

# Welcome

We are glad that you have joined us for worship.

**May 3, 2026**

## Worship Theme

Jesus Lives to  
be the Only  
Way to Heaven

Pastor Brian Roloff

Jesus  
Christ  
OF NAZARETH

ACTS 4:12 Nor is there  
in any other, for there is  
no other name  
under heaven given among men  
by which we must be saved.

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## OPENING HYMN: #920

### **Christ Is Made the Sure Foundation (vs.1-4)**

V1. Christ is made the sure foundation,  
Christ, our head and cornerstone,  
chosen of the Lord and precious,  
binding all the Church in one;  
holy Zion's help forever  
and our confidence alone.

V2.

To the temple, where we call you,  
come, O Lord of hosts, and stay;  
come with all your loving kindness,  
hear your people as they pray;  
and your fullest benediction  
speak within these walls today.

V3.

Grant, we pray, to all your faithful  
all the gifts they ask to gain;  
what they gain from you forever  
with the blessed to retain;  
and here-after in your glory  
evermore with you to reign.

V4.

Praise and honor to the Father,  
praise and honor to the Son,  
praise and honor to the Spirit,  
ever three and ever one:  
one in might and one in glory  
while unending ages run!

Please stand

## INVOCATION

**P:** We gather in the name of the Father  
and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**C: Amen.**

# OPENING RESPONSES

P: Come, let us sing for joy to the Lord; let us shout aloud to the rock of our salvation!

**C: We will rejoice in the Lord, we will be joyful in God our Savior.**

P: Rejoice in the Lord always! I will say it again: Rejoice!

**C: We have no greater joy than to know that our children are walking in the truth.**

P: You are all children of God through faith in Christ Jesus, for all of you who were baptized into Christ have put on Christ.

**C: If we hold to his teaching, we are really his disciples. Then we will know the truth, and the truth will set us free.**

P: Yet your enemy the devil prowls around like a roaring lion looking for someone to devour. So if you think you are standing firm, be careful you don't fall.

**C: If the Lord had not been on our side when men attacked us, they would have swallowed us alive.**

P: Let us fix our eyes on Jesus and let us run with perseverance the race marked out for us.

**C: We will hold unswervingly to the faith we profess, for he who has promised is faithful.**

P: From infancy you have known the Holy Scriptures which are able to make you wise for salvation through faith in Christ Jesus.

**C: God's word is a lamp to my feet and a light for my path. I have taken an oath and confirmed it. My heart is set on keeping your word to the very end.**

# CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

P: Dear brothers and sisters in Christ, we have entered the house of a holy and just God, who says, “Who may ascend the hill of the Lord? Who may stand in his holy place? He who has clean hands and a pure heart.” As we come before him, in humility and repentance we confess our sins:

**C: O Almighty God, merciful Father, forgive all my sins. Forgive the sins of my age and the sins of my youth; the sins of my mind and the sins of my body. Forgive my secret sins and my bold and arrogant sins. Forgive the sins I have committed to please myself, and those I have committed to please others. ...**

**C: Forgive my lazy and idle sins and all the good I have left undone. Forgive the sins which I have sought to hide from others, and those which I hide from myself—but which I cannot hide from you. Out of your boundless mercy, and for the sake of the holy, innocent suffering and death of my Lord Jesus Christ, have mercy on me. ...**

**C: Deliver me from the punishment I rightly deserve, both here on earth and for all eternity. Grant me your grace, O Lord, and for Jesus' sake cleanse me and receive me as your dear child.**

P: Christ our Lord gave his Church the power and authority to forgive sins. Jesus says in John chapter 20, “If you forgive anyone his sins, they are forgiven.” As you believe and confess, so may it be unto you. ...

**P:** By virtue of my office as a called servant of Christ, I announce the grace of God to you: Your sins are forgiven in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**C: Amen.**

# SONG OF PRAISE:

## #579 *His Mercy Is More* (vs.1-3)

V1.       What love could remember  
          no wrongs we have done?  
          Omniscient, all knowing,  
          he counts not their sum;  
thrown into a sea without bottom or shore,  
our sins they are many, his mercy is more.

Refrain:

Praise the Lord!  
His mercy is more!  
Stronger than darkness,  
new ev'ry morn;  
our sins they are many,  
his mercy is more!

V2.       What patience would wait  
          as we constantly roam,  
what Father so tender is calling us home!  
          He welcomes the weakest,  
          the vilest, the poor;  
          our sins they are many,  
          his mercy is more.

Refrain:

Praise the Lord!  
His mercy is more!  
Stronger than darkness,  
new ev'ry morn;  
our sins they are many,  
his mercy is more!

V3.           What riches of kindness  
                  he lavished on us;  
                  his blood was the payment,  
                  his life was the cost.  
                  We stood 'neath a debt  
                  we could never afford;  
                  our sins they are many, his mercy is more.

Refrain(3x):

Praise the Lord!  
His mercy is more!  
Stronger than darkness,  
new ev'ry morn;  
our sins they are many,  
his mercy is more!

## PRAYER OF THE DAY

**P:** Almighty God, your Son, Jesus Christ, is the Way, the Truth, and the Life. Help us to be faithful to him unto death and so by your grace receive the gift of eternal life through him who lives and reigns with you and Holy Spirit—the only true, eternal God, forever and ever.

**C: Amen.**

Please be seated

# The Word



FIRST LESSON

**John 14:1-11**

“Do not let your hearts be troubled. Trust in God; trust also in me. In my Father’s house are many rooms; if it were not so, I would have told you. I am going there to prepare a place for you. And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come back and take you to be with me that you also may be where I am. You know the way to the place where I am going.”

Thomas said to him, “Lord, we don’t know where you are going, so how can we know the way?”

Jesus answered, “I am the way and the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me. If you really knew me, you would know my Father as well. From now on, you do know him and have seen him.”

Philip said, “Lord, show us the Father and that will be enough for us.”

Jesus answered: “Don’t you know me, Philip, even after I have been among you such a long time? Anyone who has seen me has seen the Father. How can you say, ‘Show us the Father’? Don’t you believe that I am in the Father, and that the Father is in me?”

“The words I say to you are not just my own. Rather, it is the Father, living in me, who is doing his work. Believe me when I say that I am in the Father and the Father is in me; or at least believe on the evidence of the miracles themselves.”

# The Word



## SECOND LESSON

**1 Peter 2:4-10**

As you come to him, the living Stone—  
rejected by men but chosen by God and  
precious to him— you also, like living stones,  
are being built into a spiritual house to be a  
holy priesthood, offering spiritual sacrifices  
acceptable to God through Jesus Christ.

For in Scripture it says:

“See, I lay a stone in Zion,  
a chosen and precious cornerstone,  
and the one who trusts in him  
will never be put to shame.”

Now to you who believe, this stone is precious. But to those who do not believe,

“The stone the builders rejected has become the capstone,”

and,

“A stone that causes men to stumble and a rock that makes them fall.”

They stumble because they disobey the message—which is also what they were destined for.

But you are a chosen people, a royal priest-hood, a holy nation, a people belonging to God, that you may declare the praises of him who called you out of darkness into his wonderful light.

Once you were not a people, but now you are the people of God; once you had not received mercy, but now you have received mercy.

*Please stand*

## 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.**

**SERMON HYMN: #809 Do Not Let Your  
Hearts Be Troubled (vs.1-3)**

Refrain:

Do not let your hearts be troubled;  
have faith in God and faith in me.

I will go forth to prepare a place for you;  
Then I'll come back to take you with me,  
that where I am, you may also be.

V1.

In God's house there are many places  
for you to dwell in peace and safety  
You know the way to where I'll lead you;  
if you are lost, I will show the way.

Refrain:

Do not let your hearts be troubled;  
have faith in God and faith in me.

I will go forth to prepare a place for you;  
Then I'll come back to take you with me,  
that where I am, you may also be.

V2.

I am the way, the truth, and the life;  
only through me  
can you know what I know.

If you knew me, you would know the Father;  
if you see me, you see your God.

Refrain:

Do not let your hearts be troubled;  
have faith in God and faith in me.

I will go forth to prepare a place for you;  
Then I'll come back to take you with me,  
that where I am, you may also be.

V3.

The words I speak are not only of myself;  
it is your God who lives within me.

If you believe that your God and I are one,  
I will provide when you call my name.

Refrain:

Do not let your hearts be troubled;  
have faith in God and faith in me.

I will go forth to prepare a place for you;  
Then I'll come back to take you with me,  
that where I am, you may also be.

# The Word



SERMON TEXT

**Acts 4:8-12**

(ESV)

Then Peter, filled with the Holy Spirit, said to them, “Rulers of the people and elders, if we are being examined today concerning a good deed done to a crippled man, by what means this man has been healed, let it be known to all of you and to all the people of Israel that by the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth,

whom you crucified, whom God raised from the dead—by him this man is standing before you well. This Jesus is the stone that was rejected by you, the builders, which has become the cornerstone. And there is salvation in no one else, for there is no other name under heaven given among men by which we must be saved.”







# Sermon Theme

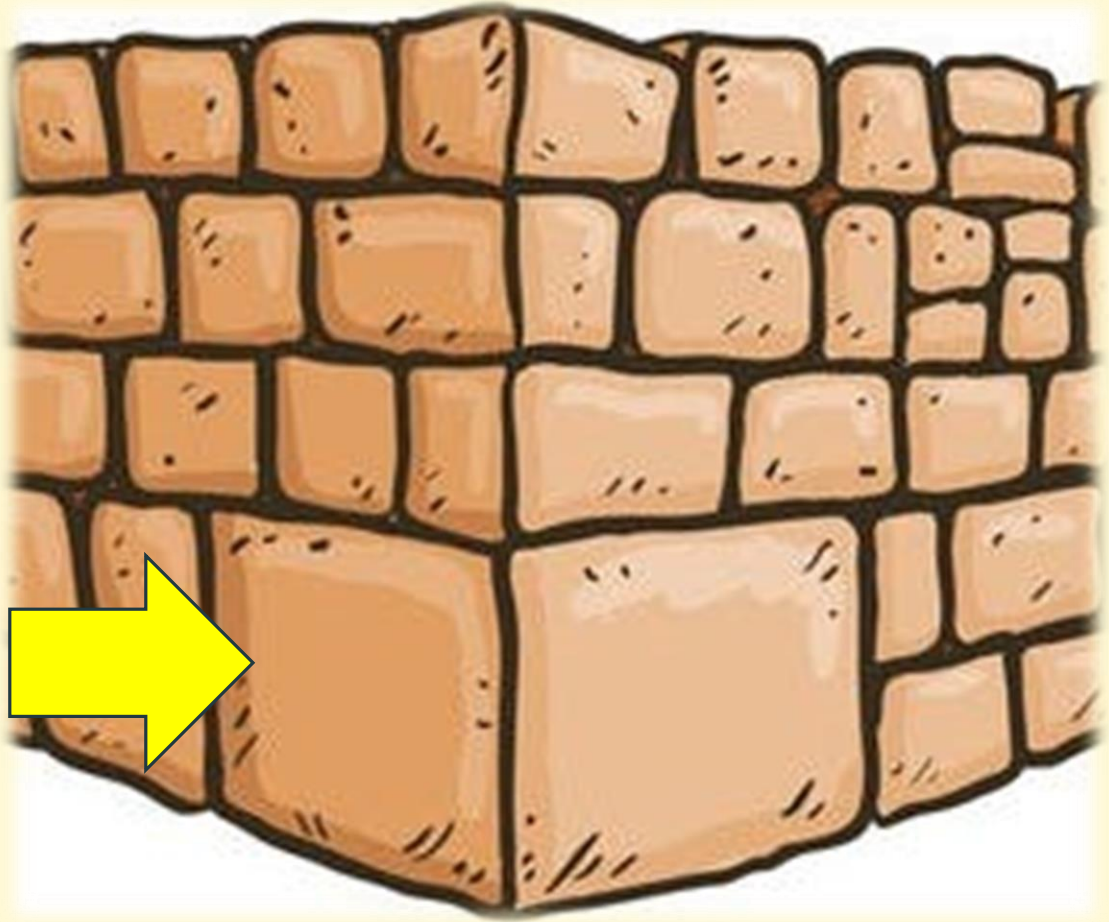


**Be committed to  
Christ, the only  
source of salvation**

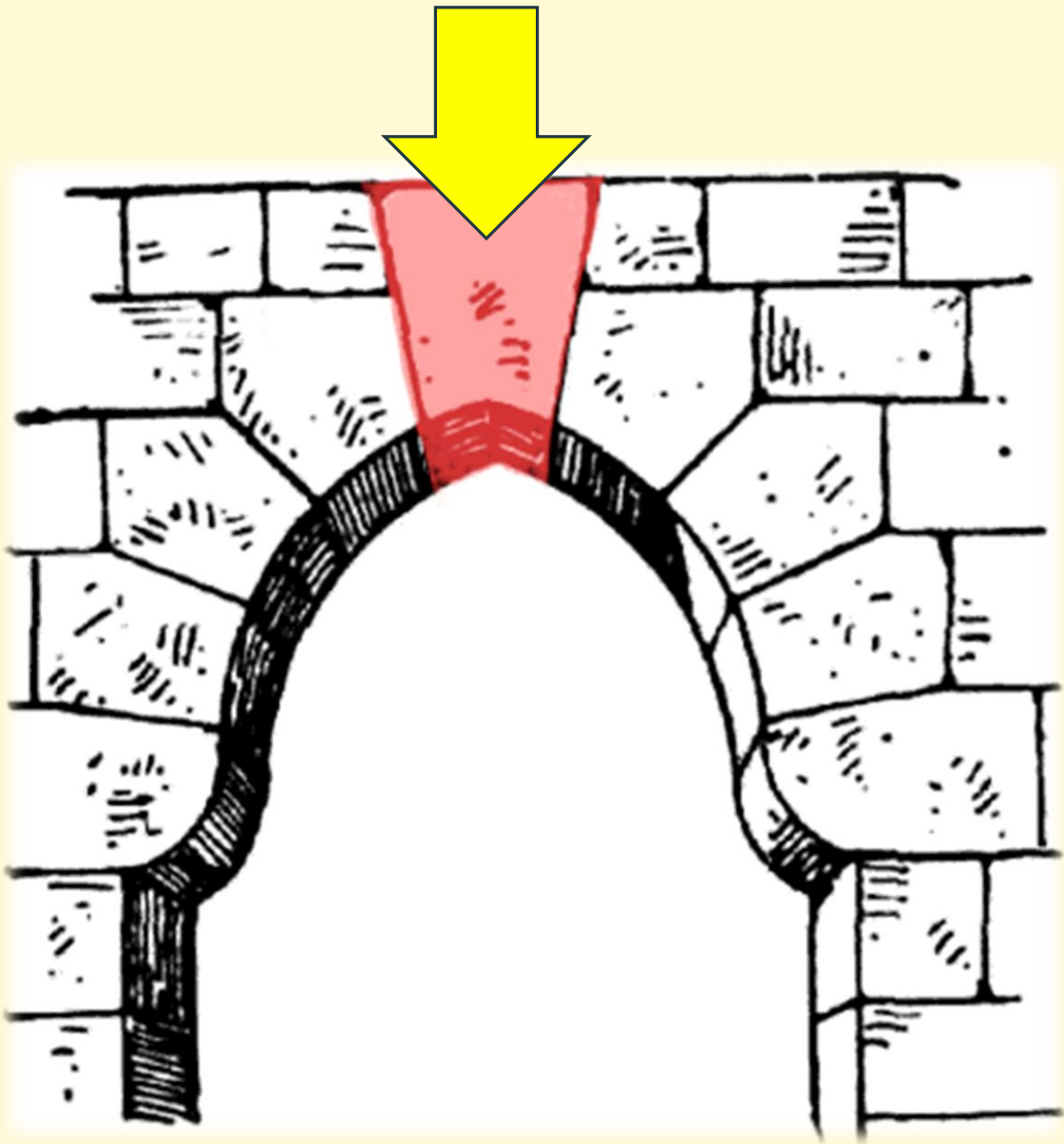
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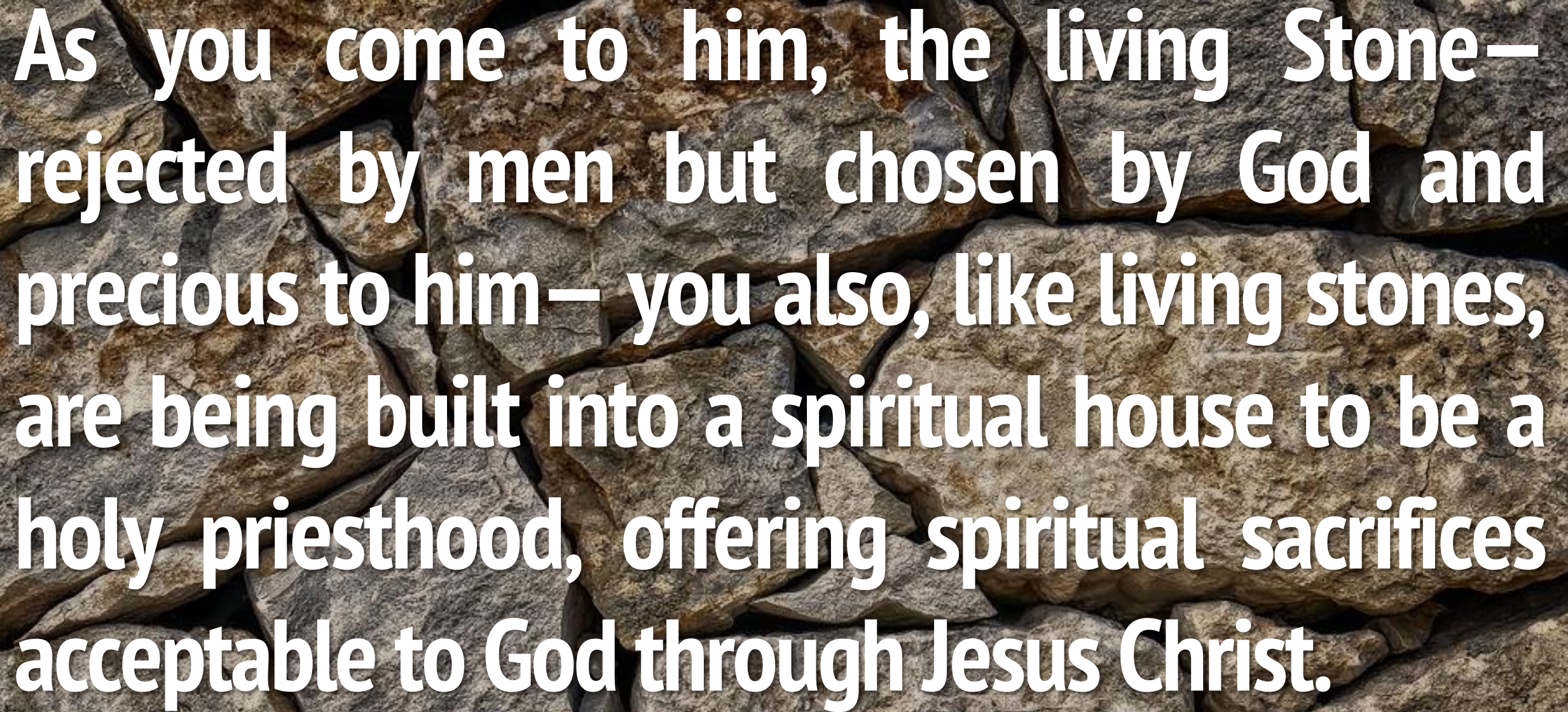
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rejected by men but chosen by God and  
precious to him— you also, like living stones,  
are being built into a spiritual house to be a  
holy priesthood, offering spiritual sacrifices  
acceptable to God through Jesus Christ.**

(1 Peter 2:4-5)

“There is salvation in no one else, for there is no other name under heaven given among men by which we must be saved.”



**I am the way and the truth and the life. No  
one comes to the Father except through  
me.”**

(John 14:6)



“Before me no god was formed, nor will there be one after me. I, even I, am the LORD, and apart from me there is no savior.”

(Isaiah 43:10-11)



**SALVATION**

A circular opening in a dark, textured tunnel leading to a bright, sunlit outdoor scene with trees.

**SALVATION**



[God our Savior] wants all men to be saved  
and to come to a knowledge of the truth.

(1 Timothy 2:4)

“There is salvation in no one else, for there is no other name under heaven given among men by which we must be saved.”



# Reflective Song

**I Want to Walk As A  
Child of the Light**

(Choir)

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# Prayer of the Church

- ✝ Stacy Siewert – waiting on the Lord for stem cell transfusion to take root
- ✝ Lisa Molitor - shoulder replacement on Friday
- ✝ Mike Tripp - mother, Colletta's health is failing
- ✝ Melody Buskirk - nephew, Michael, is facing several health challenges

# LORD'S PRAYER

**Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us. Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours now and forever. Amen.**

Please be seated

# Confirmation



- ✝ The Rite of Confirmation
- ✝ Prayer for the Confirmands

# DISTRIBUTION

Communicant members of Ascension Lutheran and other churches in fellowship in the WELS or ELS are invited to receive the Lord's Supper. If you have never communed with us before, we ask that you first speak with our pastor to learn how you can establish a communing fellowship with us. We are eager to help anyone to take this step.

Please Note: The center cups of the individual trays contain white grape juice. Gluten-free wafers are labeled on a separate center tray.

# DISTRIBUTION HYMN:

## #665 What Is This Bread

V1.           What is this bread?

Christ's body risen from the dead:  
this bread we break, this life we take,  
was crushed to pay for our release.  
O taste and see—the Lord is peace.

V2.

What is this wine?

The blood of Jesus shed for mine;  
the cup of grace brings his embrace  
of life and love until I sing!

O taste and see—the Lord is King.

V3.

So who am I,  
that I should live and he should die  
under the rod? My God, my God,  
why have you not forsaken me?  
O taste and see—the Lord is free.

V4.

Yet is God here?

Oh, yes! By Word and promise clear,  
in mouth and soul he makes us whole—

Christ, truly present in this meal.

O taste and see—the Lord is real.

V5.

Is this for me?

I am forgiven and set free!

I do believe that I receive

his very body and his blood.

O taste and see—that Lord is good.

*The Blessings of*  
**The Lord's Supper**

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**RECEIVE FORGIVENESS OF SINS**

**LIFE AND SALVATION**



# PRAYER

**P:** We give thanks, almighty God, that you have refreshed us with this holy supper. We pray that through it you will strengthen our faith in you and increase our love for one another. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C: Amen.**

# BLESSING

P: Brothers and sisters, go in peace.  
Live in harmony with one another.  
Serve the Lord with gladness.  
The Lord bless you and keep you.  
The Lord make his face shine on you and be  
gracious to you.  
The Lord look upon you with favor and give you  
peace.

**C: Amen.**

## CLOSING HYMN:#797

### I Know My Faith Is Founded (vs.1-3)

V1. I know my faith is founded  
on Jesus Christ, my God and Lord;  
and this my faith confessing,  
unmoved I stand upon his Word.  
Our reason cannot fathom  
the truth of God profound;

who trusts in worldly wisdom  
relies on shifting ground.  
God's Word is all-sufficient,  
it makes divinely sure,  
and, trusting in its wisdom,  
my faith shall rest secure.

V2.      Increase my faith, dear Savior,  
for Satan seeks by night and day  
to rob me of this treasure  
and take my hope of bliss away.  
But, Lord, with you beside me  
I shall be undismayed;

and led by your good Spirit,  
I shall be unafraid.

Abide with me, O Savior,  
a firmer faith bestow;  
then I shall bid defiance  
to ev'ry evil foe.

V3. In faith, Lord, let me serve you;  
though persecution, grief, and pain  
should seek to overwhelm me,  
let me a steadfast trust retain.  
And then at my departure,  
at home with you I'll be,

and there will I inherit  
all you have promised me.  
In life and death, Lord, keep me  
until your heav'n I gain,  
where I by your great mercy  
the end of faith attain.

# Announcements

# Connection Card



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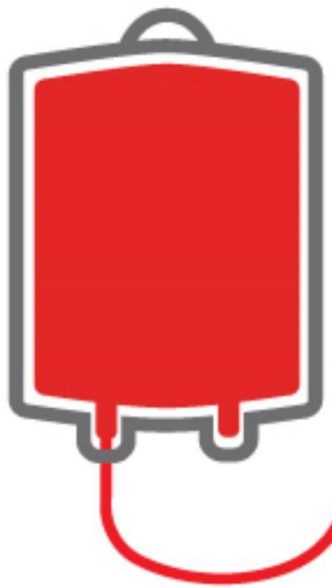
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# Congratulations:



Reece Dale  
Abby Zeitler  
Katherine Washington

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**SATURDAY**  
**MAY 23**  
**9-NOON**

Let's work together to keep  
our church and grounds  
looking beautiful!

# Vacation Bible School

# TROPICAL

# TREK

A vibrant, cartoon-style banner for a Vacation Bible School event. The background is a tropical beach scene with palm trees, a blue sky, and a sandy shore. A large, light-colored banner is strung across the scene, held up by wooden poles. The banner features the text 'TROPICAL TREK' in large, stylized letters. Below the banner, there are illustrations of a pig, a turtle, a crab, and a signpost. The signpost has three wooden planks with the text 'Mark Your Calendars'. The date and time 'JULY 21-23 | 9AM-12PM' are written in large, bold letters at the bottom. The overall theme is tropical and fun.

Jesus Comes to Seek and Save

Mark  
Your  
Calendars

JULY 21-23 | 9AM-12PM

# Thanks for Serving

- ✝ Pianist: Marcia Michalik
- ✝ Trumpet: Jeff Siewert
- ✝ Choir
- ✝ AV Team
- ✝ Serving: Flock #2 – Mike Tripp

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