



Zeal for the Father's house.

Grace Lutheran Church

Lent 3 – March 3, 2024



GRACE LUTHERAN CHURCH – YORBA LINDA

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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

3rd Sunday in Lent March 3, 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

Lent 1 – Of Testing

Lent 2 - Of Suffering

Today – Of Zeal for Worship

March 10 – Of Believing

March 17 – Of Sacrifice

March 24 – Of Passion

I Cry Aloud To The Lord Entrance Song: Psalm 142

Refrain

I cry a-loud to the Lord; I raise my voice to God; I
cry a-loud to the Lord, my God: Lord, have mer-cy.

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.

Let us confess our sins to the Lord.

Almighty and merciful Father,

we have strayed from your ways like lost sheep.

We have followed what we have devised and desired in our hearts.

We have offended you and sinned against your holy law.

We have done those things that we should not have done,

and we have not done those things that we should have done.

Have mercy on us, Lord!

Spare us, forgive us, and restore us,

according to your promises in Christ Jesus.

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.

THE WORD

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Grant us, Lord, the spirit to think and do what is right that we, who cannot do anything that is good without you, may by your help be enabled to live according to your will; 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

Exodus 20:1-17

*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

1 Corinthians 1:18-25

After the reading:

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

HYMN OF THE DAY

My Worth is Not in What I Own (#753)



SERMON based on the GOSPEL

John 2:13-22

¹³ When it was almost time for the Jewish Passover, Jesus went up to Jerusalem. ¹⁴ In the temple courts he found people selling cattle, sheep and doves, and others sitting at tables exchanging money. ¹⁵ So he made a whip out of cords, and drove all from the temple courts, both sheep and cattle; he scattered the coins of the money changers and overturned their tables. ¹⁶ To those who sold doves he said, “Get these out of here! Stop turning my Father’s house into a market!” ¹⁷ His disciples remembered that it is written: “Zeal for your house will consume me.”^[a]

¹⁸ The Jews then responded to him, “What sign can you show us to prove your authority to do all this?”

¹⁹ Jesus answered them, “Destroy this temple, and I will raise it again in three days.”

²⁰ They replied, “It has taken forty-six years to build this temple, and you are going to raise it in three days?” ²¹ But the temple he had spoken of was his body. ²² After he was raised from the dead, his disciples recalled what he had said. Then they believed the scripture and the words that Jesus had spoken.

After the reading:

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise be to your, O Christ!

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.

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

Matthew 26:26-28; 1 Corinthians 11:24,25

The peace of the Lord be with you always.

Amen .

BLESSING

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.