



TO BE THE ONLY WAY TO HEAVEN

*I am the Way
the Truth
and the Life*
John 14:6

Easter 5 – May 7, 2023

Grace Lutheran Church – Yorba Linda, CA



GRACE LUTHERAN CHURCH

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

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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 starts in May. 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.
- † Bathrooms are located across the breezeway, just inside the entry to our Grace Hall meeting center.
- † Coffee is available in the kitchen of the Grace Hall. Please join us for snacks after worship so we can get to know each other better.
- † We love having children in worship. The family that worships together stays together and what better way for little ones to learn to pray and sing and worship. But we also understand they can have a hard time sitting for a long period of time. A room is available in the back corner of church by the windows which is equipped with toys and books and space for you to watch your children and listen to the service.



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Worship

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The gospel is the most inclusive message in the world because it is for the world. But the Gospel is also the most exclusive message in the world, for it is found in one place – the person of Jesus Christ. He is the way, the truth and the life; and to prove it, HE LIVES.

The Easter Call to Worship

- L. Christ is risen!
- C. He is risen indeed!**

- L: Because He lives,
- C: We too shall live!**

- L. Christ is risen!
- C. He is risen indeed! Alleluia!**

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)

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

RESPONSE

This Joyful Eastertide (#449:1,3)

**1 This joyful Eastertide
Away with sin and sorrow!
My love, the Crucified,
Has sprung to life this morrow.**

**3 My flesh in hope shall rest
And for a season slumber
Till trump from east to west
Shall wake the dead in number.**

Refrain:

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**Had Christ, who once was slain,
Not burst his three-day prison,
Our faith had been in vain:
But now is Christ arisen, arisen, arisen;
But now is Christ arisen.**

PRAYER OF THE DAY

- L** Christ is risen.
C He is risen indeed.
- L** Let us pray.

O God, you form the minds of your faithful people into a single will. Make us love what you command and desire what you promise, that among the many changes of this world, our hearts may ever yearn for the lasting joys of heaven; 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 WORD

FIRST READING

Acts 4:8-12

Peter quotes Psalm 118 to show that salvation is found in no one else. Jesus is the way.

*This is the
Easter psalm
quoted by
Peter. Jesus is
the only
cornerstone.*

⁸Then Peter, filled with the Holy Spirit, said to them: “Rulers and elders of the people! ⁹If we are being called to account today for an act of kindness shown to a man who was lame and are being asked how he was healed, ¹⁰then know this, you and all the people of Israel: It is by the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth, whom you crucified but whom God raised from the dead, that this man stands before you healed. ¹¹Jesus is

“ ‘the stone you builders rejected,
which has become the cornerstone.’

¹²Salvation is found in no one else, for there is no other name under heaven given to mankind by which we must be saved.”

L. The Word of the Lord.

C. Thanks be to God.

SECOND READING

1 Peter 2:4-10

⁴As you come to him, the living Stone—rejected by humans but chosen by God and precious to him— ⁵you also, like living stones, are being built into a spiritual house to be a holy priesthood, offering spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God through Jesus Christ. ⁶For in Scripture it says:

“See, I lay a stone in Zion,
a chosen and precious cornerstone,
and the one who trusts in him
will never be put to shame.”

⁷Now to you who believe, this stone is precious. But to those who do not believe,

“The stone the builders rejected
has become the cornerstone,”

⁸and,

“A stone that causes people to stumble
and a rock that makes them fall.”

They stumble because they disobey the message—which is also what they were destined for.

⁹But you are a chosen people, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, God’s special possession, that you may declare the praises of him who called you out of darkness into his wonderful light. ¹⁰Once you were not a people, but now you are the people of God; once you had not received mercy, but now you have received mercy.



Please stand for the reading of the Gospel.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



L. Christ is risen. He is risen, indeed!

C. I am the way and the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me. Alleluia.

THE GOSPEL

John 14:1-11

“Do not let your hearts be troubled. You believe in God; believe also in me. ²My Father’s house has many rooms; if that were not so, would I have told you that I am going there to prepare a place for you? ³And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come back and take you to be with me that you also may be where I am. ⁴You know the way to the place where I am going.”

⁵Thomas said to him, “Lord, we don’t know where you are going, so how can we know the way?”

⁶ Jesus answered, "I am the way and the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me. ⁷ If you really know me, you will know my Father as well. From now on, you do know him and have seen him."

⁸ Philip said, "Lord, show us the Father and that will be enough for us."

⁹ Jesus answered: "Don't you know me, Philip, even after I have been among you such a long time? Anyone who has seen me has seen the Father. How can you say, 'Show us the Father'? ¹⁰ Don't you believe that I am in the Father, and that the Father is in me? The words I say to you I do not speak on my own authority. Rather, it is the Father, living in me, who is doing his work. ¹¹ Believe me when I say that I am in the Father and the Father is in me; or at least believe on the evidence of the works themselves.

L This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C Praise be to you, O Christ!

HYMN OF THE DAY

Do Not Let Your Hearts Be Troubled #809

SERMON

based on the Gospel

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

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

- 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*)**

