

I am the
GOOD
SHEPHERD.
The good shepherd
LAYS DOWN
his **LIFE**
FOR *the* **SHEEP** John
10:
11



Easter 4 – April 25, 2021

Grace Lutheran Church – Yorba Linda, CA



GRACE LUTHERAN CHURCH

*Gathering around Grace – Growing in Grace – Going with Grace
in Yorba Linda, California, the land of gracious living*

6550 Fairmont Blvd
Yorba Linda, CA 92886

www.gracelutheran.com

714-779-2384

Pastor Phillip Sievert

pdsievert@aol.com / pastor@gracelutheran.church 720-364-1002

Accompanists – David Stansfield
Video production – Eric Erickson

Welcome

- † If you would like to know more about Grace - Yorba Linda, visit our **website** at 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.



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



Certain hope

FOR UNCERTAIN TIMES

GOOD SHEPHERD SUNDAY – The 4th Sunday of Easter centers around the beautiful Biblical picture of Jesus caring for us, his flock. May his love and protection grant you the comfort and power and CERTAINTY that comes from knowing THE GOOD SHEPHERD.

Easter 4
April 25, 2021

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

CALL TO WORSHIP

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. (*spoken*)

[M] In the peace of forgiveness, let us praise the Lord.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

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

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

M Let us pray.

Lord Jesus Christ, you are the Good Shepherd. You laid down your life for us, your sheep. Lead us now to still waters of your life-giving Word that we may live in your Father's house forevermore; for you live and reign with Him and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

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



During the Easter season, the Old Testament lesson is replaced by lessons from the book of Acts to show the power of the Risen Christ through his Church... the Church that listens to his voice.

THE WORD

FIRST LESSON

Acts 20:28-32

²⁸ Keep watch over yourselves and all the flock of which the Holy Spirit has made you overseers. Be shepherds of the church of God, which he bought with his own blood. ²⁹ I know that after I leave, savage wolves will come in among you and will not spare the flock. ³⁰ Even from your own number men will arise and distort the truth in order to draw away disciples after them. ³¹ So be on your guard! Remember that for three years I never stopped warning each of you night and day with tears.

³² "Now I commit you to God and to the word of his grace, which can build you up and give you an inheritance among all those who are sanctified.

See what great love the Father has lavished on us, that we should be called children of God! And that is what we are! The reason the world does not know us is that it did not know him.

HYMN OF THE DAY

The King of Love (#375)

- 1 The King of love my shepherd is, Whose goodness fails me never;
I nothing lack if I am his,
And he is mine forever.**
- 2 Where streams of living water flow, My Savior gently leads me;
And where the verdant pastures grow,
With food celestial feeds me.**
- 3 Confused and foolish oft I strayed, But yet in love he sought me
And on his shoulder gently laid
With food celestial feeds me.**
- 4 In death's dark vale I fear no ill With you, dear Lord, beside me;
Your rod and staff my comfort still,
Your cross before to guide me.**
- 5 You spread a table in my sight, A banquet here bestowing;
Your oil of welcome, my delight;
My cup is overflowing!**
- 6 And so through all the length of days Your goodness fails me never.
Good Shepherd, may I sing your praise
Within your house forever!**

*The close
relationship of
Shepherd and
sheep is raised to
the level of family,
of Father
protecting his
children.*

STAND for the reading of the words of our risen Savior.

THE LORD IS MY SHEPHERD

THE GOSPEL and SERMON LESSON

John 10:11-18

That's
Comforting
Offensive
Powerful

¹¹ "I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep. ¹² The hired hand is not the shepherd and does not own the sheep. So when he sees the wolf coming, he abandons the sheep and runs away. Then the wolf attacks the flock and scatters it. ¹³ The man runs away because he is a hired hand and cares nothing for the sheep.

¹⁴ "I am the good shepherd; I know my sheep and my sheep know me—
¹⁵ just as the Father knows me and I know the Father—and I lay down my life for the sheep. ¹⁶ I have other sheep that are not of this sheep pen. I must bring them also. They too will listen to my voice, and there shall be one flock and one shepherd. ¹⁷ The reason my Father loves me is that I lay down my life—only to take it up again. ¹⁸ No one takes it from me, but I lay it down of my own accord. I have authority to lay it down and authority to take it up again. This command I received from my Father."



M This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C Praise be to you, O Chris

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

M: Risen and ascended Lord, in your loving care we can live every day without worrying; no needful thing will you fail to provide:

C: **The LORD is my shepherd, I shall not be in want.**

M: By your holy Word you feed our souls and strengthen our faith. In your gracious forgiveness we are refreshed and restored:

C: **He makes me lie down in green pastures, he leads me beside quiet waters, he restores my soul.**

M: You turn us away from the paths of sin, and move us to walk in the ways of God:

C: **He guides me in the paths of righteousness for his name's sake.**

M: Though we walk in danger all the way, though the shadows of death enfold us at last, we will not fear. Your love goes with us wherever we go; in your comforting Word we find courage and strength. Your triumphant cross brings life from death:

C: **Even though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil, for you are with me; your rod and your staff, they comfort me.**

M: You have called us to sit at your heavenly feast. Our table of blessing overflows, and you will not allow earthly enemies, nor Satan himself, to snatch them away:

C: **You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies. You anoint my head with oil; my cup overflows.**

M: Good Shepherd, your mercies will never end. They will follow us as we follow you. Grant us to walk in your grace and love till we come to dwell in the heavenly home which you have prepared for us above:

C: **Surely, goodness and love will follow me all the days of my life, and I will dwell in the house of the LORD forever. Amen.**

We bring all our other requests to God in the prayer Jesus taught:

[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] May the God of peace, who through the blood of the eternal covenant brought back from the dead our Lord Jesus, that great Shepherd of the sheep, equip you with everything good for doing his will, and may he work in us what is pleasing to him, thought Jesus Christ, to whom be glory for ever and ever.

[C] Amen. (*spoken*)

[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 am Jesus' little lamb;
Ever glad at heart I am,
For my shepherd gently guides me,
Knows my needs and well provides me,
Loves me ev'ry day the same,
Even calls me by my name.**

**2 Day by day, at home, away,
Jesus is my staff and stay.
When I hunger, Jesus feeds me,
Into pleasant pastures leads me;
When I thirst, he bids me go
Where the quiet waters flow.**

**3 Who so happy as I am,
Even now the shepherd's lamb?
And when my short life is ended,
By his angel hosts attended,
He shall fold me to his breast,
There within his arms to rest.**

Text: Henrietta L. von Hayn, 1724–82; tr. composite.

ANNOUNCEMENTS



Join us as our Easter sermon series continues:

Sundays at 9:30 AM / Online each Sunday

12-15 meet every Thursday for a ZOOM Bible Study. We would love to have you join us – either at 10 AM or 7 PM.

We are studying 1 John.

Coming:

TODAY –

8:30 AM - We started in-person Bible Study again!

9:30 AM – Worship in-person or online

10:30 AM – Quarterly Congregational meeting

Prayers:

Wayne – broken elbow and fall

Brad – battling cancer

Karen – recovering from surgery