a walker along the float, or help on Thursday to decorate. Thank you!

**NEW SCRIP AVAILABLE:** Looking for the perfect graduation gift. The following scrip cards are now available - \$5 & \$10 Barnes & Noble, \$5 Starbucks, \$10 Walmart.

**VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL** will be June 7-9 from 9-11:30 a.m. - Register your children. Volunteer to help. Go to [www.vbsmate.com/stbartholomewbrillionwi](http://www.vbsmate.com/stbartholomewbrillionwi) or find the link on the church website. Register today!

**GRADUATION CARDS** are available in the card room.

## **OUR STEWARDSHIP LIFE**

*John 14:15 "If you love me, you will keep my commandments." Jesus is clear: our obedience to His Word comes from our love for Him. But where does that love come from? Jesus tells us that as well, "She was forgiven much, so she loved much" Luke 7:47. Christ shows us His love and gives us the forgiveness of our sins - and this causes love to well up in us, which in turn causes us to keep the commandments of Jesus. For after all, the summary of the Law is "Love."*

**SUNDAY SCHOOL LESSON:** Today's Sunday school lesson taught the children "Jesus Ascends into Heaven" to prepare a place for us there with Him (Acts 1:1-11; Luke 24:44-53). *Ask the children to tell you about Jesus' ascension and what it means for them?*