

# St. Andrew

Love God. Love each other. Serve the world.



August 13 & 16, 2020

## What's going on here?

In Chapter 12 of Acts, you learn the truth: God does hear and does answer your prayers. But he may not answer the way you want him to. Things are happening in our world that are more real than anything you'll ever hear on any news broadcast. You don't need the Bible to tell you what's happening in our world, but let Dr. Luke tell you what's happening *behind the scenes* and inspire you how to *react*.

Acts 12:1-19a, page 83 in your Acts booklet

### 1. What's \_\_\_\_\_?

At about that time, King Herod laid violent hands on some who belonged to the church, in order to mistreat them. <sup>2</sup>He had James, the brother of John, put to death with the sword. <sup>3</sup>When he saw that this pleased the Jews, he proceeded to arrest Peter during the days of Unleavened Bread. <sup>4</sup>After arresting Peter, Herod put him in prison and handed him over to four squads of four soldiers each to guard him. Herod intended to bring him before the people for trial after the Passover. <sup>5</sup>So Peter was kept in prison, but the church earnestly offered up prayer to God for him.

### 2. What's happening \_\_\_\_\_?

<sup>6</sup>The very night before Herod was going to bring him out for trial, Peter was sleeping between two soldiers. He was bound with two chains, while sentries were in front of the door, guarding the prison. <sup>7</sup>Suddenly an angel of the Lord stood near him, and a light shined in the cell. The angel woke Peter up by striking him on the side, saying, "Quick, get up!" The chains fell from his wrists. <sup>8</sup>Then the angel said to him, "Get dressed and put on your sandals." So he did so. Then the angel told him, "Put on your cloak and follow me." <sup>9</sup>Peter went out, following the angel, but he did not realize that what the angel was doing was really happening. He thought he was seeing a vision. <sup>10</sup>When they had passed through the first and second guard posts, they came to the iron gate that leads into the city. It opened all by itself for them. They went outside, walked down one street, and immediately the angel left him. <sup>12</sup>When Peter came to himself, he said, "Now I know for sure that the Lord sent his angel and rescued me from the hand of Herod and from everything the Jewish people were expecting."

### 3. How will we \_\_\_\_\_?

<sup>12</sup>When he realized this, he went to the house of Mary, the mother of John, who is also called Mark. Many had gathered there and were praying. <sup>13</sup>When Peter knocked at the entrance gate, a servant girl named Rhoda came to answer. <sup>14</sup>She recognized Peter's voice and was so overjoyed, she did not open the gate. Instead she ran in and announced that Peter was standing in front of the gate. <sup>15</sup>They told her, "You are out of your mind!" But she kept on insisting it was so, and they started saying, "It's his angel." <sup>16</sup>Meanwhile, Peter kept on knocking. When they opened the door and saw him, they were astonished.

<sup>17</sup>Peter motioned to them with his hand to be silent and described to them how the Lord had brought him out of prison. He said, "Tell these things to James and to the brothers." Then he left and went on to another place.

<sup>18</sup>At daybreak, there was no small commotion among the soldiers about what had become of Peter. <sup>19</sup>After Herod searched for him and did not find him, he questioned the guards and ordered that they be executed.

# Worship

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## Gathering

Gathering song	“Blessed Be Your Name”
Welcome	<i>Psalm 91</i>
Confession of sins	
Assurance of forgiveness	
Song	“Whom Shall I Fear (God of Angel Armies)”
Time to greet	

## Word

Children’s devotion	
Scripture	2 Kings 6:8-17
Song	“He Will Hold Me Fast”
Today’s Bible teaching	Acts 12:1-19a
Prayers	

## Thanksgiving

Offering

## Sending

Blessing	
Song	“Blessed Be Your Name”

## Serving Today

**Lead musician:** Karen Hunter

**Vocalists:** Ashley Renstrom, Rachel Kamin

**Guitar:** Terry Jacobs, Jared Dammann

**Drums:** Brandon Brickner

**Online Lay Reader:** Paul Wittkamp

**Video:** Thad Molling, Dan Wasmer

Music slides: Micki Ross

### A/V Booth

Thurs: Dan Fischer

8:00 AM: Paul Wittkamp

9:15 AM: Jacob Miller

10:30 AM: Victoria Volberg

### Greeters

Thurs: Melissa Dyer

8:00 AM: Pete and Cecile Peterson

9:15 AM: Ron and Piri Kerr

10:30 AM: Elizabeth Kraemer, Isabelle Volberg

### Ushers

Thurs: Phil Otto

8:00 AM: Tom Bernd

9:15 AM: Carson Brickner

10:30 AM: Clayton Grow

### Cleaning/Sanitizing

After 8:00 AM service: Stacy Bernd

After 9:15 AM service: Brandon Brickner

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