

Paul's Sermon at Athens

Acts 17:16-31

May 15, 2022



Scripture Acts 17:16-31

¹⁶While Paul was waiting for them in Athens, he was deeply distressed to see that the city was full of idols. ¹⁷So he argued in the synagogue with the Jews and the devout persons, and also in the marketplace every day with those who happened to be there. ¹⁸Also some Epicurean and Stoic philosophers debated with him. Some said, "What does this babbling want to say?" Others said, "He seems to be a proclaimer of foreign divinities." (This was because he was telling the good news about Jesus and the resurrection.) ¹⁹So they took him and brought him to the Areopagus and asked him, "May we know what this new teaching is that you are presenting? ²⁰It sounds rather strange to us, so we would like to know what it means." ²¹Now all the Athenians and the foreigners living there would spend their time in nothing but telling or hearing something new.

²²Then Paul stood in front of the Areopagus and said, "Athenians, I see how extremely religious you are in every way. ²³For as I went through the city and looked carefully at the objects of your worship, I found among them an altar with the inscription, 'To an unknown god.' What therefore you worship as unknown, this I proclaim to you. ²⁴The God who made the world and everything in it, he who is Lord of heaven and earth, does not live in shrines made by human hands, ²⁵nor is he served by human hands, as though he needed anything, since he himself gives to all mortals life and breath and all things. ²⁶From one ancestor he made all nations to inhabit the whole earth, and he allotted the times of their existence and the boundaries of the places where they would live, ²⁷so that they would search for God and perhaps grope for him and find him—though indeed he is 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 too are his offspring.' ²⁹Since we are God's offspring, we ought not to think that the deity is like gold, or silver, or stone, an image formed by the art and imagination of mortals. ³⁰While God has overlooked the times of human ignorance, now he commands all people everywhere to repent, ³¹because he has fixed a day on which he will have the world judged in righteousness by a man whom he has appointed, and of this he has given assurance to all by raising him from the dead."

Prayer of the Day

God of all wisdom,

Paul knew how to sit with people in their own reality before bringing them along the journey of the story of Christ. Teach us to honor people's journeys with grace and respect. Amen.



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May Mission of the Month

The Mission of the Month for May at Grace is Youth Link. Youth Link is a nonprofit in downtown Minneapolis that helps young people between the ages of 16 and 23 on their journey from homelessness to hopeful. Young people of all backgrounds, races, genders, and orientation are welcome. Youth Link is dedicated to helping stabilize and create futures for its clients.

Did you know that on any given night in Minnesota 4,000 young people will experience homelessness? For more than 40 years Youth Link has helped connect young people with a community of resources and support, whether it's basic needs like a hot shower or a warm meal, assistance with employment or educational goal, accessing mental and physical health resources or finding supportive housing. Youth Link helps young people at all stages of their journey.

Please prayerfully consider financially supporting this ministry. Your gift can really make a difference in the life of a young person at one of their very lowest points of their life and give them a future and most of all hope. Please use your blue multi-purpose envelope, mark mission of the month and place in the offering plate on Sunday morning or mail to the church office. Checks should be made payable to Grace Thank you.

On May 22nd, we will have the Director of the Shobi's Table ministry with us to fill us in on what they are doing and how we can help. After worship we will have their food truck here for morning treats from 10:30 -12:30. They will have a crustless quiche, breakfast potatoes, fruit, and baked goods, as well as Gluten-Free and Vegetarian options. Please plan on joining us and bring your friends!

Camp Onomia is looking for both High School graduates and College students to join their staff this summer. If you are or know somebody that might be interested, Contact Camp Onomia at CampOnomia@gmail.com

This Sunday we will gather at 9:30 am to worship in person. The service will be livestreamed and recorded. See you there!

We have a dedicated free phone line which you can call in and listen to the livestreaming worship services. So if you don't have a computer or would rather just listen, call in on 1-(833) 579 - 2830. Please pass this number to your friends without computers.

We will continue to post recordings of the services each week on our website and Facebook page. Stay tuned for more information as we go forward . We pray for everyone to stay safe and healthy during this time.

Your giving is still just as important to continuing our missions as always. You can give electronically using the give button on the website (www.gracelutheranstpaul.org), mail it in to the church (1730 Old Hudson Road, St. Paul 55106) or place in the offering at worship on Sunday. The office hours are M-Thurs, 9:30-1:30. Feel free to call the church (651-774-9617) with any questions, prayers, or requests for help.

As you do your shopping at Amazon remember to go thru the **Amazon Smile** site to get the 0.5% donation! We are registered with Amazon smile as a charitable organization. These monies will be designated for 2022 Youth Camp. Here is our direct charity link:

<https://smile.amazon.com/ch/41-0871742>



Monday, May 9- Sunday, May 15

Monday, May 9	10 am	Missions Committee meeting
	1:30 pm	Business Mgmt. Meeting
Tuesday, May 10	NO	Property Mgmt. Meeting
	6:30 pm	Community Connections Mtg (virtual)
	7 pm	Worship Committee (Virtual)
Wednesday, May 11	5:30 pm	Bells of Grace rehearsal
	6:30 pm	Sanctuary Choir rehearsal
Saturday, May 14	8:30 am	Men's Bible Study (virtual) contact the office if you wish to join this group
	10-12 pm	Quilter's Group
Sunday, May 15	9:30 am	Worship in Sanctuary -
	10:30	Fellowship in the Tower Rooms

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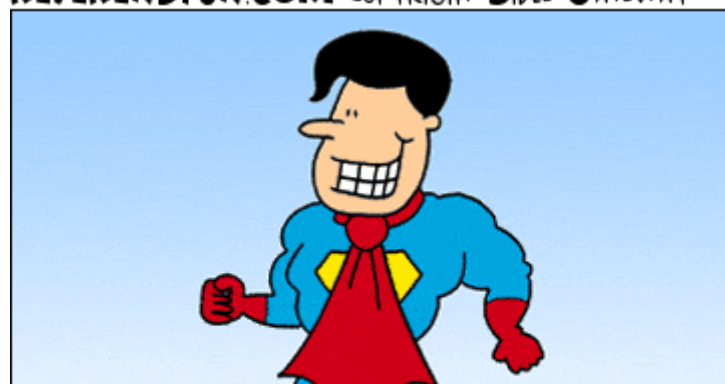
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