

# Pastor's Bible Study

April 29, 2026 – Easter 5A

## LSB - 644 The Church's One Foundation



1 The Church's one foun - da - tion Is Je - sus Christ, her Lord;  
2 E - lect from ev - 'ry na - tion, Yet one o'er all the earth;  
3 Though with a scorn - ful won - der The world sees her op - pressed,  
4 Through toil and trib - u - la - tion And tu - mult of her war  
5 Yet she on earth has u - nion With God, the Three in One,



She is His new cre - a - tion By wa - ter and the Word.  
Her char - ter of sal - va - tion: One Lord, one faith, one birth.  
By schisms rent a - sun - der, By her - e - sies dis - tressed,  
She waits the con - sum - ma - tion Of peace for - ev - er - more  
And mys - tic sweet com - mu - nion With those whose rest is won.



From heav'n He came and sought her To be His ho - ly bride;  
One ho - ly name she bless - es, Par - takes one ho - ly food,  
Yet saints their watch are keep - ing; Their cry goes up, "How long?"  
Till with the vi - sion glo - rious Her long - ing eyes are blest,  
O bless - ed heav'n - ly cho - rus! Lord, save us by Your grace



With His own blood He bought her, And for her life He died.  
And to one hope she press - es With ev - 'ry grace en - dued.  
And soon the night of weep - ing Shall be the morn of song.  
And the great Church vic - to - rious Shall be the Church at rest.  
That we, like saints be - fore us, May see You face to face.

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**Read Acts 6:1-9, 7:2, 51-60:**

1. What stands out to you about how the early church handled their growing pains in this passage?
2. Based on this passage, how did the early church view care for those in need, prayer and the ministry of the word?
3. Stephen makes a powerful point in verses 51-53, how does he prove this point (see verses 3-49)?
4. In verse 60, Stephen prays for his persecutors, what is so unique about this prayer?

**Read John 14:1-14:**

1. What is the setting for these words of Jesus?
2. What does Jesus promise that is to come?
3. How does Jesus relate to God the Father?
4. What does it mean to pray in Jesus' name?

**Read 1 Peter 2:2-10:**

1. When it comes to our spiritual life, Peter talks about us as newborn infants, how does this image strike you?
2. What connections are there between 1 Peter 2:5 and John 14:12?
3. What does it mean to be God's people (see verses 9-10)?
4. What spiritual sacrifices is God working through your life?

**Devotional Thought:**

Through His death and resurrection, Christ went to prepare a place for us in heaven, where we will dwell with God forever. The true God cannot be known apart from Jesus Christ. Because of Christ's work, we can know the Father and enter His eternal presence (TLSB pg. 1811).

**Closing Prayer**

O risen Lord, with great anticipation I long for my home in heaven. Come, Lord Jesus!  
Amen.