



Easter 6 – May 17, 2020

Grace Lutheran Church – Yorba Linda, CA



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in Yorba Linda, California, the land of gracious living*

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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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is a member of the  
Wisconsin Evangelical Lutheran Synod  
and California Lutheran High School*



## Worship

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### EASTER CHANGES EVERYTHING

Because Jesus lives we do too. We are children who will never be orphaned, but rather will be comforted, counseled, and kept forever... and our baptism guarantees it! Today Easter changes us from uncertainty to be prepared to answer.

### GATHERING RITE ON HOLY BAPTISM

*God's people long to gather together for strength from God and for mutual encouragement. This alternate beginning for worship is intended for use not only when there is a baptism but may be used on any occasion to remind God's people of Baptism's continuing blessings.*

*We begin with a reminder of our baptism.*

**M** In the name of the Father and of the + Son and of the Holy Spirit.  
**C** **Amen.**

**1 Baptized into your name most holy,  
O Father, Son, and Holy Ghost,  
I claim a place, though weak and lowly,  
Among your saints, your chosen host,  
Buried with Christ and dead to sin.  
Your Spirit now shall live within.**

John 3:5,6

**M:** I tell you the truth, no one can enter the kingdom of God unless he is born of water and the Spirit.  
**C:** **Flesh gives birth to flesh, but the Spirit gives birth to spirit.**

Psalms 51:5  
1 Cor. 6:11

**M:** Surely we were sinful at birth, sinful from the time our mothers conceived us.  
**C:** **But we were washed, we were sanctified, we were justified in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ and by the Spirit of our God.**

**2 My loving Father, there you took me  
To be henceforth your child and heir.  
My faithful Savior, there you let me  
The fruit of all your sorrows share.  
O Holy Spirit, comfort me  
When threat'ning clouds around I see.**

**M:** As baptized children of God, we confess our sins.

**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.

**3 My faithful God, you fail me never;  
Your promise surely will endure.  
Oh, cast me not away forever  
If words and deeds become impure.  
Have mercy when I come defiled;  
Forgive, lift up, restore your child.**

Eph. 5:25-27

**M:** Christ loved the church and gave himself up for her to make her holy, cleansing her by the washing with water through the word, and to present her to himself as a radiant church, without stain or wrinkle or any other blemish, but holy and blameless. 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: (spoken) Amen.**

**4 All that I am and love most dearly—  
Receive it all, O Lord, from me.  
Let me confess my faith sincerely  
And help me your own child to be!  
Let nothing that I am or own  
Serve any will but yours alone.**

*We exchange the  
Easter greeting  
during this time of  
year.*

## PRAYER OF THE DAY

**M** Christ is risen.  
**C** **He is risen indeed.**

**M** Let us pray.

O God, you are the giver of everything good.  
Inspire us, your humble servants, to long for what is right  
and through your gracious guidance, to accomplish it to your  
glory. Amen.

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

## THE WORD

*In an age of “I’m  
spiritual, but not  
religious,” Paul was  
prepared to answer  
for the hope that is  
ours in Jesus.*

### FIRST LESSON

**Acts 17:22-31**

<sup>22</sup> Paul then stood up in the meeting of the Areopagus and said: “People of Athens! I see that in every way you are very religious. <sup>23</sup> For as I walked around and looked carefully at your objects of worship, I even found an altar with this inscription: TO AN UNKNOWN GOD. So you are ignorant of the very thing you worship—and this is what I am going to proclaim to you.

<sup>24</sup> “The God who made the world and everything in it is the Lord of heaven and earth and does not live in temples built by human hands.<sup>25</sup> And he is not served by human hands, as if he needed anything. Rather, he himself gives everyone life and breath and everything else.<sup>26</sup> From one man he made all the nations, that they should inhabit the whole earth; and he marked out their appointed times in history and the boundaries of their lands. <sup>27</sup> God did this so that they would seek him and perhaps reach out for him and find him, though he is not far from any one of us. <sup>28</sup> ‘For in him we live and move and have our being.’ As some of your own poets have said, ‘We are his offspring.’

<sup>29</sup> “Therefore since we are God’s offspring, we should not think that the divine being is like gold or silver or stone—an image made by human design and skill. <sup>30</sup> In the past God overlooked such ignorance, but now he commands all people everywhere to repent. <sup>31</sup> For he has set a day when he will judge the world with justice by the man he has appointed. He has given proof of this to everyone by raising him from the dead.”

*Ascension Day is  
this coming  
Thursday, the day  
Jesus returned to  
the Father  
victorious. He did  
so leaving us the  
Spirit of truth and  
hope!*

## THE GOSPEL

John 14:15-21

<sup>15</sup> “If you love me, keep my commands. <sup>16</sup> And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another advocate to help you and be with you forever—<sup>17</sup> the Spirit of truth. The world cannot accept him, because it neither sees him nor knows him. But you know him, for he lives with you and will be in you. <sup>18</sup> I will not leave you as orphans; I will come to you. <sup>19</sup> Before long, the world will not see me anymore, but you will see me. Because I live, you also will live. <sup>20</sup> On that day you will realize that I am in my Father, and you are in me, and I am in you. <sup>21</sup> Whoever has my commands and keeps them is the one who loves me. The one who loves me will be loved by my Father, and I too will love them and show myself to them.”

## HYMN OF THE DAY

He’s Risen, He’s Risen (#143)

- 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.**
- 2 The foe was triumphant when on Calvary  
The Lord of creation was nailed to the tree.  
In Satan’s domain did the hosts shout and jeer,  
For Jesus was slain, whom the evil ones fear.**
- 3 But short was their triumph; The Savior arose,  
And death, hell, and Satan he vanquished, his foes.  
The conquering Lord lifts his banner on high;  
He lives, yes, he lives, and will nevermore die.**
- 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.**

From  
uncertainty to  
prepared

<sup>15</sup> But in your hearts revere Christ as Lord. Always be prepared to give an answer to everyone who asks you to give the reason for the hope that you have. But do this with gentleness and respect, <sup>16</sup> keeping a clear conscience, so that those who speak maliciously against your good behavior in Christ may be ashamed of their slander. <sup>17</sup> For it is better, if it is God's will, to suffer for doing good than for doing evil. <sup>18</sup> For Christ also suffered once for sins, the righteous for the unrighteous, to bring you to God. He was put to death in the body but made alive in the spirit. <sup>19</sup> After being made alive, he went and made proclamation to the imprisoned spirits— <sup>20</sup> to those who were disobedient long ago when God waited patiently in the days of Noah while the ark was being built. In it only a few people, eight in all, were saved through water, <sup>21</sup> and this water symbolizes baptism that now saves you also—not the removal of dirt from the body but the pledge of a clear conscience toward God. It saves you by the resurrection of Jesus Christ, <sup>22</sup> who has gone into heaven and is at God's right hand—with angels, authorities and powers in submission to him.

## **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.**

*Our members walk together with others to spread God's message both in this community and around the world. If you are a guest you are welcome to give an offering, but please do not feel obligated. You are our guest and we thank you for giving us the opportunity to share God's Word with you!*

## **OFFERING OF TREASURES**

## OFFERING OF PRAYERS

**[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. (*spoken*)

## CLOSING SONG

#558 Christ High-Ascended

- 1 Christ high-ascended, now in glory seated,  
Throned and exalted, victory completed,  
Death's dread dominion finally defeated—We are his witnesses.
- 2 Christ, from the Father ev'ry pow'r possessing,  
Who on his chosen lifted hands in blessing,  
Sends forth his servants, still in faith confessing—We are his witnesses.
- 3 Christ, who in dying won for us salvation,  
Lives now the firstborn of the new creation;  
To win disciples out of ev'ry nation, We are his witnesses.
- 4 Christ in his splendor, all dominion gaining,  
Christ with his people evermore remaining,  
Christ to all ages, gloriously reigning—We are his witnesses.
- 5 As at his parting, joy shall banish grieving,  
Faith in his presence strengthen our believing;  
Filled with his Spirit, love and pow'r receiving, We are his witnesses.

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