



AND CALLS ME TO LIVE FOR HIM

Easter 6 – May 14, 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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Being left alone can be frightening, empty, lonely, not fun. But today Jesus promises that he will not leave us as orphans. He sends the Holy Spirit to dwell in us and empower us to live for him while we wait for Him to return. HE LIVES – and calls us to live for Him.

L In the name of the Father and of the + Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C Amen.

*We begin with a
reminder of our
baptism.*

L Brothers and sisters in Christ, our Father in heaven assures us, “can a mother forget the baby at her breast and have no compassion on the child she has born? Though she may forget, I will not forget you!”

Isaiah 49:15

Let us approach God with a true heart and confess our sins, knowing that in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, he forgives us:

C Lord of Life, surely I was sinful at birth, sinful from the time my mother conceived me.

For faithless worrying and selfish pride,

For sins of habit and sins of choice,

For not loving you or others as I should,

You should cast me away from your presence forever.

Turn to me and have mercy on me; show your strength in behalf of your servant; save me, because I serve you just as my mother did.

Psalms 51:5

Psalms 86:16

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)

John 20:21-23

PRAYER OF THE DAY

L Christ is risen.

C He is risen indeed.

L Let us pray.

O God, you are the giver of everything good. Inspire us, your humble servants, to long for what is right and, through your gracious guidance, accomplish it to your glory; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

THE WORD

THE FIRST READING

Acts 17:22-31

Paul witnesses the Gospel on the streets of Athens by pointing to the One who dwells everywhere, who gives life and breath and eternal life.

²² Paul then stood up in the meeting of the Areopagus and said: “People of Athens! I see that in every way you are very religious. ²³ For as I walked around and looked carefully at your objects of worship, I even found an altar with this inscription: TO AN UNKNOWN GOD. So you are ignorant of the very thing you worship—and this is what I am going to proclaim to you.

²⁴ “The God who made the world and everything in it is the Lord of heaven and earth and does not live in temples built by human hands. ²⁵ And he is not served by human hands, as if he needed anything. Rather, he himself gives everyone life and breath and everything else. ²⁶ From one man he made all the nations, that they should inhabit the whole earth; and he marked out their appointed times in history and the boundaries of their lands. ²⁷ God did this so that they would seek him and perhaps reach out for him and find him, though he is not far from any one of us. ²⁸ ‘For in him we live and move and have our being.’ As some of your own poets have said, ‘We are his offspring.’

²⁹ “Therefore since we are God’s offspring, we should not think that the divine being is like gold or silver or stone—an image made by human design and skill. ³⁰ In the past God overlooked such ignorance, but now he commands all people everywhere to repent. ³¹ For he has set a day when he will judge the world with justice by the man he has appointed. He has given proof of this to everyone by raising him from the dead.”

THE SECOND READING

1 Peter 3:13-22

³ Who is going to harm you if you are eager to do good? ¹⁴ But even if you should suffer for what is right, you are blessed. “Do not fear their threats; do not be frightened.” [Isaiah 8:12] ¹⁵ But in your hearts revere Christ as Lord. Always be prepared to give an answer to everyone who asks you to give the reason for the hope that you have. But do this with gentleness and respect, ¹⁶ keeping a clear conscience, so that those who speak maliciously against your good behavior in Christ may be ashamed of their slander. ¹⁷ For it is better, if it is God’s will, to suffer for doing good than for doing evil. ¹⁸ For Christ also suffered once for sins, the righteous for the unrighteous, to bring you to God. He was put to death in the body but made alive in the Spirit. ¹⁹ After being made alive in the spirit, he went and made proclamation to the imprisoned spirits— ²⁰ to those who were disobedient long ago when God waited patiently in the days of Noah while the ark was being built. In it only a few people, eight in all, were saved through water, ²¹ and this water symbolizes baptism that now saves you also—not the removal of dirt from the body but the pledge of a clear conscience toward God. It saves you by the resurrection of Jesus Christ, ²² who has gone into heaven and is at God’s right hand—with angels, authorities and powers in submission to him.

*Please stand for
the Gospel.*

HYMN OF THE DAY

Alleluia, Sing To Jesus #606

¹⁵“If you love me, keep my commands. ¹⁶And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another advocate to help you and be with you forever— ¹⁷the Spirit of truth. The world cannot accept him, because it neither sees him nor knows him. But you know him, for he lives with you and will be in you. ¹⁸I will not leave you as orphans; I will come to you. ¹⁹Before long, the world will not see me anymore, but you will see me. Because I live, you also will live. ²⁰On that day you will realize that I am in my Father, and you are in me, and I am in you. ²¹Whoever has my commands and keeps them is the one who loves me. The one who loves me will be loved by my Father, and I too will love them and show myself to them.”

L. The Gospel of the Lord.

C. Praise be to you, O Christ.

[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.

