

Sunday, May 15, 2022

Fifth Week of Easter



WELCOME

INVOCATION

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

People: Amen.

CALL TO WORSHIP

Pastor: Make a joyful noise to the LORD, all the earth!

People: **Serve the LORD with gladness!**

Pastor: Come into His presence with singing!

People: **Know that the LORD, He is God!**

Pastor: It is He who made us, and we are His;

People: **We are His people and the sheep of His pasture.**

Pastor: Enter His gates with thanksgiving

People: **And His courts with praise!**

Pastor: Give thanks to Him; bless His name!

People: **For the Lord is good;**

Pastor: His steadfast love endures forever,

People: **And His faithfulness to all generations.**

People: **Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit; as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.**

CHRIST BE MY LEADER

Christ be my leader by night as by day;
Safe through the darkness, for He is the way.
Gladly I follow, my future His care,
Darkness is daylight when Jesus is there.

Christ be my teacher in age as in youth,
Drifting or doubting, for He is the truth.
Grant me to trust Him; though shifting as sand,
Doubt cannot daunt me; in Jesus I stand.

Christ be my Saviour in calm as in strife;
Death cannot hold me, for He is the Life.
Nor darkness nor doubting nor sin and its stain
Can touch my salvation: with Jesus I reign.

SCRIPTURE READING

Luke 16:19-31

¹⁹“There was a rich man who was clothed in purple and fine linen and who feasted sumptuously every day. ²⁰And at his gate was laid a poor man named Lazarus, covered with sores, ²¹who desired to be fed with what fell from the rich man's table. Moreover, even the dogs came and licked his sores. ²²The poor man died and was carried by the angels to Abraham's side. The rich man also died and was buried, ²³and in Hades, being in torment, he lifted up his eyes and saw Abraham far off and Lazarus at his side. ²⁴And he called out, ‘Father Abraham, have mercy on me, and send Lazarus to dip the end of his finger in water and cool my tongue, for I am in anguish in this flame.’ ²⁵But Abraham said, ‘Child, remember that you in your lifetime received your good things, and Lazarus in like manner bad things; but now he is comforted here, and you are in anguish. ²⁶And besides all this, between us and you a great chasm has been fixed, in order that those who would pass from here to you may not be able, and none may cross from there to us.’ ²⁷ And he said, ‘Then I beg you, father, to send him to my father's house ²⁸for I have five brothers so that he may warn them, lest they also come into this place of torment.’ ²⁹ But Abraham said, ‘They have Moses and the Prophets; let them hear them.’ ³⁰And he said, ‘No, father Abraham, but if someone goes to them from the dead, they will repent.’ ³¹He said to him, ‘If they do not hear Moses and the Prophets, neither will they be convinced if someone should rise from the dead.’”

Pastor: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

RITE OF 1st COMMUNION

Emma DuPont
KJ Zabinsky

Pastor: Beloved in the Lord, in Holy Baptism these young people were born again as God's children and received into His Church. As a further gift of His love for us, our Lord Jesus Christ has given His Church the Sacrament of the Altar and invited His children to receive this Sacrament in faith for the forgiveness of their sins. The apostle Paul reminds us, "Let a person examine himself and so eat of the bread and drink of the cup," and "as often as you eat this bread and drink the cup, you proclaim the Lord's death until He comes." These candidates have received instruction and have been examined by the pastor regarding their sin and their understanding of the Sacrament of the Altar.

[Sharing of what they learned in First Communion Instruction.]

P: You are about to be admitted to the Lord's Table. Holy Scripture describes the life of the Church and every baptized Christian with these words: "They devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and fellowship, to the breaking of bread and the prayers." You are invited by our Lord to come regularly to hear His Word and receive His Sacrament. You will continue to be instructed and nurtured in the Christian faith and life. You are invited to confess your sins and receive the comfort of Holy Absolution. All this will help you live as the child of God you have been made through Holy Baptism.

P: In testimony of this faith and confession, I now ask you:

P: Do you believe in God, the Father Almighty, in Jesus Christ, His only Son our Lord, and in the Holy Spirit?

Response: Yes, I believe.

P: Do you believe that Jesus Christ, true God and true man, is your Lord?

R: Yes, I believe.

P: Do you believe that Jesus Christ died for you and shed His blood for you on the cross for the forgiveness of all your sins?

R: Yes, I believe.

P: Do you believe that Jesus rose from the dead on the third day and that He will come again in glory?

R: Yes, I believe.

P: Do you believe that in the Lord's Supper He gives you His true body and blood in bread and wine?

R: Yes, I believe.

P: Do you intend to receive this sacrament in unity?

R: Yes, with the help of God.

P: I therefore invite you to the Lord's Supper to receive Christ's precious body and blood for the forgiveness of all your sins, in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

Congregation: Amen.

P: Pastors, sponsors, and members of the congregation, the whole Church shares with you the responsibility and concern for the ongoing instruction and spiritual care of these young people. I now ask you, will you intercede for them in prayer and, as much as you are able, give them your counsel and aid that, in communion with the Church, they may grow up to lead a godly life to the praise and honor of Jesus Christ? Then answer: We will, with the help of God.

C: We will, with the help of God.

P: Let us pray. Heavenly Father, whose Son Jesus Christ loved the young and called them to Himself, we ask You to bless these young people. Strengthen them in the faith through the Sacrament of Christ's body and blood so that they may grow spiritually and bring forth the fruits of faith in a life of love toward others to the praise and honor of Your holy name; through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen.

P: We rejoice with thankful hearts in your confession of faith. As you continue to hear the Lord's Word and receive His Holy Supper, He who began a good work in you will bring it to completion at the day of Jesus Christ. Peace be with you.

C: Amen.

CONFESSION OF SIN

Pastor: We confess our sins using Psalm 51.

People: **Have mercy on me, O God, according to Your steadfast love; according to Your abundant mercy blot out my transgressions. Wash me thoroughly from my iniquity, and cleanse me from my sin! For I know my transgressions, and my sin is ever before me. Against You, You only, have I sinned and done what is evil in Your sight, so that You may be justified in Your words and blameless in Your judgment. The sacrifices of God are a broken spirit; a broken and contrite heart, O God, You will not despise.**

Pastor: Hear good news from Isaiah 53. But our Lord Jesus Christ was wounded for our transgressions; He was crushed for our iniquities; upon Him was the chastisement that brought us peace, and with His stripes we are healed. All we like sheep have gone astray; we have turned everyone to his own way; and the LORD has laid on Him the iniquity of us all. In the mercy of almighty God, Jesus Christ was given to die for us, and for His sake God forgives us all our sins. Amen.

CONFESSION OF FAITH

Apostles' Creed

I believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth. And in Jesus Christ, His Only Son, our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Spirit born of the Virgin Mary; suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died and was buried; He descended into hell; the third day He rose again from the dead; He ascended into heaven and sits on the right hand of God the Father Almighty, from thence He shall come to judge the living, and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit; the holy Christian Church, the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.

COMMITMENT TO LOVE

Pastor: Let us reaffirm our commitment to love one another, using Philippians 2.

People: Complete my joy by being of the same mind, having the same love, being in full accord and of one mind. Do nothing from rivalry or conceit, but in humility count others more significant than yourselves. Let each of you look not only to his own interests, but also to the interests of others.

COMMUNION DISTRIBUTION

I'LL NOT BE SHAKEN

For God alone I wait in silence
My soul is still before the Lord
He is my rock and my salvation
My fortress strong I trust in Him

Chorus

***I'll not be shaken I'll not be shaken
For all my hope is in His love
From God alone comes my salvation
I'll wait and trust His steadfast love***

Put not your hope in gain of riches
Seek not your rest in empty wealth
The rich are weak the poor are mighty
Who turn to God alone for help

Chorus

Pour out your heart to God our refuge
And trust in Him to hear you cry
No other hope will never fail you
No other love will not run dry

Chorus2x

CCLI Song # 7064722

JESUS WHISPERS

Lamb of God, we fall before thee,
Humbly trusting in thy cross;
That alone be all our glory;
All things else are vain and loss.
Thee we own a perfect Savior,
Only source of all that's good:
Every grace and every favor
Comes to us through Jesus' blood

Chorus:

***Jesus whispers this sweet sentence,
"Son, thy sins are all forgiven."
Faith He gives us to believe,
Hearing ears and seeing eyes.***

When we live on Jesus' merit,
Then we worship God aright,
Father, Son and Holy Spirit,
Then we savingly unite.

Chorus:

Hear the whole conclusion of it;
Great or good, whate'er we call,
God, or King, or Priest, or Prophet,
Jesus Christ is All in All.

Chorus: 2x

***Jesus whispers this sweet sentence,
"Son, thy sins are all forgiven."***

PRAYERS

BENEDICTION

Pastor: Now may the God of peace who brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus, the great Shepherd of the sheep, by the blood of the eternal covenant, equip you with everything good that you may do His will, working in us that which is pleasing in His sight, through Jesus Christ, to whom be glory forever and ever.

People: Amen

HOUSE OF THE LORD

We worship the God who was
We worship the God who is
We worship the God who evermore will be
He opened the prison doors
He parted the raging sea
My God He holds the victory

Chorus

***There's joy in the house of the Lord
There's joy in the house of the Lord today
And we won't be quiet
We shout out Your praise
There's joy in the house of the Lord
Our God is surely in this place
And we won't be quiet
We shout out Your praise***

Oh oh oh

We shout out Your praise

We sing to the God who heals
We sing to the God who saves
We sing to the God who always makes a way
'Cause He hung up on that cross
Then He rose up from that grave
My God's still rolling stones away

Chorus

*('Cause) We were the beggars
Now we're royalty
We were the prisoners
Now we're running free
We are forgiven accepted
Redeemed by His grace
Let the house of the Lord sing praise (2x)*

Chorus (2x)

CCLI Song # 7168995

Town Hall and Voters' Meetings

Grace's Board of Directors has scheduled its Voters' Assembly Meeting for May 22, 2022 at 1:00pm in the Multipurpose Room. Please make plans to attend as we will be discussing the various ministries and voting on the next year's budget, as well as several new grants proposed by the Endowment Fund Committee. There are some exciting things brewing at Grace with both the Endowment Fund and the budget. (Seriously, even the budget!) And our church family is better when we're all together. So please join us. Any questions, please contact Board President Jennifer Woodmansee at (760) 809-9872 or jennifer.woodmansee@gmail.com.

Coming Up at Grace

5-15-2022 5th Week of Easter

Lucan Parables - Rich Man and Lazarus, Luke 16:19-31

1st Communion

5-22-2022 6th Week of Easter

Lucan Parables – Stubborn Widow, Luke 18:1-8

2022 Confirmation

Voters' Meeting

Last Bible Study/Sunday School through summer

5-29-2022 7th Week of Easter/Ascension

Lucan Parables - Pharisee and Tax Collector, Luke 18:9-14

Retirement Celebration for Lee Zabinsky

Join us in celebration of the many years of faithful and excellent service Lee has served our Lord and His people at Grace! **June 5th, 9:00 am worship followed by a brunch reception.** Please RSVP at tinyurl.com/Lee-Z-Retirement If you would like to send a short video message to Lee or photos or a letter, please send it to chernandez@gracelcms.net or vlippman@gracelcms.net by May 22, 2022.

High School Youth News

Calling all 8th-grade students who will be graduating this year! The Stand, Grace's High School youth group invites you join us on June 8th at 6:00pm! This will be a big event with games, pizza, time in God's word, worship, and testimonies from the high schoolers. Any questions, please contact Max.

Grace Book Club

Hi, Ladies! For the month of May we will be reading the book *Kitchen Front* by Jennifer Ryan. We will be meeting on May 19 at Judi Anderson's home at 7:00pm for discussion. The address is 2817 Cantegra Glen, Escondido. Gate Code: #1532. Snacks, dessert and drinks will be served. Please contact Judi to confirm your participation. 760-443-2278 or heyjude6168@cox.net

Thrivent Action Teams

Are you a Thrivent member? If you are a member, are you aware you can apply online for funds to use for volunteer projects at Grace or a non-profit? It is called Action Teams and is a Thrivent member benefit. There is no cost to you. Thrivent can provide these funds, because Thrivent is a not-for-profit financial and insurance services company. You can apply for as much as \$250 twice in a calendar year. Past Grace projects include VBS, Project Godway, and, Grace neighborhood clean-up. For more information go online to www.thrivent.com and type in Action Teams. Or contact Jess Reimnitz at jess.reimnitz@thrivent.com 858.345.0757.

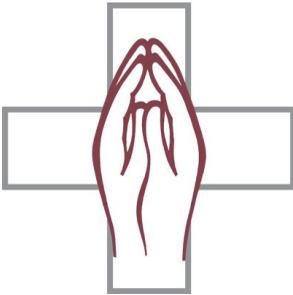
Temporary Church Office Hours

Grace Admin Assistant, Yoke Tanko, will be taking a leave of absence until early June, the Church Office will be open with limited hours. Please call Vanessa at (760) 745-0831 ext. 7114 or email vlippman@gracelcms.net to make an appointment.

THE SEASON OF EASTER

Easter Sunday is celebrated on the first Sunday after the first full moon falling on or after March 21st, the first day of spring. The earliest date for Easter is March 22nd and the latest date is April 25th. Ash Wednesday is counted back from the date of Easter, 40 days excluding Sundays. Easter is the high point of the Church Year and was the first festival to be observed by Christians annually. The Season of Easter extends for 50 days and includes the Major Festivals of the Ascension of our Lord (on the 40th day of Easter) and Pentecost.

The color for Easter is white because it is a Season of great joy. The color for Pentecost is red because it is the color of fire and blood, remembering that many of those disciples were martyrs.



Prayers this week:

Cora Garland—Home on Sunday
Peter Preston—Home from surgery
Jim Kawal—Recovering
Nita Roth—Hospitalized

Continued Prayers (continuing care/homebound):

Eric Breitenfeld, Jim Crouse (Coty Hitchcock's dad), Norbert DeHoff, Sherry Fischer, Pat Funderburk, Thad Gonsalves, Norma Kellerup, Ellie Liebmann, Scott Lopez Family, Karen and Mark Moore, Debra Nguyen's nephew, Cayden (leukemia), Cathy Phillips, Betty Reimnitz, Violet Reitmeyer, Rippel Family, Nita Roth, Tom Sadowski (Carla Santoro's dad).

ON SITE SERVICES AND MEETINGS

Sunday Worship:

9:00AM English Worship Service
10:30AM Sunday School & Adult Bible Study
11:15AM Spanish Worship Service
For online worship please go to:
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New Horizons Bible Study Wed. 9:30AM
Women's Bible Study 1st and 3rd Thur. 9AM
High School Youth "The Stand" Wed. 7PM
Adult Bible Study Thursday 7PM
Men's Bible Study Saturday 7AM
Junior High School "Face to Face" Sat. 6PM

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