



Grace Lutheran Church

Lent 1 – February 18, 2024



GRACE LUTHERAN CHURCH – YORBA LINDA

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

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Welcome

- † **Restrooms** are located across the breezeway just inside the doors to our Grace Hall.
- † **A cry room/nursery room** for parents needing to quiet small children is located at the back of the chapel. The room is equipped with chairs and toys and offers audio of our services.
- † There is **coffee** located across the breezeway in the Grace Hall.
- † If you would like to know more about Grace - Yorba Linda, visit our **website** at www.gracelutheran.church. A **membership** class, a class that covers the basic teachings of the Bible and what it means to be a Christian, is meeting right now and we would love to have you join us. Speak to 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. We look forward to visiting with you.



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Lent

1st Sunday in Lent

February 18, 2024

The word **Lent** comes from an Old English word for Spring (“*lengten*,”). As the days **lengthen** and become brighter during this time of year, our focus on Jesus’ journey to the cross and empty tomb brighten our days and allow us to see God’s love more clearly and empower us to love more dearly.

During Lent, our rejoicing is muted as we remember our Lord’s suffering and death. But it is with a purpose: we know that the Lord who died took up his life again on Easter Sunday morning. So our 40 days (for precise counters, the Sundays aren’t counted as part of Lent and are considered “little Easters”) are observed knowing that the battle has been won for us at the cross and empty tomb.



These 40 days are a time

Today – Of Testing

February 25 - Of Suffering

March 3 – Of Cleansing

March 10 – Of Believing

March 17 – Of Sacrifice

March 24 – Of Passion

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

Amen.

Blessed are they whose transgressions are forgiven, whose sins are covered.

Blessed are they whose sin the Lord does not count against them.

We say Psalm 142 as a confession of our sins

God, our merciful Father, has forgiven all our sins. He sent his Son, Jesus Christ, to be our Redeemer and Savior. Jesus paid the penalty for our guilt by his death on the cross and freed us from death by his resurrection from the grave. We have peace with God now and forever.

Amen.

LORD, HAVE MERCY

In peace let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For the peace from above and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God, and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For this holy house and for all who offer here their worship and praise, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

Help, save, comfort and defend us, gracious Lord.

Amen.

THE WORD

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Mighty God and Father, our Lord Jesus walked into the wilderness to face the devil's temptations, but he did not succumb to Satan's lies or falter in his resolve to save the world from the prison of hell. Bolster our faith by his mighty victory that we may battle against the forces of evil with courage and confidence; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

FIRST READING

Genesis 22:1-18

*Due to the length of the readings this morning,
you are encouraged to follow along in the pew Bible.*

After the reading:

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

SECOND READING

Romans 8:31-39

After the reading:

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

HYMN OF THE DAY

The Lamb (#525)

SERMON based on the GOSPEL

Mark 1:12-15

¹²At once the Spirit sent him out into the wilderness, ¹³and he was in the wilderness forty days, being tempted by Satan. He was with the wild animals, and angels attended him.

¹⁴After John was put in prison, Jesus went into Galilee, proclaiming the good news of God. ¹⁵“The time has come,” he said. “The kingdom of God has come near. Repent and believe the good news!”

After the reading:

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise be to your, O Christ!

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

OFFERING

ther, the Son, and the Holy Spirit.

**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.**

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.

Amen.

