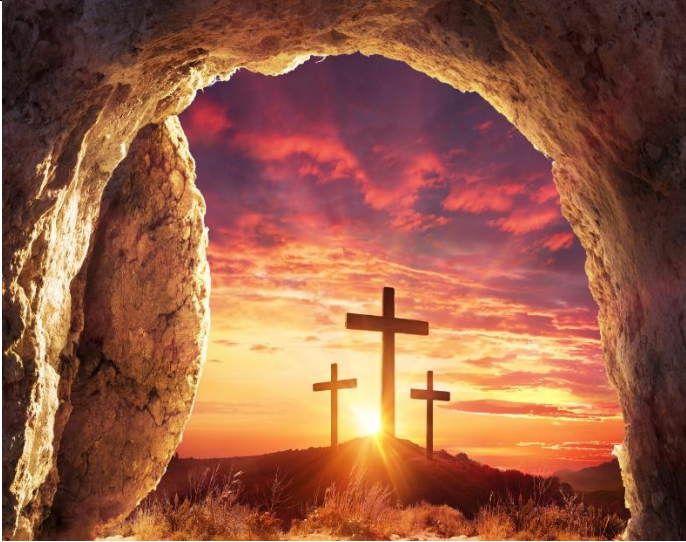


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Pastor David's Message



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Is the Resurrection Real?

In recent years some like to view the Easter resurrection event as a mythical metaphor, which is completely a false assumption. William Craig, a professor who is an authority on the Resurrection, points out that the disciples would never have been executed for a mythical metaphor. They believed in what they witnessed together and never denied the resurrection. My article below, deals with questions that people still have when it comes to the Resurrection of Jesus and I hope this is helpful.

John 20:29 (NIV): Then Jesus told him, "Because you have seen me, you have believed; blessed are those who have not seen and yet have believed."

In this world we often want to understand how things work, and often we want to figure them out for ourselves. We want to use our logic and intellect to explain the mystery and awe that surrounds us. Many are given a faith to see the beauty of this world and the miracles that are contained in it. Some people find it easy to accept the gifts that our Lord provides. When it comes to the understanding of the resurrection of Jesus the only way to accept this mystery is through the gift of the Holy Spirit. For those who have not received the gift of the Holy Spirit, they usually want the cold hard facts. So, what are the cold hard facts to show that Jesus truly had the resurrection experience? Here is a question-and-answer exercise to follow.

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This Easter morning, believe the women. Believe the ones closest to the pain. And then you too will witness and know the resurrection. Around you. And within you.

Question:

Most people believe in a historical Jesus and consider him to be a good man. They also believe that Jesus said some pretty amazing and wise things, but did he really rise from the dead?

Answer:

In the Bible there are a few aspects we need to know about this. First, we are told that the tomb was empty and many would like to say that his body was stolen. Yet, that would be hard to believe. The tomb door was a stone weighing about 2 tons; it was sealed with clay and affixed with a rope. It had a Roman seal that was pressed into its clay; to break the seal would mean to break Roman law and to break the law could mean a punishment of death. On top of that, the tomb door was guarded by roman soldiers who would be executed, if they did not do their duty.

Question:

Isn't it possible that Jesus' closest friends and disciples just made up the story about his resurrection?

Answer:

Yes, they could have, but why would they? Jesus not only appeared to them, but over a six-week period he appeared to over 500 people. He even appeared to St. Paul who, at the time, hated and was known to kill Jesus' followers. People who witnessed what they saw, left their livelihoods and were even prepared to die for what they had experienced. No one in his or her right mind would die over something that was a lie.

After this small exercise, even with all of the evidence and logic you received, you may still not be convinced. Truly, if you want to believe in the resurrected Jesus, it is only the Holy Spirit who can help you to believe in its power for your life. For many who still struggle, I suggest you say this prayer to help you believe. You may say a prayer like this: Dear Heavenly Father, I am having a hard time believing in your Bible and Word, yet I would like to believe. Forgive me of my sins and my doubts and help me to believe in what Jesus has done for me on the cross and on Easter Sunday. Let me live for You, Lord, and help me to release myself to the Holy Spirit who dwells in me. Amen.

May the resurrected Christ be with you this coming Easter!

In Christ, Pastor David

UPCOMING EVENTS



FRIDAY, March 29th – 11:30AM-12 NOON

GOOD FRIDAY YOUTH EVENT

After the service on Good Friday, we will be decorating Easter Eggs for the Easter Sunday Breakfast. Pizza will be served!

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Sunday, March 24th

11:30AM with lunch to follow

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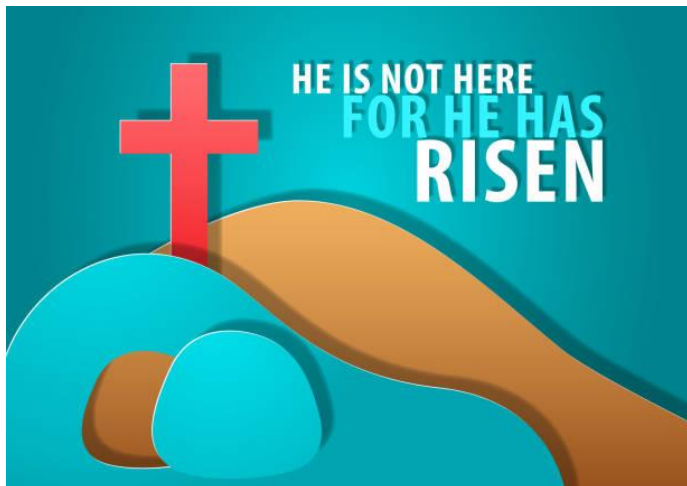
EASTER PRAYER

Thank you for the chance of eternal life

Heavenly Father,
Thank you for this beautiful day you have made
Thank you for showing me unconditional love
despite my transgressions
Thank you for the chance of eternal life
Thank you for loving the world
Thank you for sending your son to die for a sinner
like me
To take away my flaws and make me clean as
wool
I pray that you help me understand the true
meaning of easter
Help me love others as you have loved me
Help me pay forward your loving-kindness and
grace upon my life
Give me the strength to love those who hate me
Let me not pay evil back with evil
But help me forgive others and love them as you
have loved me
In Jesus' name I pray, *Amen*

THE GRACEFUL CHAPTER

Grace News



What is Easter? Easter is one of the principal holidays, or feasts, of Christianity. It marks the Resurrection of Jesus three days after His death by crucifixion. For many Christian churches, Easter is the joyful end to the Lenten season of fasting and penitence.

www.Britannica.com

This year, we celebrate Christ's Resurrection on March 31st. That means everything including, Lent, Palm Sunday March 24th, Maundy Thursday March 28th, Good Friday March 29th, and Easter Sunday March 31st, are all in the month of March. Our Annual General Meeting is also on March 24th, with a combined service starting at 10:30AM. The Men's Breakfast this month will be on Saturday, March 9th, at 8:30AM in the Fellowship Hall. Grace Choir is practicing on Thursdays at 7:00PM and we look forward to hearing anthems from Grace Choir on the 2nd & 4th Sundays. Deni invites everyone who has been thinking about joining choir to finally make the move to come out on Thursday nights at 7:00PM. You won't be disappointed because of all the health, social & spiritual benefits you will receive from singing with the choir. Take a moment to read the following article <https://www.healthline.com/health/benefits-of-singing>, and discover the many benefits. Thank you to *Full of Grace* who has continued to provide a monthly Call to Worship and who are also leading the hymns on Sundays in the 11:00AM service. *Full of Grace* continues to provide their music ministry at Brookhaven Care Home and Brent Keith gives a short message with Bible readings and prayers to a very enthusiastic audience. In February, Vivien Georgeson came along to help with the scripture readings and everyone had an awesome time! In March we will also be providing a chapel service at Village at Smith Creek. We are very blessed to have this music ministry in our church. It is so good to hear and see more people in the church during the week and on Sundays. If there is an area where you would like to help out in the church or in the worship services, please contact the pastor or the office and let us know what you would like to do if you are still undecided about

coming out for Sunday worship, please consider it, we miss seeing you!

Grace Choir Practice is on Thursdays at 7:00PM. If you have any questions call Deni Skutshek 250.801.9098 or the church office 250.769.5685.

Full of Grace is the singing group leading the 11:00AM worship hymns and who perform an anthem in the 11:00AM service once a month. We could use a bass singer so if you love singing and can sing the bass-line, please contact Miriam in the office at 250.769.5685.

Men's Breakfast Second Saturday of each month 8:30AM in the Fellowship Hall unless otherwise notified.

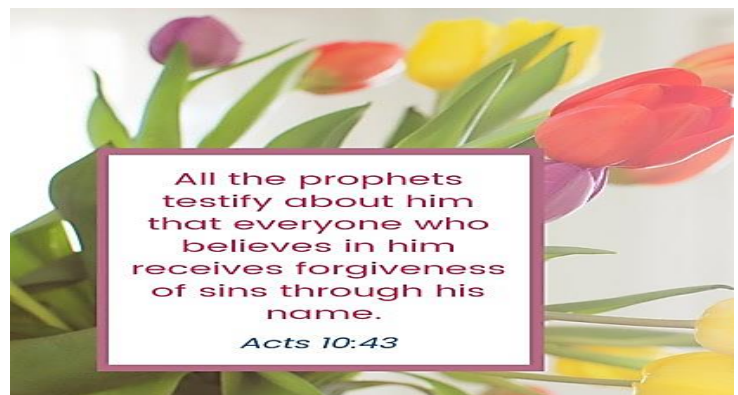
Online Services We continue to record one Sunday worship service each week, and our sound booth team makes it ready for viewing on Sunday afternoon. Here is a quick link to Vimeo so that you may watch it in the afternoon: [Grace Videos on Vimeo](#). If you have provided the Church Office with an email address, the video link will be sent to you on Sunday or Monday. If you do not receive it in your email box, it might have gone into Junk Mail or spam folder.

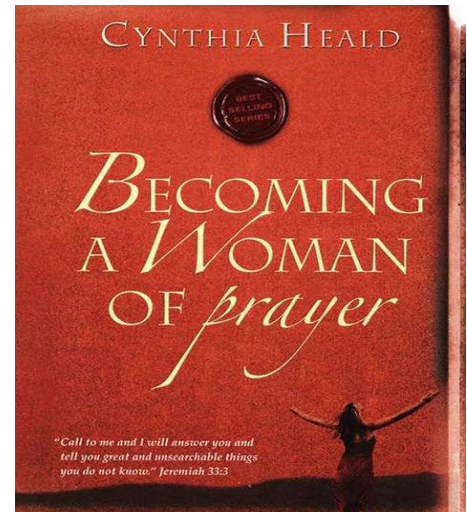
Special Occasions Are you celebrating a milestone birthday or anniversary and would like to share your happy day in a picture that we could include in our monthly newsletter, please send it to info@gracelutheranelowna.com with a brief description of the momentous occasion.



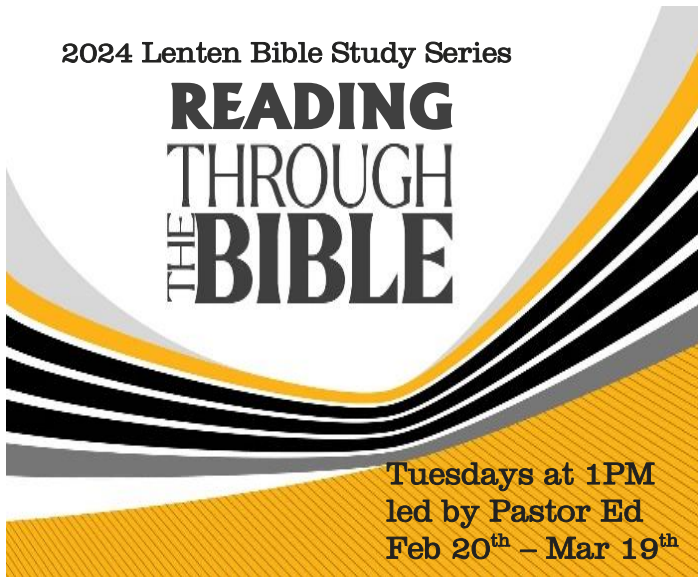
COMPASSION CORNER

Pray for everyone in our church family who mourns including the Schoepp, Lazaroff, Vinge and Orsten families. Pray for those needing prayer in hospital including Robert Shopland. Pray for those at home, including Karen Arend, Len Weber, Jim Szabo, Louise Shopland, Nedra Schuler, Gerald Schuler, Penny Pfahl, Emily Hughes (Deni Skutshek's mother), Fran Schmidt, Joan Ulmer, Coco Heebner, Brenda Heise, Helene Hack, Lorraine Wentland, Ferne Sather, and Myrna Smith in Alberta. ***Come to me, all who are weary and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest. Matthew 11:28***

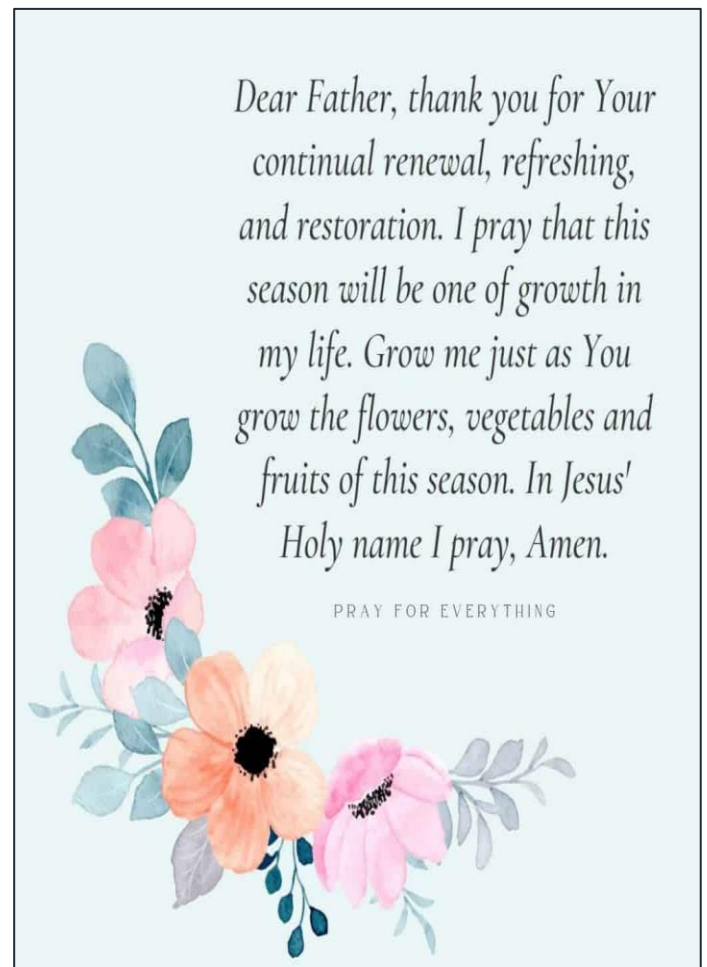




Ladies Bible Study
Wednesdays at 9:30AM
Topic: Becoming a Woman of Prayer



Zoom Bible Study Mondays at 7PM
Topic: We will continue our discussion on the life of Jesus at Mark 14:53 which records the trial of Jesus. But why didn't Jesus defend himself? Contact Jim Statham for a Zoom invitation.



Congregational Life

Christian Education

Sundays - Sunday School – 10:15AM. Please meet Marilyn in the Quiet Room.

Mondays - Bible Study at 7:00PM via ZOOM. Email Jim for an invitation at: jhwstatham@shaw.ca

Tuesdays – February 20th – March 19th at 1:00PM, Pastor Ed will be leading a “Read the Bible,” series for Lent.

Wednesdays - Ladies Bible Study at 9:30AM

Thursdays - Choir practice at 7:00PM. Choir will sing an anthem at the 2nd & 4th Sunday service at 11:00AM.

SO VERY
grateful
INCREDIBLY
thankful
UNBELIEVABLY
blessed

Serving Others

Volunteer at the Kelowna Gospel Mission
251 Leon Ave, Kelowna, BC

On the 4th Tuesday of every month a team from Grace Lutheran goes to the Kelowna Gospel Mission. They help in the kitchen with lunch preparation and serving. If you would like to serve in this way, please contact Corinn Lutz at 250.869.8092 or by email: timcorlutz@gmail.com

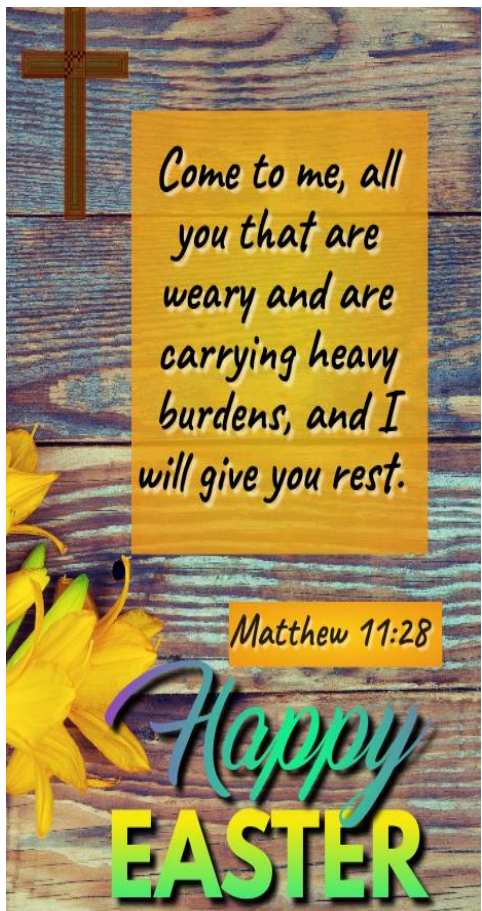
Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they will be filled.
- Matthew 5:6



Grace Dine & Chat

Are you interested in meeting more people from Grace Lutheran Church and enjoying Christian fellowship and good food? Grace singles & couples are Invited out after church on the 3rd Sunday of each month for lunch and discussion at one of our local restaurants. Contact Karen Arend at: arendek@shaw.ca.

stir UP
the gift
of which
God is in
2 Tim 1:6 you



GRACE COFFEE SOCIAL

People of Grace are encouraged and welcome to join us in the Fellowship Hall on Sundays between 10:10-10:50AM for coffee, a snack and fellowship with other Grace members. This is a great opportunity to reach out and meet with one another. We chose this time slot in order for people from both services to attend. If you would like to help out with the coffee, minimal setup and cleanup is involved, so please contact Erika Burt for more information at 250.768.5912.

Council Meeting

March 12th at 7:00PM

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Sunday, March 24th

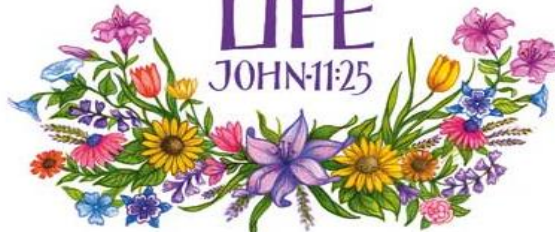
11:30AM

with lunch to follow

On March 24th, we will enjoy a combined worship service starting at 10:30AM. The meeting will take place immediately after the service and then we will have lunch in the Fellowship Hall. Please join us. Thank you, from your Church Council.



I AM
THE
RESURRECTION
AND
THE
LIFE
JOHN:11:25



Jesus Loves ME!

The Bible tells me so!

Remember to come to Sunday School at
10:15AM! See You There!



Easter Story WORD SEARCH

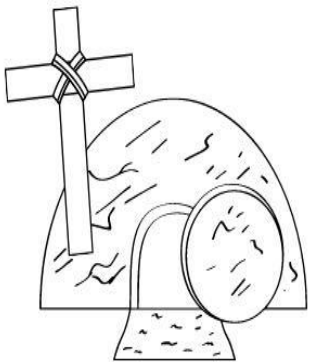
DIRECTIONS: Find and circle the vocabulary words in the grid. Look for them in all directions including backwards and diagonally.

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| CRUCIFIXION | MIRACLE | SON |
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| GOOD FRIDAY | PENTECOST | |



EASTER WORD SEARCH



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| MIRACLE | SUNDAY |
| PASSOVER | TOMB |



MARCH 2024 – Grace Lutheran Church

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
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3	4	5	6	7	8	9
LENT 3						
9AM Contemporary w/Holy Communion 10:10AM Coffee Social 10:15AM Sunday School 11AM Traditional w/Holy Communion		1:00PM Lenten Lecture Series with Pastor Ed 2:00PM Lakeview Lodge PD	2:00PM Brookhaven Chapel PD	7:00PM Choir Practice	11:00AM Celebration of Life for Ted Schoepp	8:30AM Men's Breakfast 1:00PM Emmaus Finnish Service 4:00PM 4-H Fellowship Hall
10	11	12	13	14	15	16
LENT 4						
9AM Contemporary 10:10AM Coffee Social 10:15AM Sunday School 11AM Traditional	7:00PM Zoom Bible Study with Jim Statham	1:00PM Lenten Lecture With Pastor Ed 7:00PM Church Council	9:30AM Ladies Bible Study 2:00PM Brookhaven Chapel PD	7:00PM Choir Practice		2-6:00PM West Kelowna Academy Recital (Private)
17	18	19	20	21	22	23
LENT 5						
9AM Contemporary 10:10AM Coffee Social 10:15AM Sunday School 11AM Traditional	7:00PM Zoom Bible Study with Jim Statham	1:00PM Lenten Lecture With Pastor Ed 2:00PM Village at Smith Creek Chapel FOG	9:30AM Ladies Bible Study 2:00PM Brookhaven Chapel FOG	7:00PM Choir Practice		12-3:00PM Private Wedding 1:00PM 4-H Fireside Rm
24	25	26	27	28	29	30
Palm Sunday						
10:30AM Combined Worship 11:30AM Annual General Meeting with Luncheon to follow	7:00PM Zoom Bible Study with Jim Statham	2:00PM Lakeview Lodge PD	9:30AM Ladies Bible Study	7:00PM Maundy Thursday	10:30AM Good Friday Service 11:30AM YOUTH ACTIVITY Easter Eggs	
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Resurrection of Our Lord						
9AM Contemporary w/Holy Comm 10AM Easter Breakfast 11AM Traditional w/Holy Comm EASTER SUNDAY He is Risen! He is Risen Indeed!						

Pastor ----- David ----- Away -----

