

Old Testament

Acts 17:16–31

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

²²So Paul, standing in the midst of the Areopagus, said: “Men of Athens, I perceive that in every way you are very religious. ²³For 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. ²⁴The God who made the world and everything in it, being Lord of heaven and earth, does not live in temples made by man, ²⁵nor is he served by human hands, as though he needed anything, since he himself gives to all mankind life and breath and everything. ²⁶And 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, ²⁷that 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, ²⁸for “‘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.’ ²⁹Being 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. ³⁰The times of ignorance God overlooked, but now he commands all people everywhere to repent, ³¹because 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 3:13–17

¹³Now who is there to harm you if you are zealous for what is good? ¹⁴But even if you should suffer for righteousness’ sake, you will be blessed. Have no fear of them, nor be troubled, ¹⁵but 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; ¹⁶yet 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. ¹⁷For it is better to suffer for doing good, if that should be God’s will, than for doing evil.

¹⁸For 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, ¹⁹in which he went and proclaimed to the spirits in prison, ²⁰because 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. ²¹Baptism, 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, ²²who 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

¹⁵[Jesus said:] “If you love me, you will keep my commandments. ¹⁶And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Helper, to be with you forever, ¹⁷even 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.

¹⁸“I will not leave you as orphans; I will come to you. ¹⁹Yet a little while and the world will see me no more, but you will see me. Because I live, you also will live. ²⁰In that day you will know that I am in my Father, and you in me, and I in you. ²¹Whoever 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.”



A reason for the hope
that is in you

1 Peter 3:15



Easter

About the Cover: We are a people of hope oriented to the Lord’s promises for our future. Yet there will be times when the world will seek to challenge that hope. Peter calls us to always be ready to give the reason behind it. The reason is none other than Jesus Himself. He has suffered, died, and risen for us. By Baptism, we have been joined to Christ so that no matter what the world brings, we are His, He is ours, and, likewise, we shall rise.

6th SUNDAY OF EASTER

May 10 & 14, 2023

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***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 5/3	(Wed): 28	Comm.: 25	Offering: \$370.04
Attendance 5/7	(Sun): 120	Comm.: 64	Offering: \$2,959.07
Budget Needs:	\$3,098.21	Scrip Profit 5/7:	\$28.57
S.S. – 10	Staff – 4	B.C. – 10	

KINGDOM WORK THIS WEEK

SUN (5/14) *Mother's Day Rose Sale*
6:00 p.m. – Farm & Home 4H

MON (5/15) Summer Newsletter Items Due

TUES (5/16) 9:30 a.m. – Circuit Pastors Conference, Hilbert

WED (5/17) **7:00 p.m. – Worship**
7:45 p.m. – Council

THUR (5/18) 7:00 p.m. – Women's Devotional Hour

SUN (5/21) 8:00 a.m. – S.S./B.C.
9:00 a.m. – Worship
10:00 a.m. – Stewardship/Evangelism
Graduate Sunday

IN OUR PRAYERS we remember Harlen Krahn; Fran (father of Brigitte Sonnabend); Alvin Bladow (brother of Roger Bladow), Vincent Sucivic (grandson of Duane & Karen Loose), Wilfred Boldt, Julie Boldt, Kay Koffarnus, Jules Clausing (infection), Carol Clausing, Sandy Haberland, Elaine Zeamer, Lori Krueger, and Terry Brandenburg.

ALTAR FLOWERS are given in God's glory by Hank & Lori Horn in honor of Mother's Day.

ELECTRONIC GIVING – You can now manage your electronic giving by going to our website www.stbartbrillion.org and clicking the member resources tab and choose electronic giving and click on the link. Please note: if you are currently doing electronic giving and want to manage your account online, you **MUST** contact the church office to cancel your current account. If you have any questions with this please contact the church office.

GRASS CUTTERS – we are looking for volunteers to cut the grass. You can sign up for a week or a month. Sign-up sheet is on the bulletin board. If you have any questions, please contact the trustees.

MITE BOX – The LWML Mite Box is on the small table in the narthex for anyone wishing to put their change in throughout the year. Mites go towards many different grants to help those in need. There is a list of them by the mite box.

CONFIRMATION AND GRADUATION CARDS are available in the card room.

OUR STEWARDSHIP LIFE

James 1:22 – “But be doers of the word, and not hearers only, deceiving yourselves.” The Word of God is not merely to be heard, but to be received and believed. Our faith is implanted and strengthened by the Word of God. As Luther said, “Oh, it is a living, busy, active, mighty thing, this faith. And so it is impossible for it not to do good works incessantly.” James' epistle encourages us to examine our lives and come to repentance when we are not living out our faith in sincerity.

H A P P Y
Mother's Day
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