



What shall we say the Kingdom of God is like?

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GRACE LUTHERAN CHURCH

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

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Welcome

† If you would like to know more about Grace, 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 soon. 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
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and California Lutheran High School*

PREPARED TO ANSWER

To teach, to create faith, to strengthen faith, to preserve faith, Jesus asked questions – literally over a hundred of them. These questions and their answers were meant for us too: to teach, create, strengthen and preserve us in the one true Christian faith and life.



Today: ? What shall we say the kingdom of God is like?

Leader: O Lord, teach us your ways.

Group: That we may walk in your truth.

You comfort and help us day by day.

We trust your loving care.

You are the king of heaven and earth.

We give you praise and thanks. Alleluia!

PRAYER

Lord Jesus, you invite us to pray and promise that where two or three come together in your name, there you are with us. Answer our prayers, and fulfill our desires according to your wisdom and love. Strengthen us in the knowledge of your truth, and grant us life everlasting.

Amen.

READING

Ezekiel 17:22-24

What is the kingdom like? They will find shelter in the shade of its branches.

HYMNZ

SERMON

Mark 4:25-34

What is the Kingdom like?

- Hidden, yet producing a great harvest
- Small and insignificant, yet there for all

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 by 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.**

INTERCESSION

In peace, Lord, hear our prayer.

For all people throughout the world, to strengthen believers and to enlighten unbelievers, we pray: **Lord, have mercy.**

For peace and justice among nations, for honest leaders and good neighbors, for the gift of love, for steadfast faith and patient endurance, we pray: **Lord, have mercy.**

For those who suffer pain or sorrow, for the lonely and depressed, for the poor and needy, for those who love us and those who hate us, we pray: **Lord, have mercy.**

For graduates of our church family, Emma, Chris and Emma, as well as all graduates, that you would keep them close to you and guide them in the way they should go, we pray: **Lord, have mercy.**

Be gracious to us, defend us by your power, and bring us to glory everlasting: **To you, O Lord, we entrust ourselves. Amen.**

You have taught us to pray:

Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins, as we forgive those who sin against us. Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours now and forever. Amen.

BLESSING

The almighty and merciful Lord, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, bless and preserve us.

Amen.