

Spring Semester 2018 – The Sermon that Keeps on Serving – Read Acts 2:14-41  
*God has raised this Jesus to life, and we are all witnesses of the fact. Exalted to the right hand of God, he has received from the Father the promised Holy Spirit and has poured out what you now see and hear.*

Dear Friends & Family of True North,

Do you have a favorite movie? Is there a show you can watch over and over again despite the many times you've seen it before? Is there a book you've read numerous times? This week, our devotion is paired with a sermon that keeps on serving. It's the account of Peter's sermon on Pentecost.

In it, we have a clear testimony of what happened to Jesus, why it happened, and what wonderful results are ours because of our Savior's death and resurrection. We need to hear it. In it you hear God's call to repent. You hear the Law's condemnation. We are the reason Jesus had to die. While we didn't drive the nails into his hands, it was because our many sins that he had to die. In that sermon we also hear the blessings that are ours through his death and resurrection. You received the Holy Spirit at your baptism. We've received the forgiveness of sins through our Savior's suffering and death. We've received the promises of God through Jesus. One of those promises is the resurrection from the dead that we have because of Jesus' resurrection.

This message doesn't just appear here in Acts two. As we study the book of Acts, we'll see numerous occasions where God's people preached to their audience about Christ. As we continue to gather in God's house, that same message is preached to us. Each week we continue to struggle with sin. We enter God's house needing to hear his message of forgiveness there. That's exactly what we hear. It's what we receive through Word and Sacrament. May we always hold onto this sermon that keeps on serving. The Lord's blessings this week!  
Pastor Lindner

