

Pastor's Bible Class

May 10, 2026

The Sixth Sunday of Easter

Hymn #590 "Baptized into Your Name Most Holy"



1 Bap-tized in - to Your name most ho - ly, O Fa - ther, Son, and
2 My lov - ing Fa - ther, here You take me To be hence-forth Your
3 My faith - ful God, You fail me nev - er; Your prom - ise sure - ly
4 All that I am and love most dear-ly— Re - ceive it all, O



Ho - ly Ghost, I claim a place, though weak and low - ly,
child and heir. My faith - ful Sav - ior, here You make me
will en - dure. O cast me not a - way for - ev - er
Lord, from me. Let me con - fess my faith sin - cere - ly;



A - mong Your saints, Your cho - sen host. Bur - ied with Christ and
The fruit of all Your sor - rows share. O Ho - ly Spir - it,
If words and deeds be - come im - pure. Have mer - cy when I
Help me Your faith - ful child to be! Let noth - ing that I



dead to sin, Your Spir - it now shall live with - in.
com - fort me When threat - ning clouds a - round I see.
come de - filed; For - give, lift up, re - store Your child.
am or own Serve an - y will but Yours a - lone.

Read Acts 17:16-31

1. Who was Paul waiting for in Athens? See Acts 17:10-15.
2. Why did the presence of idols provoke Paul?
3. Where does Paul begin his evangelistic efforts in Athens? Why?
4. In verse 18, we are introduced to two schools of Athenian philosophy. What does Paul say about the Greeks in I Corinthians 1:22-24?
5. How do the philosophers receive Paul's teaching and why?

6. The Areopagus was an area in Athens where the open exchange of ideas was welcomed. What do we learn about the Athenians in verse 21?

7. The Lutheran Study Bible says, “the Athenians likely knew of the Old Testament.” Why was Paul’s teaching, therefore, considered a “new teaching”?

8. What rhetorical devices does Paul use in his speech? Why?

9. Examine the following sections of Paul’s speech and comment on the content of each:

- Acts 17:22-23
- Acts 17:24-25
- Acts 17:26-28
- Acts 17:29
- Acts 17:30-31

10. What is the reaction to Paul’s address, and how is it instructive to us?

John 14:15-21

11. What does Jesus promise His disciples in this reading?

- John 14:16
- John 14:18
- John 14:19
- John 14:20

12. What is the proper relationship between keeping the commandments and loving God?

Devotional Thought from “The Lutheran Study Bible”

In Athens, Paul engages the dominant religious and philosophical teachings of the day. The Gospel message is foolishness to people of this world. Yet, God desires to engage all people with His Word and, by the Spirit’s power, to open their hearts and minds to the good news of Jesus and His resurrection (TLSB, 1872).

Closing Prayer

Father, the Gospel of Jesus is the power by which we are saved. Guide Your people to engage the world with this message. Amen.