

Spring Semester 2018 – God Equips His Church – Read Acts 2:1-13  
*Now there were staying in Jerusalem God-fearing Jews from every nation under heaven.*

Dear Friends & Family of True North,

If you haven't noticed, there's a crowd this week in Minneapolis. As this day has been approaching, it's interesting to note the exuberant amounts of money people and companies will spend for this experience in the Twin Cities. It's not just the game, there are the concerts, the events, and everything connected to the Super Bowl. In the end, what benefit will these things bring to people's salvation. In the reading above there is a far more important event going on. It's the gathering in Jerusalem where the individuals celebrated the spring harvest. We know it as the day of Pentecost. The Lord had something else in mind on this particular day. He would use this day to reveal to many who Jesus was and how he had fulfilled the Scriptures and was crucified and rose from the dead.

This was a day that the Holy Spirit blessed the disciples with the ability to speak in many tongues. With the countries represented in that one place, the Lord saw to it that they would hear the wonders of God in their native tongues. While we are nearing Lent, the season of Pentecost continues in the New Testament as we await our Lord's return. This event in our city should show firsthand (if we haven't noticed already) the need for the gospel. Happiness is sought in the arenas of sport and song. Happiness is sought in being part of a big event. Happiness is pursued in ways that are empty and void. The masses come. The masses will watch.

What can we do? We know the truth and how Super Bowl is really not all that super in regards to its spiritual impact. We will have some individuals traveling to our city. Some of whom may explore the U of M because that's where the Philadelphia Eagles are practicing. Some will come to Northeast in search of local flavors and things to do. If you get the opportunity, take the time to welcome them here and see if you can seize an opportunity to invite to join us for worship on Sunday or to Bible Study at the U. See if there's if there's an opportunity to tell them about their Savior. The Lord's blessings this week!

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