



Grace Lutheran Church

Yorba Linda, CA

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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.
- ✝ Restrooms are across the breezeway, in our Grace Hall... a cry room is available in the back left corner of our church.
- ✝ Coffee and treats are available after church. We would love to visit with you and answer your questions.



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





Worship

Pentecost 16
September 12,
2021

LIVING FAITH

The book of James says, "Faith without works is dead." (2:17) That means we are called to a living faith, an active faith, a loving faith. Today we start a journey through the book of James and pray God's Spirit creates in us a LIVING FAITH:

Week 1 –	is a LISTENING faith
Week 2 – A living faith is a FAVORING faith	
Week 3 -	is a SPEAKING faith
Week 4 -	is a PEACEMAKING faith
Week 5 -	gets JUDGING faith
Week 6 -	gets MONEY faith

CALL TO WORSHIP

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 OF SINS

[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. (*spoken*)**

PRAYER OF THE DAY

M Let us pray.

Lord, we pray that your mercy and grace may always go before and follow after us that, loving you with undivided hearts, we may be ready for every good and useful work; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

[C] Amen. (spoken)

The Christian way is NOT the easy way, but it is the way of patient endurance in Christ.

THE WORD

The way for Jesus was not easy for it was the way of the cross. And his message for those who follow him is the same.

THE GOSPEL READING

Mark 8:27-35

²⁷ Jesus and his disciples went on to the villages around Caesarea Philippi. On the way he asked them, “Who do people say I am?”

²⁸ They replied, “Some say John the Baptist; others say Elijah; and still others, one of the prophets.”

²⁹ “But what about you?” he asked. “Who do you say I am?”

Peter answered, “You are the Messiah.”

³⁰ Jesus warned them not to tell anyone about him.

³¹ He then began to teach them that the Son of Man must suffer many things and be rejected by the elders, the chief priests and the teachers of the law, and that he must be killed and after three days rise again. ³² He spoke plainly about this, and Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him.

³³ But when Jesus turned and looked at his disciples, he rebuked Peter. “Get behind me, Satan!” he said. “You do not have in mind the concerns of God, but merely human concerns.”

³⁴ Then he called the crowd to him along with his disciples and said: “Whoever wants to be my disciple must deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me. ³⁵ For whoever wants to save their life will lose it, but whoever loses their life for me and for the gospel will save it.

M This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C Praise be to you, O Christ!

HYMN OF THE DAY

Take My Life and Let It Be (#469)



Is not a Favoring Faith

It leaves no one out

It doesn't leave Jesus out.

My brothers and sisters, believers in our glorious Lord Jesus Christ must not show favoritism. ² Suppose a man comes into your meeting wearing a gold ring and fine clothes, and a poor man in filthy old clothes also comes in. ³ If you show special attention to the man wearing fine clothes and say, "Here's a good seat for you," but say to the poor man, "You stand there" or "Sit on the floor by my feet," ⁴ have you not discriminated among yourselves and become judges with evil thoughts?

⁵ Listen, my dear brothers and sisters: Has not God chosen those who are poor in the eyes of the world to be rich in faith and to inherit the kingdom he promised those who love him? ⁶ But you have dishonored the poor. Is it not the rich who are exploiting you? Are they not the ones who are dragging you into court? ⁷ Are they not the ones who are blaspheming the noble name of him to whom you belong?

⁸ If you really keep the royal law found in Scripture, "Love your neighbor as yourself," you are doing right. ⁹ But if you show favoritism, you sin and are convicted by the law as lawbreakers. ¹⁰ For whoever keeps the whole law and yet stumbles at just one point is guilty of breaking all of it.

¹⁴ What good is it, my brothers and sisters, if someone claims to have faith but has no deeds? Can such faith save them? ¹⁵ Suppose a brother or a sister is without clothes and daily food. ¹⁶ If one of you says to them, "Go in peace; keep warm and well fed," but does nothing about their physical needs, what good is it? ¹⁷ In the same way, faith by itself, if it is not accompanied by action, is dead.

¹⁸ But someone will say, "You have faith; I have deeds."

Show me your faith without deeds, and I will show you my faith by my deeds.

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

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] 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.

CALENDAR

Today – Wednesday – Vote Center on Site

Thursday - Zoom online Bible Study at 10 AM / 7 PM
(James 2)

Friday - Sermon Recording

Sunday - 8:30 AM – BIBLE STUDY – ONE by ONE
9:30 AM – Worship with Communion



September 20th – Little Lambs at Grace outreach ministry
kickoff!

October 17th - Installation and meet and greet our Little Lambs
director: **Becky Buth**

September 24 – California Lutheran High School Homecoming

September 25 – CLHS homecoming golf outing

October 9 – Lutheran Women Mission Society Fall Rally at
Shepherd of the Hills, Las Vegas

Sunday Morning Bible Study



- 6 week video based workshop
 - to value each soul as a treasure
 - to grow in faith and sharing
 - to plan ministry here at Grace
- WE NEED YOU!

Lutheran
Women's
Mission
Society
offerings will
be collected
in the
entryway
through
September 26

