

*Victorious*



**Easter Season** - The book of the Revelation of Jesus begins with an awesome picture of Jesus – not lowly, not suffering on a cross – but with power and might and glory and wisdom and honor, forever and ever. That’s the main point of Revelation and Easter. Jesus wins and so do we. That means...

April 24: See what’s in his hands (Revelation 1:4-18)

May 1: Wear what he gives to wear See what’s in his hands(Revelation 5:11-14)

May 8: Serve him as your Shepherd (Revelation 7:13-17)

May 15: Look what he is making (Revelation 21:1-6)

**Today: Enter into his glorious city (Revelation 21:21-27)**

Next Week - Ascension: Follow with his armies (Revelation 19:11-16)

(The previous weeks’ sermons are archived on our web site, [www.gracelutheran.church](http://www.gracelutheran.church))

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*Gathering around GRACE – Growing in GRACE – Going with GRACE  
In the land of gracious living*

We are part of the Wisconsin Lutheran Synod, churches throughout the world united to share Jesus.

We are part of the federation of Californian Lutheran High School here in southern California.

Whether you are a first time visitor or back at “home”, we are delighted to share our worship with you. Please come and worship with us again.

- If you would like more information about Grace Church, we would love to share. Speak with Pastor Sievert or any of our members. You may also want to check out our website [www.gracelutheran.church](http://www.gracelutheran.church).



- Restrooms are located across the breezeway just inside our Grace Hall.

Notice today that The Paschal Candle, lighted during the Easter Season and at every baptism, connects us to the Savior’s resurrection. As Jesus lives and is the light of the world, so we have life with God. Since we were not meeting in person at this time last year, today marks the first time the candle has been used in worship!



## Worship

Easter 6  
May 22, 2022

### OPENING RESPONSE

L: Alleluia! Christ is risen!

**C: He is risen indeed! Alleluia!**

L: The open tomb proclaims his victory.

**C: Death no longer has dominion; life will reign eternally.**

L: Alleluia! Christ is risen!

**C: He is risen indeed! Alleluia!**

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

[L] In the name of the Father and of the Son ✠ and of the Holy Spirit.

**[C] Amen.**

### CONFESSION OF SINS

[L] 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.**

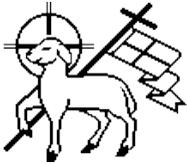
[L] When Jesus appeared to the disciples on Easter evening, he told them, "Peace be with you. If you forgive anyone's sins, their sins are forgiven." Therefore, as a called servant of Christ and by his authority, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son (+) and of the Holy Spirit.

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

*In the Easter Gospel, Jesus gives his church the Keys, the power to forgive sins in his name. Heaven is open!*

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

*We celebrate the feast of victory that is ours because of Easter! It echoes the song of victory for the Lamb in the book of Revelation. (#675:1,7,8)*



*The Apostle Paul was a witness of Jesus' resurrection. That was the source of his joy and that joy was unaffected by circumstance.*

[L] Let us pray.

Father of lights, every good and perfect gift comes from you. Inspire us to think those things that are true and long for those things that are good, that we may always make our petitions according to your gracious will; 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*)

## FIRST LESSON

Acts 14:8-22

<sup>8</sup> In Lystra there sat a man who was lame. He had been that way from birth and had never walked. <sup>9</sup> He listened to Paul as he was speaking. Paul looked directly at him, saw that he had faith to be healed <sup>10</sup> and called out, "Stand up on your feet!" At that, the man jumped up and began to walk.

<sup>11</sup> When the crowd saw what Paul had done, they shouted in the Lycaonian language, "The gods have come down to us in human form!" <sup>12</sup> Barnabas they called Zeus, and Paul they called Hermes because he was the chief speaker. <sup>13</sup> The priest of Zeus, whose temple was just outside the city, brought bulls and wreaths to the city gates because he and the crowd wanted to offer sacrifices to them.

<sup>14</sup> But when the apostles Barnabas and Paul heard of this, they tore their clothes and rushed out into the crowd, shouting: <sup>15</sup> "Friends, why are you doing this? We too are only human, like you. We are bringing you good news, telling you to turn from these worthless things to the living God, who made the heavens and the earth and the sea and everything in them. <sup>16</sup> In the past, he let all nations go their own way. <sup>17</sup> Yet he has not left himself without testimony: He has shown kindness by giving you rain from heaven and crops in their seasons; he provides you with plenty of food and fills your hearts with joy." <sup>18</sup> Even with these words, they had difficulty keeping the crowd from sacrificing to them.

<sup>19</sup> Then some Jews came from Antioch and Iconium and won the crowd over. They stoned Paul and dragged him outside the city, thinking he was dead. <sup>20</sup> But after the disciples had gathered around him, he got up and went back into the city. The next day he and Barnabas left for Derbe.

<sup>21</sup> They preached the gospel in that city and won a large number of disciples. Then they returned to Lystra, Iconium and Antioch, <sup>22</sup> strengthening the disciples

and encouraging them to remain true to the faith. “We must go through many hardships to enter the kingdom of God,” they said.

## THE GOSPEL

## John 16:16-24

<sup>16</sup> Jesus went on to say, “In a little while you will see me no more, and then after a little while you will see me.”

<sup>17</sup> At this, some of his disciples said to one another, “What does he mean by saying, ‘In a little while you will see me no more, and then after a little while you will see me,’ and ‘Because I am going to the Father?’” <sup>18</sup> They kept asking, “What does he mean by ‘a little while’? We don’t understand what he is saying.”

<sup>19</sup> Jesus saw that they wanted to ask him about this, so he said to them, “Are you asking one another what I meant when I said, ‘In a little while you will see me no more, and then after a little while you will see me’?” <sup>20</sup> Very truly I tell you, you will weep and mourn while the world rejoices. You will grieve, but your grief will turn to joy. <sup>21</sup> A woman giving birth to a child has pain because her time has come; but when her baby is born she forgets the anguish because of her joy that a child is born into the world. <sup>22</sup> So with you: Now is your time of grief, but I will see you again and you will rejoice, and no one will take away your joy. <sup>23</sup> In that day you will no longer ask me anything. Very truly I tell you, my Father will give you whatever you ask in my name. <sup>24</sup> Until now you have not asked for anything in my name. Ask and you will receive, and your joy will be complete.

*After the Gospel, we say:*

L. This is the Gospel of the Lord.

**C. Thanks be to God, he gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ.**

## HYMN OF THE DAY

**There is a Higher Throne 885**



## **ENTER INTO HIS GLORIOUS HOME**

**A city without a  
sun**

**A church without  
a temple**

## **SERMON**

## **Revelation 21:21-27**

<sup>21</sup>The twelve gates were twelve pearls, each gate made of a single pearl. The great street of the city was of gold, as pure as transparent glass.

<sup>22</sup>I did not see a temple in the city, because the Lord God Almighty and the Lamb are its temple. <sup>23</sup>The city does not need the sun or the moon to shine on it, for the glory of God gives it light, and the Lamb is its lamp. <sup>24</sup>The nations will walk by its light, and the kings of the earth will bring their splendor into it. <sup>25</sup>On no day will its gates ever be shut, for there will be no night there. <sup>26</sup>The glory and honor of the nations will be brought into it. <sup>27</sup>Nothing impure will ever enter it, nor will anyone who does what is shameful or deceitful, but only those whose names are written in the Lamb's book of life.

## **LORD'S PRAYER**

**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**

**L: 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*)**