

### Acts 17:16-31 (ESV)

<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 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, and perhaps 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."

### 1 Peter 3:13-22 (ESV)

<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 honor 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; yet do it with gentleness and respect, <sup>16</sup> 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.

### John 14:15-21 (ESV)

<sup>15</sup> "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."



# God

... is not far from each one of us.

Acts 17:27, NRSV

**May 21, 2017**  
**6<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter**

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**✠ In the Name of Jesus ✠**

**Theme of the Day** ~ The Lord Jesus Comforts Us with the Preaching of His Resurrection. “The God who ... gives to all mankind life and breath and everything” (Acts 17:24–25) wants all people to seek Him that they might “feel their way toward him and find him” (Acts 17:27). But in our sinful ignorance, we humans turn instead to idols “formed by the art and imagination of man” (Acts 17:29). Therefore, God appointed the Man of Righteousness, Jesus Christ, and “has given assurance to all by raising him from the dead” (Acts 17:31). Because He lives, we also live (John 14:19) in His forgiveness, and thus we love Him and keep His commandments (John 14:15). While the risen Lord prepares us for His ascension, He will not leave us “as orphans” (John 14:18), but He gives “another Helper,” the Holy Spirit, to be with us forever (John 14:16) through the preaching of “Jesus and the resurrection” (Acts 17:18). Because He “suffered once for sins, the righteous for the unrighteous” (1 Peter 3:18), we “honor Christ the Lord as holy” and are always “prepared to make a defense to anyone who asks” for the reason for our hope (1 Peter 3:15). Our Baptism “now saves” us “as an appeal to God for a good conscience, through the resurrection of Jesus Christ” (1 Peter 3:21).

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<b>Pastor</b>	Paul Hauser
<b>Organist</b>	Tami Mosher
<b>Elders</b>	Paul Bohn & Dale Rohde
<b>A/V</b>	Brad Pinet
<b>Acolytes</b>	Mckenna Kumar & Katie Pinet
<b>Ushers</b>	Marc Pinet, Mike Hingston, Ken Knoerr
<b>Greeters</b>	Bud & Millie Parker
<b>Altar Guild</b>	Julayne Hutfilz and Sharon Hyatt

## **Our Measure of Love and Gifts**

Attendance last week – 105 *Needed for The Lord's Work at Zion* \$3,856 ~ *Received for the Lord's Work* \$2,949 = Loose Plate \$98, Envelopes \$2,411 Mission \$125, Maintenance \$315; \$25 in memory of Gale Pretzer.

**Please pray for your fellow Christians on their birthday:** May 26- Rachel Little, Kris Seeburger, Judy Weber; May 27- Julie Neuenfeldt; May 28- Linda Brickel, Lisa Kade, Curtis Wietfeldt; May 29- Bernice Beach; May 31- Nick Berger, Staphanie Szagesh.

**Today's Memory Verse** ~ "Everyone should be quick to listen, slow to speak and slow to become angry, for man's anger does not bring about the righteous life that God desires." James 1:19-20

**Voters' Assembly Meeting** ~ May Voters' Meeting will be held this morning following the service in the fellowship hall. All confirmed members age 18 and over are encouraged to attend. Agendas are available in the narthex.

**Iva Chimes Newsletter** ~ Please have items to be included in the Summer edition (June, July, August) of the newsletter in the church office by Wednesday, May 24. Email [admin@zionhemlock.org](mailto:admin@zionhemlock.org).

**Volunteer Opportunity at Zion** ~ The Gazebo garden area is in need of mulch and willing hands to help spread it out. A date will be chosen in the near future and posted in the bulletin. This will be a fun, quick and easy task if a group gets together and does it. Please take a look at your church's outside appearance and help as you can. As you see the need, pull a weed, pick up a stick, whatever you can do to help keep it looking nice. Thanks to our lawn mowers who keep the lawn looking great! Thank Mark Richardson, Dick Bluemer and Don Hollingsworth for volunteering their time and equipment!

**Faith Comes by Hearing** ~ We will have a door offering next Sunday, May 28, as we celebrate Memorial Day by supporting this group in purchasing Bible Sticks and supplying our troops with the Word of God.

**Job Opening** ~ Peace Lutheran School, 3161 Lawndale Road in Saginaw Township, is seeking to hire a teacher for its primary grades. If you are interested or would like to submit the name of a Synodically trained teacher for consideration, please contact Principal Joel Keup at 989.792.2581.

**A Sign of Honor** ~ Even he who died for us upon the cross, in the last hour, in the unutterable agony of death, was mindful of his mother, as if to teach us that this holy love should be our last worldly thought — the last point of earth from which the soul should take its flight to heaven. ~ Henry Wadsworth Longfellow