

# EASTER

CHANGED EVERYTHING

**Grace Lutheran Church**

**Easter Season 2020**

**A Sermon Series on 1 Peter**

**Easter 3: Blending In to Set Apart**



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### *Welcome*

- ✝ If you would like to know more about Grace - Yorba Linda, visit our **website** at [gracelutheran.church](http://gracelutheran.church). A **membership** class, a class that covers the basic teachings of the Bible and what it means to be a Christian is beginning as soon as we can start meeting face to face. Contact Pastor Sievert for more information. We would also love to share information with you about our Sunday worship services, our weekly Bible Classes, and our youth programs.



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## Worship

Easter 3  
April 26, 2020

EASTER CHANGED EVERYTHING – Easter has eternal implications! And that means it changes things right now – and we need it don't we? With all that's going on, we need to continue to look at how Christ gave his life for all and how his rising changes everything for us.

Today (and the weeks ahead), we learn from the apostle Peter in his first letter to see how Christ's resurrection has set us apart to live a life of love.

### **EASTER CHANGES EVERYTHING**

Easter - Past, Present, Future

Last week - Uncertainty → Security

**Today - Blending in → Set apart**

5/3 – Wandering → Following

5/10 – Mother's Day – a picture of God's love.

### **OPENING HYMN**

**He's Risen, He's Risen (#143:1,4,5)**

**1 He's risen, he's risen, Christ Jesus, the Lord;  
He opened death's prison, the incarnate Word.  
Break forth, hosts of heaven, in jubilant song  
And earth, sea, and mountain the praises prolong.**

**4 Oh, where is your sting, death? We fear you no more;  
Christ rose, and now open is fair Eden's door.  
For all our transgressions his blood does atone;  
Redeemed and forgiven, we now are his own.**

**5 Then sing your hosannas and raise your glad voice;  
Proclaim the blest tidings that all may rejoice.  
Laud, honor, and praise to the Lamb that was slain,  
Who now sits in glory and ever shall reign.**

Text: C. F. W. Walther, 1811–87, abr.; tr. Anna M. Meyer, 1867–1941, alt.

**WE STAND FOR A REMINDER OF OUR BAPTISM INTO GOD'S NAME.**

**[M]** In the name of the Father and of the Son ✠ and of the Holy Spirit.

**[C]** Amen.

## CONFESSION OF SINS

- [M] Beloved in the Lord: let us draw near with a true heart and confess our sins to God our Father, asking him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to grant us forgiveness.
- [C] **Holy and merciful Father, I confess that I am by nature sinful and that I have disobeyed you in my thoughts, words, and actions. I have done what is evil and failed to do what is good. For this I deserve your punishment both now and in eternity. But I am truly sorry for my sins, and trusting in my Savior Jesus Christ, I pray: Lord, have mercy on me, a sinner.**
- [M] God, our heavenly Father, has been merciful to us and has given his only Son to be the atoning sacrifice for our sins. Therefore, as a called servant of Christ and by his authority, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son (+) and of the Holy Spirit.
- [C] **Amen.**

## RESPONSE

**Christ the Lord Is Risen Today; Alleluia (#150 1-2)**

**1 Christ the Lord is ris'n today; Alleluia!  
Christians, hasten on your way; Alleluia!  
See the place where he was laid; Alleluia!  
Praise him for the ransom paid. Alleluia!**

**2 For the sheep the Lamb has bled, Alleluia!  
Sinless in the sinners' stead. Alleluia!  
"Christ is ris'n," today we cry; Alleluia!  
Now he lives, no more to die. Alleluia!**

## THE WORD

### PRAYER OF THE DAY

*We greet each  
other as forgiven  
brothers and sisters  
in Christ.*

- [M] Alleluia! Alleluia! Christ is risen!  
[C] **He is risen indeed! Alleluia!**

[M] Let us pray.

O God, by the humbling of your Son you lifted up this fallen world from despair. By his resurrection to life, grant your faithful people gladness of heart and the hope of eternal joys that await us in your heavenly home; through your Son, Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

[C] **Amen. (spoken)**

**BE SEATED**

**FIRST LESSON**

Acts 2:14a, 36-47

*During the Easter season the Old Testament lesson is replaced with one from the book of Acts to show how Christ's resurrection changed the lives of his disciples and the future of His Church.*

*On the day of Pentecost 3,000 became strangers here, and devoted themselves to lives as God's people.*

<sup>14</sup>Then Peter stood up with the Eleven, raised his voice and addressed the crowd:

<sup>36</sup> "Therefore let all Israel be assured of this: God has made this Jesus, whom you crucified, both Lord and Messiah."

<sup>37</sup> When the people heard this, they were cut to the heart and said to Peter and the other apostles, "Brothers, what shall we do?"

<sup>38</sup> Peter replied, "Repent and be baptized, every one of you, in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of your sins. And you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit. <sup>39</sup>The promise is for you and your children and for all who are far off—for all whom the Lord our God will call."

<sup>40</sup> With many other words he warned them; and he pleaded with them, "Save yourselves from this corrupt generation." <sup>41</sup> Those who accepted his message were baptized, and about three thousand were added to their number that day.

<sup>42</sup> They devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and to fellowship, to the breaking of bread and to prayer. <sup>43</sup> Everyone was filled with awe at the many wonders and signs performed by the apostles. <sup>44</sup> All the believers were together and had everything in common. <sup>45</sup> They sold property and possessions to give to anyone who had need. <sup>46</sup> Every day they continued to meet together in the temple courts. They broke bread in their homes and ate together with glad and sincere hearts, <sup>47</sup> praising God and enjoying the favor of all the people. And the Lord added to their number daily those who were being saved.

**PSALM OF THE DAY**

Psalm 67 (p.91)

## VERSE OF THE DAY

[M] Christ is risen!

[C] He is risen indeed! Alleluia!

All: Alleluia. Alleluia. Alleluia.

**These words are written that we may believe, that Jesus  
is the Christ, the Son of God.**

**Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!**

*The risen Christ  
changes confusion  
to hope and life.*

## GOSPEL LESSON

Luke 24:13-35

*After the announcement of the Gospel, the congregation sings:*



13 Now that same day two of them were going to a village called Emmaus, about seven miles from Jerusalem. 14 They were talking with each other about everything that had happened. 15 As they talked and discussed these things with each other, Jesus himself came up and walked along with them; 16 but they were kept from recognizing him.

17 He asked them, "What are you discussing together as you walk along?" They stood still, their faces downcast. 18 One of them, named Cleopas, asked him, "Are you the only one visiting Jerusalem who does not know the things that have happened there in these days?"

19 "What things?" he asked.

"About Jesus of Nazareth," they replied. "He was a prophet, powerful in word and deed before God and all the people. 20 The chief priests and our rulers handed him over to be sentenced to death, and they crucified him; 21 but we had hoped that he was the one who was going to redeem Israel. And what is more, it is the third day since all this took place. 22 In addition, some of our women amazed us. They went to the tomb early this morning 23 but didn't find his body. They came and told us that they had seen a vision of angels, who said he was alive. 24 Then some of our companions went to the tomb and found it just as the women had said, but they did not see Jesus."

25 He said to them, "How foolish you are, and how slow to believe all that the prophets have spoken! 26 Did not the Messiah have to suffer these things and then enter his glory?" 27 And beginning with Moses and all the Prophets, he explained to them what was said in all the Scriptures concerning himself.

28 As they approached the village to which they were going, Jesus continued on as if he were going farther. 29 But they urged him strongly, "Stay with us, for it is nearly evening; the day is almost over." So he went in to stay with them.

30 When he was at the table with them, he took bread, gave thanks, broke it and began to give it to them. 31 Then their eyes were opened and they recognized him, and he disappeared from their sight. 32 They asked each other, "Were not our hearts burning within us while he talked with us on the road and opened the Scriptures to us?"

33 They got up and returned at once to Jerusalem. There they found the Eleven and those with them, assembled together 34 and saying, "It is true! The Lord has risen and has appeared to Simon." 35 Then the two told what had happened on the way, and how Jesus was recognized by them when he broke the bread.



## APOSTLES' CREED

**I believe in God, the Father almighty, maker of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord,  
 who was conceived of the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary,  
 suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried.**

**He descended into hell.**

**The third day he rose again from the dead.**

**He ascended into heaven**

**and is seated at the right hand of God the Father almighty.**

**From there he will come to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,**

**the Holy Christian Church, the communion of saints,**

**the forgiveness of sins,**

**the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.**

**2 The Lamb, the Lamb, One perfect final offering.  
The Lamb, the Lamb, Let earth join heav'n his praise to sing.**

Refrain **Worthy is the Lamb whose death makes me his own!  
The Lamb is reigning on his throne.**

**3 The Lamb, the Lamb, As wayward sheep their shepherd kill  
So still, his will, On our behalf the law to fill.**

Refrain

**4 He sighs, he dies, He takes my sin and wretchedness.  
He lives, he forgives, He gives me his own righteousness.**

Refrain

**5 He rose, he rose, My heart with thanks now overflows.  
His song prolong 'Til ev'ry heart to him belong.**

Refrain

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*Our sermon lesson today points to Jesus as the precious lamb who came for us. Note how the last verse shifts from his blood shed to his resurrection.*



"The Disciples on the Road to Emmaus" by Tissoit, c.1884



## From Blending In to Set Apart

<sup>17</sup> Since you call on a Father who judges each person's work impartially, live out your time as foreigners here in reverent fear. <sup>18</sup> For you know that it was not with perishable things such as silver or gold that you were redeemed from the empty way of life handed down to you from your ancestors, <sup>19</sup> but with the precious blood of Christ, a lamb without blemish or defect. <sup>20</sup> He was chosen before the creation of the world, but was revealed in these last times for your sake. <sup>21</sup> Through him you believe in God, who raised him from the dead and glorified him, and so your faith and hope are in God.

<sup>22</sup> Now that you have purified yourselves by obeying the truth so that you have sincere love for each other, love one another deeply, from the heart. <sup>23</sup> For you have been born again, not of perishable seed, but of imperishable, through the living and enduring word of God. <sup>24</sup> For,

“All people are like grass,  
and all their glory is like the flowers of the field;  
the grass withers and the flowers fall,  
<sup>25</sup> but the word of the Lord endures forever.” [Isaiah 40:6-8]

And this is the word that was preached to you.

## OFFERING

## PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

**[ALL] 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.**

## BLESSING

**[M] 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.**

- 1 I'm but a stranger here; Heav'n is my home.  
Earth is a desert drear; Heav'n is my home.  
Danger and sorrow stand Round me on ev'ry hand.  
Heav'n is my fatherland; Heav'n is my home.
  
- 2 What though the tempest rage, Heav'n is my home.  
Short is my pilgrimage; Heav'n is my home.  
And time's wild, wintry blast Soon shall be overpast;  
I shall reach home at last; Heav'n is my home.
  
- 3 There at my Savior's side—Heav'n is my home—  
I shall be glorified; Heav'n is my home.  
There are the good and blest, Those I love most and best,  
And there I, too, shall rest; Heav'n is my home.
  
- 4 Therefore I murmur not; Heav'n is my home.  
Whate'er my earthly lot, Heav'n is my home.  
And I shall surely stand There at my Lord's right hand.  
Heav'n is my fatherland; Heav'n is my home.

Text: Thomas R. Taylor, 1807–35.

## Announcements

Today – 10:30 AM – Bible Class on Zoom

Thursday – 10:00 AM – Bible Class on Zoom

Thursday – 7:00 PM – Bible Class on Zoom