

First Reading

Acts 1:1-11

¹In the first book, O Theophilus, I have dealt with all that Jesus began to do and teach, ²until the day when he was taken up, after he had given commands through the Holy Spirit to the apostles whom he had chosen. ³To them he presented himself alive after his suffering by many proofs, appearing to them during forty days and speaking about the kingdom of God.

⁴And while staying with them he ordered them not to depart from Jerusalem, but to wait for the promise of the Father, which, he said, "you heard from me; ⁵for John baptized with water, but you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit not many days from now."

⁶So when they had come together, they asked him, "Lord, will you at this time restore the kingdom to Israel?" ⁷He said to them, "It is not for you to know times or seasons that the Father has fixed by his own authority. ⁸But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you, and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the end of the earth." ⁹And when he had said these things, as they were looking on, he was lifted up, and a cloud took him out of their sight. ¹⁰And while they were gazing into heaven as he went, behold, two men stood by them in white robes, ¹¹and said, "Men of Galilee, why do you stand looking into heaven? This Jesus, who was taken up from you into heaven, will come in the same way as you saw him go into heaven."

Epistle

Ephesians 1:15-23

¹⁵For this reason, because I have heard of your faith in the Lord Jesus and your love toward all the saints, ¹⁶I do not cease to give thanks for you, remembering you in my prayers, ¹⁷that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give you a spirit of wisdom and of revelation in the knowledge of him, ¹⁸having the eyes of your hearts enlightened, that you may know what is the

hope to which he has called you, what are the riches of his glorious inheritance in the saints, ¹⁹and what is the immeasurable greatness of his power toward us who believe, according to the working of his great might ²⁰that he worked in Christ when he raised him from the dead and seated him at his right hand in the heavenly places, ²¹far above all rule and authority and power and dominion, and above every name that is named, not only in this age but also in the one to come. ²²And he put all things under his feet and gave him as head over all things to the church, ²³which is his body, the fullness of him who fills all in all.

Holy Gospel

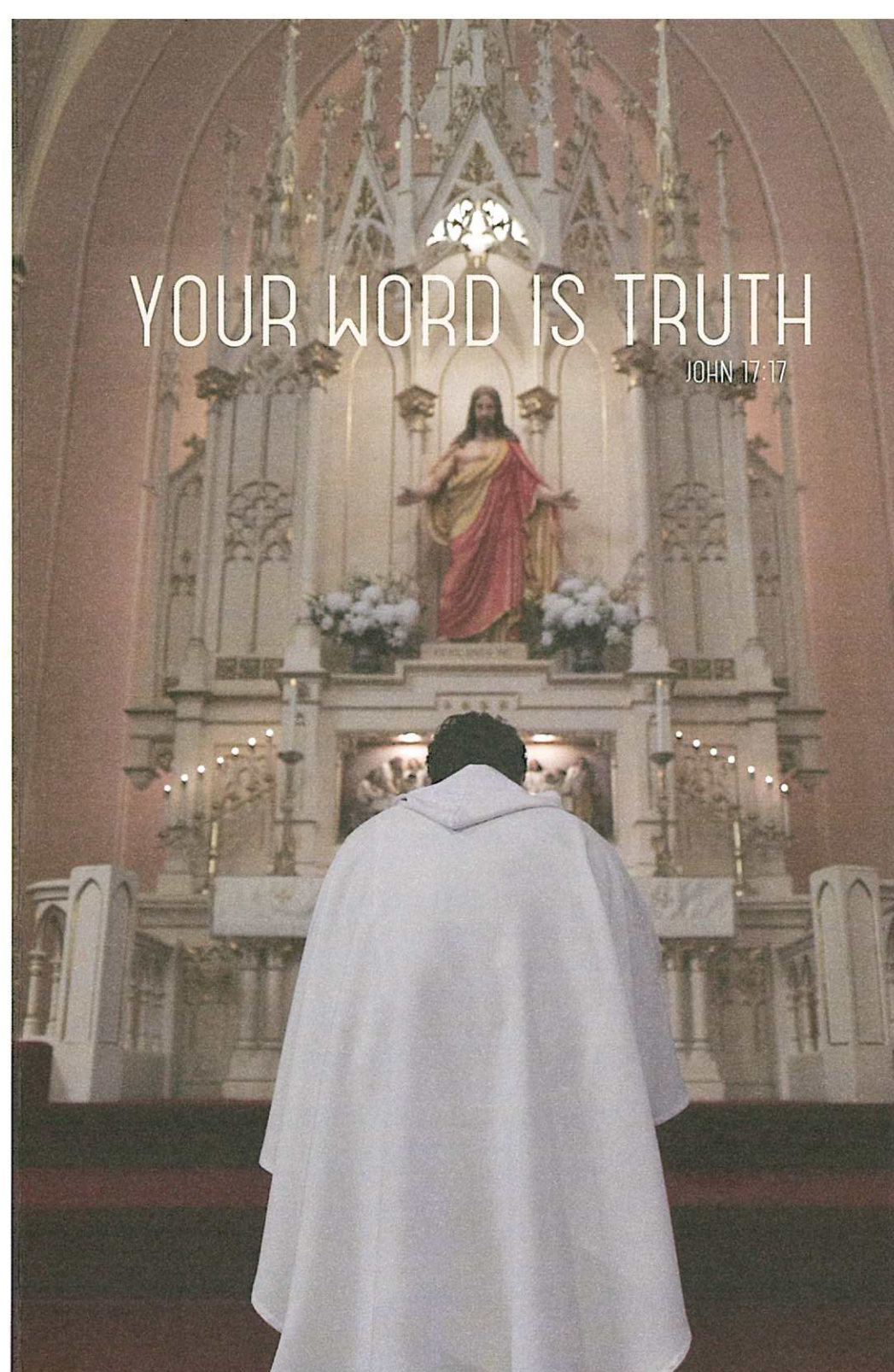
Luke 24:44-53

⁴⁴Then he said to them, "These are my words that I spoke to you while I was still with you, that everything written about me in the Law of Moses and the Prophets and the Psalms must be fulfilled." ⁴⁵Then he opened their minds to understand the Scriptures, ⁴⁶and said to them, "Thus it is written, that the Christ should suffer and on the third day rise from the dead, ⁴⁷and that repentance and forgiveness of sins should be proclaimed in his name to all nations, beginning from Jerusalem. ⁴⁸You are witnesses of these things. ⁴⁹And behold, I am sending the promise of my Father upon you. But stay in the city until you are clothed with power from on high."

⁵⁰Then he led them out as far as Bethany, and lifting up his hands he blessed them. ⁵¹While he blessed them, he parted from them and was carried up into heaven. ⁵²And they worshiped him and returned to Jerusalem with great joy, ⁵³and were continually in the temple blessing God.



About the Cover: God's Word is indeed the truth! Many books have been written and published that contain untruths and lies. Some books seek to persuade us of a concept or an agenda. But God's Word not only contains truth, but it *is* the truth of God Himself. By God's Word, we are made holy, because God tells us only that which is the truth. Thanks be to God for His Word of truth!



SEVENTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

May 9 & 13, 2018

Sharing, Believing, Living, Caring

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Liturgy: Divine Service Setting One p. 151
Hymns: 493, 491, 805, 492
Sermon: "Child's Play, Imagination, and Beyond"
Ephesians 1:15-23

THE MEASURE OF OUR LOVE

Attendance 5/2 (Wed.): 44 Comm.: 43 Offering: \$1,358.00
Attendance 5/6 (Sun.): 82 Comm.: 63 Offering: \$2,624.00
S.S. – 15 Staff – 7
Budget Needs: \$3,397.00 Scrip Profit 5/6: \$28.09

KINGDOM WORK THIS WEEK

SUN (5/13) 6:30 p.m. – Farm & Home 4H
TUES (5/15) 9:30 a.m. – Circuit Pastor's Conf., Two Rivers
WED (5/16) **7:00 p.m. – Worship w/Communion**
8:00 p.m. – Stewardship/Evangelism
THUR (5/17) 3:45 p.m. – Trustees
SUN (5/20) *Youth Sunday*
8:00 a.m. – S.S. (Last Day)
9:00 a.m. – Worship w/Communion
Graduate Sunday
1:00 p.m. – Elders

TODAY'S BULLETINS are sponsored by Steve & Sue Juno.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS – On Sunday, June 10, the Don Peachey Band will be here to lead our music which will have a little more of an "oom pah pah" tempo. They will also play after the service for a couple hours so be sure to have your dancing shoes on. Other details are still being planned as far as food and a children's activity.

IN THE CARD ROOM are confirmation and graduation cards.

LET'S SEE SOME RED! You are encouraged to wear red next week as we celebrate Pentecost, the special outpouring of the Holy Spirit. Red is the color of fire which reminds us of the tongues of fire that appeared on the disciples' heads.

SUMMER NEWSLETTER DEADLINE is May 21. This newsletter will cover the months of June-July-August, so please look ahead to any announcements you would like included in this issue.

FLOAT COMMITTEE – The Board of Stewardship/Evangelism is looking for 3-4 people to organize the church float for the parade on June 8. Contact the church office if interested.

OUR STEWARDSHIP LIFE

1 Peter 4:10 "As each has received a gift, use it to serve one another, as good stewards of God's varied grace." The grace, the gifts, the blessings: they are all from God. We are to use them as stewards, not as owners. That means we should seek to use them in the way the Owner wants them used. So we listen to His Word, pray for His Wisdom, and receive His grace.

DISTRICT MISSIONS – Pray not only this week, but every week for all **mothers in our District**, that their Christian values and patient love for their children will nurture the next generation to be bold witnesses to the Gospel of Jesus Christ.

Blessed
Mother's
Day!

Numbers 6:24
The LORD bless you
and keep you.

