



Reach out to all

Embrace His Gifts

Announce His coming

Commit to Christian Living

Honor His Word

St. Peter's Evangelical Lutheran Church

Sunday, May 10, 2026

Pastor Ron Moritz, Deacon Ed Smallcombe

Opening Hymn: "Jesus Lives! The Victory's Won"

### CONFESSION & ABSOLUTION

P: Let us then confess our sins to God the Father

**C: Most merciful God, we confess that we are by nature sinful and unclean. We have sinned against You in thought, word and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved You with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We justly deserve Your present and eternal punishment. For the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in Your will and walk in Your ways to the glory of Your holy name. Amen.**



I will not  
leave you  
as orphans;

I will  
come to you

## 6<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter

**Acts 17:16-31-** <sup>16</sup> While Paul was waiting for them in Athens, he was greatly distressed to see that the city was full of idols. <sup>17</sup> So he reasoned in the synagogue with both Jews and God-fearing Greeks, as well as in the marketplace day by day with those who happened to be there. <sup>18</sup> A group of Epicurean and Stoic philosophers began to debate with him. Some of them asked, “What is this babbler trying to say?” Others remarked, “He seems to be advocating foreign gods.” They said this because Paul was preaching the good news about Jesus and the resurrection. <sup>19</sup> Then they took him and brought him to a meeting of the Areopagus, where they said to him, “May we know what this new teaching is that you are presenting? <sup>20</sup> You are bringing some strange ideas to our ears, and we would like to know what they mean.” <sup>21</sup> (All the Athenians and the foreigners who lived there spent their time doing nothing but talking about and listening to the latest ideas.) <sup>22</sup> Paul then stood up in the meeting of the Areopagus and said: “People of Athens! I see that in every way you are very religious. <sup>23</sup> For as I walked around and looked carefully at your objects of worship, I even found an altar with this inscription: to an unknown god. So you are ignorant of the very thing you worship—and this is what I am going to proclaim to you. <sup>24</sup> “The God who made the world and everything in it is the Lord of heaven and earth and does not live in temples built by human hands. <sup>25</sup> And he is not served by human hands, as if he needed anything. Rather, he himself gives everyone life and breath and everything else. <sup>26</sup> From one man he made all the nations, that they should inhabit the whole earth; and he marked out their appointed times in history and the boundaries of their lands. <sup>27</sup> God did this so that they would seek him and perhaps reach out for him and find him, though he is not far from any one of us. <sup>28</sup> ‘For in him we live and move and have our being.’<sup>[a]</sup> As some of your own poets have said, ‘We are his offspring.’ <sup>29</sup> “Therefore, since we are God’s offspring, we should not think that the divine being is like gold or silver or stone—an image made by human design and skill. <sup>30</sup> In the past God overlooked such ignorance, but now he commands all people everywhere to repent. <sup>31</sup> For he has set a day when he will judge the world with justice by the man he has appointed. He has given proof of this to everyone by raising him from the dead.”

**Epistle- 1 Peter 3:13-22:** <sup>13</sup> Who is going to harm you if you are eager to do good? <sup>14</sup> But even if you should suffer for what is right, you are blessed. “Do not fear their threats; do not be frightened.” <sup>15</sup> But in your hearts revere Christ as Lord. Always be prepared to give an answer to everyone who asks you to give the reason for the hope that you have. But do this with gentleness and respect, <sup>16</sup> keeping a clear conscience, so that those who speak maliciously against your good behavior in Christ may be ashamed of their slander. <sup>17</sup> For it is better, if it is God’s will, to suffer for doing good than for doing evil. <sup>18</sup> For Christ also suffered once for sins, the righteous for the unrighteous, to bring you to God. He was put to death in the body but made alive in the Spirit. <sup>19</sup> After being made alive, he went and made proclamation to the imprisoned spirits— <sup>20</sup> to those who were disobedient long ago when God waited patiently in the days of Noah while the ark was being built. In it only a few people, eight in all, were saved through water, <sup>21</sup> and this water symbolizes baptism that now saves you also—not the removal of dirt from the body but the pledge of a clear conscience toward God. It saves you by the resurrection of Jesus Christ, <sup>22</sup> who has gone into heaven and is at God’s right hand—with angels, authorities and powers in submission to him.

**Gospel: John 14:15-21** “If you love me, keep my commands. <sup>16</sup> And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another advocate to help you and be with you forever— <sup>17</sup> the Spirit of truth. The world cannot accept him, because it neither sees him nor knows him. But you know him, for he lives 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> Before long, the world will not see me anymore, but you will see me. Because I live, you also will live. <sup>20</sup> On that day you will realize that I am in my Father, and you are in me, and I am in you. <sup>21</sup> Whoever has my commands and keeps them is the one who loves me. The one who loves me will be loved by my Father, and I too will love them and show myself to them.”

## Nicene Creed

I believe in one God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth and of all things visible and invisible.

And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God, begotten of His Father before all worlds, God of God, Light of Light, very God of very God, begotten, not made, being of one substance with the Father, by whom all things were made; who, for us men for our salvation, came down from heaven, and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary, and was made man; and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate; He suffered and was buried; and the third day He rose again, according to the Scriptures; and ascended into heaven, and sits on the right hand of the Father; and He shall come again, with glory, to judge the quick and the dead; whose kingdom shall have no end.

And I believe one holy and apostolic Church. I acknowledge one baptism for the remission of sins; and I look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.

### Sermon Hymn: “A Hymn of Glory Let Us Sing”

### Sermon : “ Let Me Introduce You to —” Acts 17:22-31



Pray for our country, for our military, for our healthcare workers & first responders, for those that are sick, for those in need, for those who have lost loved ones, for our home-bound, for wisdom for our leaders, and for all of your concerns. Prayers of Strength and Comfort for the Ukrainian People and wisdom for all NATO Members. Pray for all your concerns.

### The Lord's Prayer

### Benediction

### Closing Hymn: “Built on the Rock” vs 1,3 & 5

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## SERMON REVIEW FOR May 10, 2026

### “Let Me Introduce You to —” Acts 17:22-31

Introduction: The fascination with S \_\_\_\_\_

(Examples)

#### I. St. Paul's visit to A \_\_\_\_\_ (a center of S \_\_\_\_\_)

A. Gathering place of P \_\_\_\_\_

1. The Hill called ' Areopagus'
2. Large, paved area surrounded by A \_\_\_\_\_
3. One dedicated to every known G \_\_\_\_\_
4. And, one dedicated to the U \_\_\_\_\_ god.

B. Paul's strategy of witness unfolds:

1. Step One - C \_\_\_\_\_ his listeners “I see you are religious people”

2. Step Two - Point out their I \_\_\_\_\_

“You don't know every god”

3. Step Three - Proclaim the T \_\_\_\_\_ God.

“ This I proclaim to you”

Illustration: “Hold on, you're going too fast”

#### II. “Let me introduce you to the One True God!”

A. First Truth - not many, but ONE God (Father)

B. Second Truth - people look for 'god' until the True God F \_\_\_\_\_ us (Son)

C. Third Truth - The Holy Spirit desires:

1. A R \_\_\_\_\_ heart
2. A T \_\_\_\_\_ heart

*What a blessing to know the One True God: Father, Son and Holy Spirit!*

A closing word from 1 Peter 3:15

“Always be prepared to give and answer to everyone who asks you,

to give the reason for the hope you have ..... and do it with

G \_\_\_\_\_ and R \_\_\_\_\_

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**ADULT BIBLE CLASS** today'

**Sunday School** will meet May 17th & 31st.





### May - Lutherans for Life

Lutherans For Life exists to equip Lutherans and their neighbors to be Gospel-motivated voices For Life. An effective For Life message is one that is spoken with truth in love.



The ground level door will be open on Sunday mornings for those who wish to avoid climbing the hill. Also shortly after service begins both doors will be locked for security reasons.



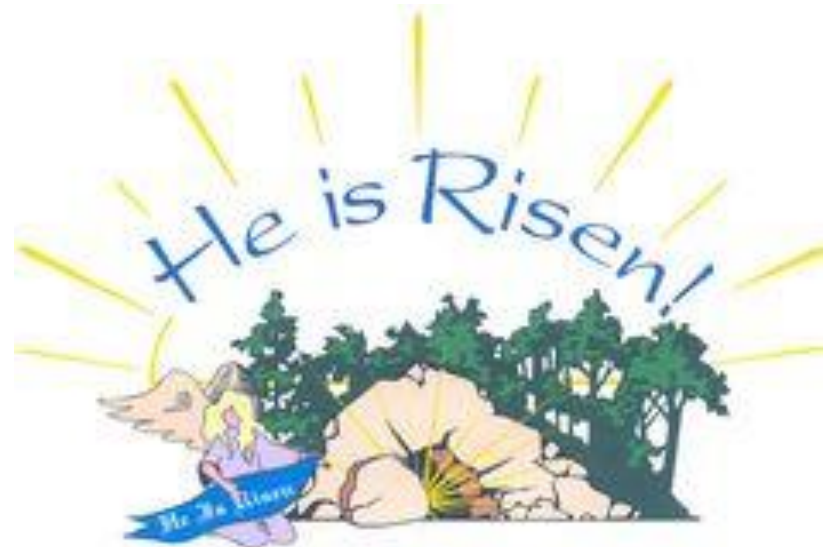
**LWML/Ladies Aid** will meet on May 12th at 10:00 am.

**FYI on May 24** - We would like to honor our veterans and welcome our new members during the regular church service. Afterwards we invite everyone to join us for cake and refreshments. There will be no Bible Study that day.

### Belize Missionary



There is a newsletter out on the table in the Narthex. You may read it or take one with you.



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