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Yorba Linda, California

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Rejoice – The Lord is near

There are not many things more joyful than a wedding. There's the beautiful dresses, the feast of foods, the music and the dancing, the love and the celebrating. And far beyond even the most royal of weddings and feasts, is the one our Savior has prepared... AND YOU ARE INVITED. Get ready to rejoice.

A sermon series for October:
Rejoice in Philippians.



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SERVICE OF THE WORD



M: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ and the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you.

C: And also with you.

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

M. We have come into the presence of God, who created us to love and serve him as his dear children. But we have disobeyed him and deserve only his wrath and punishment. Therefore, let us confess our sins to him and plead for his mercy.

C. Merciful Father in heaven, I am altogether sinful from birth. In countless ways I have sinned against you and do not deserve to be called your child. But trusting in Jesus, my Savior, I pray: Have mercy on me according to your unfailing love. Cleanse me from my sin, and take away my guilt.

M. God, our heavenly Father, has forgiven all your sins. By the perfect life and innocent death of our Lord Jesus Christ, he has removed your guilt forever. You are his own dear child. May God give you strength to live according to his will.

C. Amen..

M: In the peace and joy of forgiveness, let us praise the Lord.



**♪ Rejoice in the Lord always, and again I say, rejoice!
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Rejoice, rejoice, and again I say, rejoice!
Rejoice, rejoice, and again I say, rejoice!**

PRAYER OF THE DAY

M: Let us pray.

Grant, merciful Lord, to your faithful people pardon and peace that we may be cleansed from all our sins and serve you with a quiet mind; through Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever

C: *(spoken)* c.

THE WORD

THE FIRST READING

Isaiah 25:6-9

Isaiah points us to the feast of heaven and the victory of salvation that is ours in Christ. What else can we say other than: "Let us rejoice and be glad in HIS salvation."

⁶On this mountain the LORD Almighty will prepare a feast of rich food for all peoples, a banquet of aged wine—the best of meats and the finest of wines.

⁷On this mountain he will destroy the shroud that enfolds all peoples, the sheet that covers all nations;

⁸ he will swallow up death forever.

The Sovereign LORD will wipe away the tears from all faces; he will remove his people's disgrace from all the earth. The LORD has spoken.

⁹In that day they will say,

"Surely this is our God; we trusted in him, and he saved us.

This is the LORD, we trusted in him; let us **rejoice** and **be glad** in his salvation."



Jesus also compares the kingdom of heaven to a wedding banquet – receive his invitation and where his righteousness.



GOSPEL FOR THE DAY

Matthew 22:1-14

Jesus spoke to them again in parables, saying: ²“The kingdom of heaven is like a king who prepared a wedding banquet for his son. ³He sent his servants to those who had been invited to the banquet to tell them to come, but they refused to come.

⁴“Then he sent some more servants and said, ‘Tell those who have been invited that I have prepared my dinner: My oxen and fattened cattle have been butchered, and everything is ready. Come to the wedding banquet.’

⁵“But they paid no attention and went off—one to his field, another to his business. ⁶The rest seized his servants, mistreated them and killed them. ⁷The king was enraged. He sent his army and destroyed those murderers and burned their city.

⁸“Then he said to his servants, ‘The wedding banquet is ready, but those I invited did not deserve to come. ⁹So go to the street corners and invite to the banquet anyone you find.’ ¹⁰So the servants went out into the streets and gathered all the people they could find, the bad as well as the good, and the wedding hall was filled with guests.

¹¹“But when the king came in to see the guests, he noticed a man there who was not wearing wedding clothes. ¹²He asked, ‘How did you get in here without wedding clothes, friend?’ The man was speechless.

¹³“Then the king told the attendants, ‘Tie him hand and foot, and throw him outside, into the darkness, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.’

¹⁴“For many are invited, but few are chosen.”

M: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise be to you, O Christ.



HYMN OF THE DAY

Lord When Your Glory (#219)

Lord, when your glory I shall see
And taste your kingdom's pleasure,
Your blood my royal robe shall be,
My joy beyond all measure!
When I appear before your throne,
Your righteousness shall be my crown;
With these I need not hide me.
And there, in garments richly wrought,
As your own bride I shall be brought
To stand in joy beside you.

**Rejoice – the
Lord is near
With his peace
With his beauty**

SERMON LESSON

Philippians 4:4-9

⁴ Rejoice in the Lord always. I will say it again: Rejoice! ⁵ Let your gentleness be evident to all. The Lord is near. ⁶ Do not be anxious about anything, but in every situation, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God. ⁷ And the peace of God, which transcends all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.

⁸ Finally, brothers and sisters, whatever is true, whatever is noble, whatever is right, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is admirable—if anything is excellent or praiseworthy—think about such things. ⁹ Whatever you have learned or received or heard from me, or seen in me—put it into practice. And the God of peace will be with you.

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.

Offerings are part of our worship life and our life in the church. During this time of social distancing, your offering may be left at the door or mailed or you may give online at www.gracelutheran.church.

OFFERING

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH and LORD'S PRAYER

M: Lord,
C: we rejoice.

C: 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.

CLOSING HYMN

May the Peace of God (#745)

**1 May the peace of God our heav'nly Father,
And the grace of Christ the risen Son,
And the fellowship of God the Spirit
Keep our hearts and minds within his love.**

Refrain

**And to him be praise for his glorious reign
From the depths of earth to the heights of heav'n.
We declare the name of the Lamb once slain—
Christ eternal, the King of kings.**

**2 May this peace which passes understanding,
And this grace which makes us what we are,
And this fellowship of his Communion
Make us one in spirit and in heart.**

Refrain

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CALENDAR

Thursday - Bible Study online – 10 AM or 7 PM

GOD'S OTHER KINGDOM (Civil Government)

Thursday – Tuesday (November 3) – Grace Hall will be a Vote Center

Saturday – set your clock back for DAYLIGHT SAVINGS TIME

Sunday worship – All Saints Day worship online or in-person at 9:30 AM.

Confirmation class

Pastor and Tracy are delivering devotional materials and church news to members over the next couple of weeks. You are welcome to join them.

Dates in November:

November 8th – Door offering for Lutheran Military Support Group (Veteran's Day)

November 9th – Church Council

November 25th – Thanksgiving Eve worship

PRAYERS

Professor Em. Daniel Deutschlander who is on hospice due to Covid 19, that God would grant him a blessed departure.

For our country, as the end of the election season is coming to a close.

