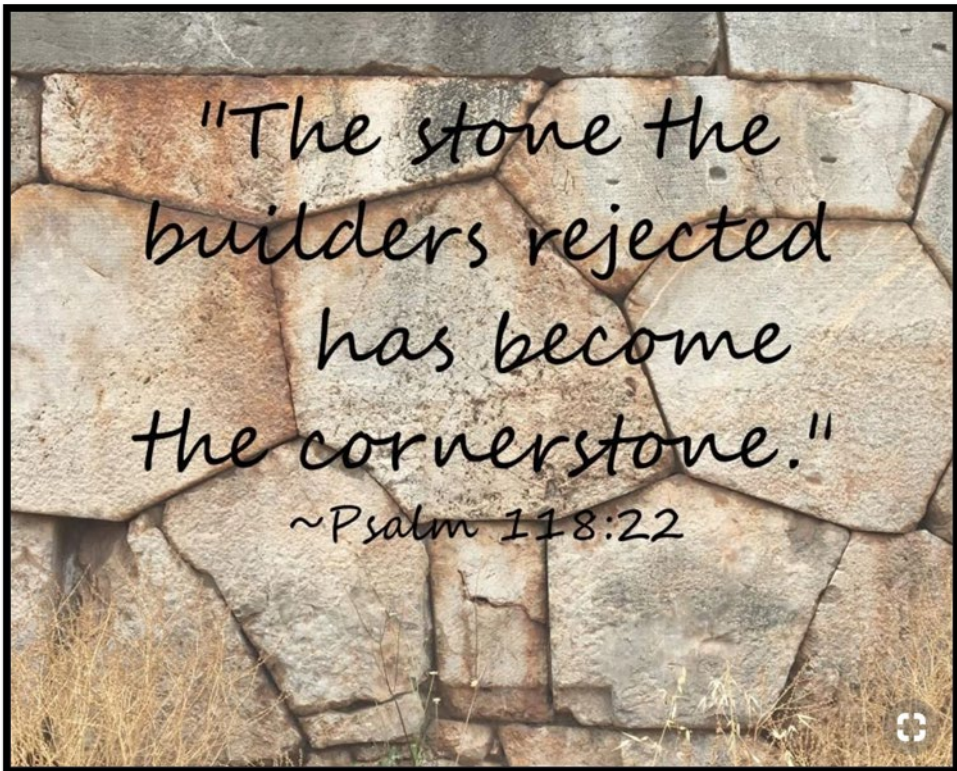


# Third Sunday of Easter

April 15 & 18, 2021



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**VERSICLE:** “Suddenly an angel of the Lord appeared and a light shone in the cell. He struck Peter on the side and woke him up. ‘Quick, get up!’ he said, and the chains fell off Peter’s wrists.” (Acts 12:7)

**PRAYER OF THE DAY:** O God, by the humiliation of your Son you lifted up this fallen world from the despair of death. By his resurrection to life, grant your faithful people gladness of heart and the hope of eternal joys; through your Son, Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

**WORSHIP NOTES:** Easter victory, peace, and assurance of everlasting life are ours as we look at our risen Lord Jesus Christ and come to understand the full revelation of his Word. In our message today we look at a famous statement from Psalm 118, about how the leaders of Israel rejected Jesus but he has become the “capstone” of the kingdom of God.

**GUESTS** Welcome to our visitors!



# Welcome

# Divine Service 2

**HYMN** “This Is the Day the Lord Has Made” (p.11)  
*STAND*

CW, #225:1-4

## **INVOCATION**

**P:** In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**C:** Amen.

## **CONFESSION**

**P:** Dear friends, let us approach God with a true heart and confess our sins, asking him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to forgive us.

**C:** Lord of Life, I confess that I am by nature dead in sin.  
For faithless worrying and selfish pride,  
For sins of habit and sins of choice,  
For the evil I have done and the good I have failed to do,  
You should cast me away from your presence forever.  
O Lord, I am sorry for my sins. Forgive me, for Jesus' sake.

## **ABSOLUTION**

**P:** Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again. In his great mercy, God made us alive in Christ even when we were dead in our sins. Hear the word of Christ through his called servant:  
I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father, and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**C:** Amen.

## **GLORY BE TO GOD**

*Luke 2:14*

*Gloria in Excelsis (sung to the tune of I Know that My Redeemer, CW #152)*

1. All glory be to God on high! Your name, O Lord, we glorify;  
We praise you for your peace and grace, Your favor toward our fallen race.
2. Our grateful thanks to you we bring, For your great glory, heav'nly King,  
For all, O Father, you have done Through Jesus Christ, your only Son.

## **THE WORD**

### **SALUTATION**

**P:** The Lord be with you.

**C:** And also with you.

## **PRAYER OF THE DAY**

- P:** Let us pray. O God, the strength of all who trust in you, mercifully hear our prayers. Be gracious to us in our weakness and give us strength to keep your commandments in all we say and do;
- C:** **through Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.**

*BE SEATED*

## **FIRST LESSON**

Acts 12:1-19

*When Peter was cast into prison and facing what appeared to be a shameful death, the Lord sent his angel and rescued him. The risen Christ rules over his enemies, and he remains with his people through his Word. He will never forsake us.*

It was about this time that King Herod arrested some who belonged to the church, intending to persecute them. He had James, the brother of John, put to death with the sword. When he saw that this pleased the Jews, he proceeded to seize Peter also. This happened during the Feast of Unleavened Bread. After arresting him, he put him in prison, handing him over to be guarded by four squads of four soldiers each. Herod intended to bring him out for public trial after the Passover. So Peter was kept in prison, but the church was earnestly praying to God for him. The night before Herod was to bring him to trial, Peter was sleeping between two soldiers, bound with two chains, and sentries stood guard at the entrance. Suddenly an angel of the Lord appeared and a light shone in the cell. He struck Peter on the side and woke him up. "Quick, get up!" he said, and the chains fell off Peter's wrists. Then the angel said to him, "Put on your clothes and sandals." And Peter did so. "Wrap your cloak around you and follow me," the angel told him. Peter followed him out of the prison, but he had no idea that what the angel was doing was really happening; he thought he was seeing a vision. They passed the first and second guards and came to the iron gate leading to the city. It opened for them by itself, and they went through it. When they had walked the length of one street, suddenly the angel left him. Then Peter came to himself and said, "Now I know without a doubt that the Lord sent his angel and rescued me from Herod's clutches and from everything the Jewish people were anticipating." When this had dawned on him, he went to the house of Mary the mother of John, also called Mark, where many people had gathered and were praying. Peter knocked at the outer entrance, and a servant girl named Rhoda came to answer the door. When she recognized Peter's voice, she was so overjoyed she ran back without opening it and exclaimed, "Peter is at the door!" "You're out of your mind," they told her. When she kept insisting that it was so, they said, "It must be his angel." But Peter kept on knocking, and when they opened the door and saw him, they were astonished. Peter motioned with his hand for them to be quiet and described how the Lord had brought him out of prison. "Tell James and the brothers about this," he said, and then he left for another place. In the morning, there was no small commotion among the soldiers as to what had become of Peter. After Herod had a thorough search made for him and did not find him, he cross-examined the guards and ordered that they be executed.

## **GLORY BE TO GOD**

Luke 2:14

*Gloria in Excelsis (sung to the tune of I Know that My Redeemer, CW #152)*

3. O Lamb of God, to you we pray, You take all human sin away;  
Have mercy, Lord; receive our prayer; From God's right hand, your mercy share.
4. You, Christ, are holy—Lord alone; The Father's glory you made known.  
We by your Spirit sing again: "All glory be to God!" Amen.

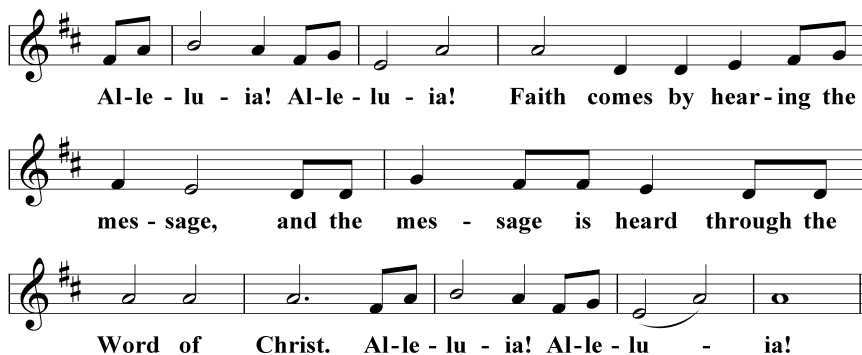
## **SECOND LESSON**

2 Corinthians 2:13 - 3:6

*Roman generals would return from war and lead a victory parade through the streets of Rome with treasures of every kind: captured soldiers, exotic animals, gold, silver, and the sweet smell of incense for the sacrifice of thanksgiving in the Roman temples. Those who proclaim the gospel have so many problems and setbacks, they look like the defeated. Instead God gives us a victory parade through history as we give off the aroma of eternal life to those who believe and the smell of death to those who do not.*

Thanks be to God, who always leads us in triumphal procession in Christ and through us spreads everywhere the fragrance of the knowledge of him. For we are to God the aroma of Christ among those who are being saved and those who are perishing. To the one we are the smell of death; to the other, the fragrance of life. And who is equal to such a task? Unlike so many, we do not peddle the word of God for profit. On the contrary, in Christ we speak before God with sincerity, like men sent from God. Are we beginning to commend ourselves again? Or do we need, like some people, letters of recommendation to you or from you? You yourselves are our letter, written on our hearts, known and read by everybody. You show that you are a letter from Christ, the result of our ministry, written not with ink but with the Spirit of the living God, not on tablets of stone but on tablets of human hearts. Such confidence as this is ours through Christ before God. Not that we are competent in ourselves to claim anything for ourselves, but our competence comes from God. He has made us competent as ministers of a new covenant—not of the letter but of the Spirit; for the letter kills, but the Spirit gives life.

## **VERSE OF THE DAY**



Al-le - lu - ia! Al-le - lu - ia! Faith comes by hear-ing the  
mes - sage, and the mes - sage is heard through the  
Word of Christ. Al-le - lu - ia! Al-le - lu - ia!

**GOSPEL LESSON**

**P:** The Gospel according to **Luke 24:36-49**

**C:** **Glory be to you, O Lord.**

*The evening after he rose from the dead, Jesus appeared to his disciples, using what they could see with their eyes and touch with their hands as a bridge to his Word. Even today, the closer we are to his Word, the closer we will be to our risen Lord and the greater our Easter joy.*

While they were still talking about this, Jesus himself stood among them and said to them, "Peace be with you." They were startled and frightened, thinking they saw a ghost. He said to them, "Why are you troubled, and why do doubts rise in your minds? Look at my hands and my feet. It is I myself! Touch me and see; a ghost does not have flesh and bones, as you see I have." When he had said this, he showed them his hands and feet. And while they still did not believe it because of joy and amazement, he asked them, "Do you have anything here to eat?" They gave him a piece of broiled fish, and he took it and ate it in their presence. He said to them, "This is what I told you while I was still with you: Everything must be fulfilled that is written about me in the Law of Moses, the Prophets and the Psalms." Then he opened their minds so they could understand the Scriptures. He told them, "This is what is written: The Christ will suffer and rise from the dead on the third day, and repentance and forgiveness of sins will be preached in his name to all nations, beginning at Jerusalem. You are witnesses of these things. I am going to send you what my Father has promised; but stay in the city until you have been clothed with power from on high."

*After the Gospel:*

**P:** This is the Gospel of the Lord.

**C:** **Praise be to you, O Christ.**

BE SEATED

**HYMN OF THE DAY** "Christ Is Our Cornerstone" (p.12)

CW, # 528:1-3

**SERMON**

**Psalm 118:17-24**

"What a Beautiful Day!"

**NICENE CREED**

**We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty,  
maker of heaven and earth,  
of all that is, seen and unseen.**

**We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God,  
eternally begotten of the Father,  
God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God,  
begotten, not made,  
of one being with the Father.**

Through him all things were made.  
For us and for our salvation, he came down from heaven,  
was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the virgin Mary,  
and became fully human.  
For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate.  
He suffered death and was buried.  
On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures.  
He ascended into heaven  
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.  
He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,  
and his kingdom will have no end.  
We believe in the Holy Spirit,  
the Lord, the giver of life,  
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,  
who in unity with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified,  
who has spoken through the prophets.  
We believe in one holy Christian\* and apostolic Church.  
We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.  
We look for the resurrection of the dead  
and the life of the world to come. Amen.

BE SEATED

### **OFFERING**

*Online or in the entry to the gym. Guests please do not feel any obligation to participate in the offering (though you are always welcome to do so). Find and fill out a Guest Card as you leave, and drop it in with the offerings so we can connect with you – thanks!*

### **PRAYER OF THE CHURCH & SPECIAL PRAYERS**

#### **THE SACRAMENT**

**P:** The Lord be with you.  
**C:** **And also with you.**

**P:** Lift up your hearts.  
**C:** **We lift them up to the Lord.**

**P:** Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.  
**C:** **It is good and right so to do.**

**P:** It is truly good and right that we should at all times and in all places give you thanks, O Lord, holy Father, almighty and everlasting God, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who came as the Light of the world so that the world may have light and life through him. Therefore with all the saints on earth and hosts of heaven, we praise your holy name and join their glorious song:

### **HOLY, HOLY, HOLY**

*Sanctus (sung to the tune of THE DAY OF RESURRECTION, CW #166)*

**2. Hosanna in the highest!**  
**How truly blest is he**  
**Who in God's name is coming**  
**To set his people free!**  
**He comes to bring salvation**  
**And with his blood outpoured**  
**Deliver us from bondage—**  
**Hosanna, mighty Lord!**

### **PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING**

**P:** Blessed are you, O Lord of heaven and earth. We praise and thank you for sending your Son, Jesus Christ, and we remember the great acts of love through which he has ransomed us from sin, death, and the devil's power.

By his incarnation, he became one with us.

By his perfect life, he fulfilled your holy will.

By his innocent death, he overcame hell.

By his rising from the grave, he opened heaven.

Invited by your grace and instructed by your Word, we remember and celebrate your sacrificial gift with repentant and joyful hearts. Strengthen us through Word and Sacrament in the true faith until we stand with him and all his ransomed people in glory everlasting.

**C: Amen.**

### **LORD'S PRAYER**

**Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name, Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power and the glory forever and ever. Amen**



## WORDS OF INSTITUTION

(As he speaks the Words of Institution, our pastor proclaims the words of Jesus to the congregation and sets apart the bread and wine for the Lord's use. The sign of the cross reminds us of Christ's death.)

**P:** Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night he was betrayed, took bread; and when he had given thanks, he broke it and gave it to his disciples, saying, "Take and eat; this is my (+) body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me."

Then he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it to them, saying, "Drink from it, all of you; this is my blood of the new covenant, which is poured out for you for the forgiveness of sins. Do this, whenever you drink it, in remembrance of me."

The peace of the Lord be with you always.

**C:** Amen.

## LAMB OF GOD

*Agnus Dei*

*JOHN 1:29*

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Lamb of God, you take a - way the

sin of the world; have mer - cy on us.

Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the

world; have mer - cy on us. Lamb of God,

you take a - way the sin of the world;

grant us peace. A - men.

## **DISTRIBUTION**

*Our Savior Lutheran practices member communion. Out of respect for the closeness of our relationship with Christ, we ask that only WELS or ELS members partake of the sacrament.*

### **DISTRIBUTION HYMN**

“Jesus Christ, My Sure Defense”

(p.13)

CW, #167

STAND

## **SONG OF SIMEON**

*Nunc Dimittis (sung to the tune of WE ALL ARE ONE IN MISSION, CW #566)*

1. **O Lord, now let your servant  
Depart in peace, assured:  
For I have seen your promised  
Incarnate, saving Word—  
A Light that will enlighten  
All gloom where Gentiles dwell;  
The brilliant, crowning glory  
Of those in Israel!**

**P:** We give you thanks, O Lord, for the foretaste of the heavenly banquet that you have given us to eat and to drink in this sacrament. Through this gift you have fed our faith, nourished our hope, and strengthened our love. By your Spirit help us to live as your holy people until that day when you will receive us as your guests at the wedding supper of the Lamb, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C: Amen.**

## **BLESSING**

**P:** The Lord bless you and keep you.  
The Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you.  
The Lord look on you with favor and + give you peace.

**C: Amen.**

### **HYMN**

“Christ Is Our Cornerstone”

(p.12)

CW, # 528:4

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## **SILENT PRAYER & ANNOUNCEMENTS**

# 225

## This Is the Day the Lord Has Made

1 This is the day the Lord has made; He  
 2 To - day he rose and left the dead, And  
 3 Ho - san - na to the a - noint - ed King, To  
 4 Bless - ed is Je - sus Christ, who came With

calls the hours his own. Let heav'n re - joice; let  
 Sa - tan's em - pire fell; To - day the saints his  
 Da - vid's ho - ly Son! Help us, O Lord; de -  
 mes - sag - es of grace, Who came in God the

earth be glad And praise sur - round the throne.  
 tri - umphs spread And all his won - ders tell.  
 scend and bring Sal - va - tion from the throne.  
 Fa - ther's name To save our sin - ful race.

- 5 Hosanna in the highest strains  
 The Church on earth shall raise;  
 The highest heav'ns, in which he reigns,  
 Shall give him nobler praise.

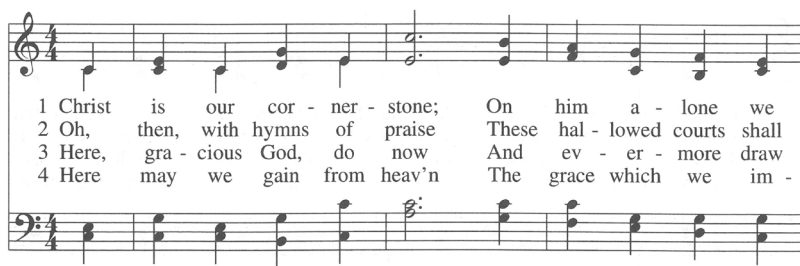
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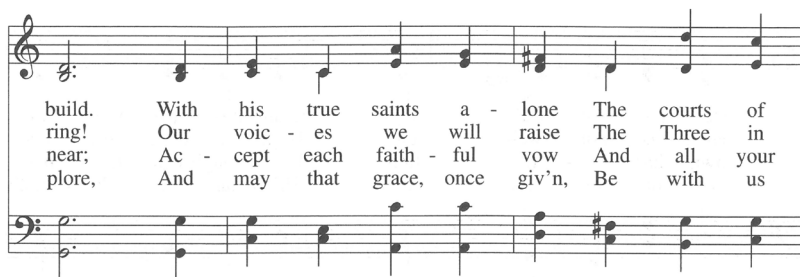
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# Christ Is Our Cornerstone

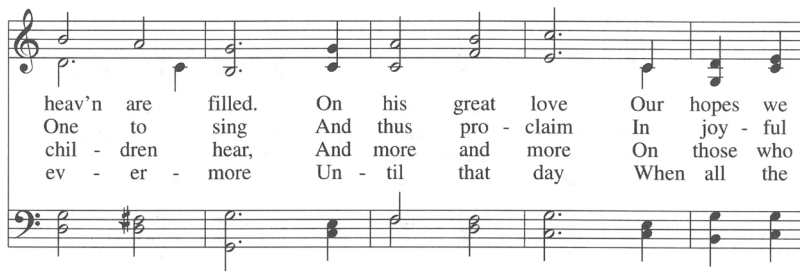
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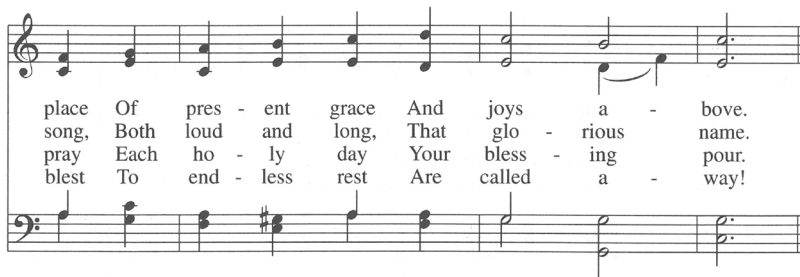
1 Christ is our cor - ner - stone; On him a - lone we  
 2 Oh, then, with hymns of praise These hal - lowed courts shall  
 3 Here, gra - cious God, do now And ev - er - more draw  
 4 Here may we gain from heav'n The grace which we im -



build. With his true saints a - lone The courts of  
 ring! Our voic - es we will raise The Three in  
 near; Ac - cept each faith - ful vow And all your  
 plore, And may that grace, once giv'n, Be with us



heav'n are filled. On his great love Our hopes we  
 One to sing And thus pro - claim In joy - ful  
 chil - dren hear, And more and more On those who  
 ev - er - more Un - til that day When all the



place Of pres - ent grace And joys a - bove.  
 song, Both loud and long, That glo - rious name.  
 pray Each ho - ly day Your bless - ing pour.  
 blest To end - less rest Are called a - way!

Text: Latin hymn, c. 8th century, abr.; tr. John Chandler, 1806-76, alt.  
 Tune: John Darwall, 1731-89

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Alternate setting: 322

# Jesus Christ, My Sure Defense

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1 Je - sus Christ, my sure de - fense And my Sav - ior,  
 2 Je - sus, my Re - deem - er, lives; I, too, un - to  
 3 No, too close - ly am I bound Un - to him by  
 4 I am flesh and must re - turn Un - to dust, whence  
 5 Glo - ri - fied, I shall a - new With this flesh then

now is liv - ing! Know - ing this, my con - fi - dence  
 life shall wak - en. End - less joy my Sav - ior gives;  
 hope for - ev - er; Faith's strong hand the rock has found,  
 I am tak - en; But by faith I now dis - cern  
 be en - shroud - ed; In this bod - y I shall view

Rests up - on the hope he's giv - ing, Though the night of  
 Shall my cour - age, then, be shak - en? Shall I fear, or  
 Grasp - ed it, and will leave it nev - er. E - ven death now  
 That from death I shall a - wak - en With my Sav - ior  
 God, my Lord, with eyes un - cloud - ed; In this flesh I

death be fraught Still with many an anx - ious thought.  
 could the head Rise and leave his mem - bers dead?  
 can - not part From its Lord the trust - ing heart.  
 to a - bide In his glo - ry, at his side.  
 then shall see Je - sus Christ e - ter - nal - ly.

Text: D. M. Luthers . . . *Geistliche Lieder und Psalmen*, Berlin, 1653, abr.;  
 tr. Catherine Winkworth, 1827-78, st. 1-3, alt.; *The Lutheran Hymnal*, St. Louis, 1941, st. 4-5  
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JESUS, MEINE ZUVERSICHT  
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Alternate setting: 145

Please Join Us  
For A  
*Retirement*  
Reception  
for  
Monica Dierker  
on  
*Sunday, April 25<sup>th</sup>*  
between services  
at 9:15 am in the  
Fellowship Hall.



Register today for the **Everyone Outreach workshop!** This event is designed to help us build a culture of outreach so that every ministry and every member is equipped to reach the lost in our community.

Saturday, April 24<sup>th</sup> – 8:00am to 12:00pm  
Sunday, April 25<sup>th</sup> – 12 noon to 4:00pm

Can you imagine **EVERYONE** .  
engaged in our outreach efforts?

Register for the workshop using the link found in your News & Notes e-mail or a sign-up sheet that can be found on the table in the back. Questions? Contact Sarah in the church office.

## **THIS WEEK AT OUR SAVIOR**

<b>Sunday (4/18)</b>	<b>8:00</b>	<b>AM</b>	<b>Worship Service w/Communion</b>
	9:15	AM	Adult Bible Study
	9:15	AM	Sunday School
	<b>10:30</b>	<b>AM</b>	<b>Worship Service w/Communion</b>
	11:45	AM	Voters' / Call Meeting
Wednesday	8:20	AM	Children's Chapel
	4:00	PM	Public School Confirmation Class
Thursday	<b>7:00</b>	<b>PM</b>	<b>Worship Service</b>
Saturday	8:00	AM	Everyone Outreach
<b>Sunday (4/25)</b>	<b>8:00</b>	<b>AM</b>	<b>Worship Service</b>
	9:15	AM	Mrs. Dierker Retirement Celebration
	<b>10:30</b>	<b>AM</b>	<b>Worship Service</b>
	12:00	PM	Everyone Outreach

### **Next Week's Readings**

First Lesson	Acts 4:8-12
Second Lesson	1 John 3:1,2
Gospel	John 10:11-18
Psalm	Psalm 23

*LiveStream on Youtube Channel at 10:30am every Sunday*

*This service is also recorded for review after livestream.*

*Link on our website (see below).*

## **THIS WEEK'S WORSHIP SERVICE**

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Mark C. Wagner

### **ORGANIST**

Robert Klug

### **VOCALIST**

Lisa McLaughlin

**HYMNS** 225, 528, 167

### **FIRST LESSON**

Acts 12:1-19

### **SECOND LESSON**

2 Corinthians 2:12-3:6

### **GOSPEL**

Luke 24:36-49

### **THE SERMON**

Psalm 118:17-24

"What a Beautiful Day!"

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