

# Graceline

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## Pastor David's Message Is the Resurrection Real?

John 20:29 (NIV)

*29 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, 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.

### 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. 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 of 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 just did not only appear to them, however, over a six-week period he appeared to over 500 people. He even appeared to St. Paul who hated and was known to kill Jesus' followers at the time. People who witnessed what they saw, left their livelihoods and were

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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 His 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 to believe 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 may dwell in me. Amen.

May the resurrected Christ be with you this coming Easter!

*Pastor David Wunderlich*



**YOUTH GROUP NEWS**

April 18<sup>th</sup> - Youth Egg Colouring Event - 11:00AM Youth will be colouring eggs in the Fellowship Hall for the Easter Breakfast which will be on Sunday, April 20<sup>th</sup> at 10:00AM

**KITCHEN EVENT COORDINATOR**  
Needed to work with existing co-ordinator

If you are interested in developing a kitchen event coordinator role, with the support of existing coordinator, please contact Everley Lutz: [buickman@gmail.com](mailto:buickman@gmail.com) or Ursula Sommerfeld: 250.470.9817 or [urpa@telus.net](mailto:urpa@telus.net) or [bookkeeper@gracelutherankelowna.com](mailto:bookkeeper@gracelutherankelowna.com).



2025 Church Council:

*Everley Lutz, Chair; Ursula Sommerfeld, Vice-Chair, Financial Secretary & Treasurer liaison; Ken Derer, Building & Grounds; Klaus Reimers, Building & Grounds; Jeff Green, Publicity; and Christine Williams, Outreach.*



**Holy Week & Easter Schedule**

**Palm Sunday – April 13<sup>th</sup> – 9:00AM & 11:00AM**  
**Maundy Thursday – April 17<sup>th</sup> – 7:00PM with Holy Communion**  
**Good Friday – April 18<sup>th</sup> – 10:00AM**  
**Easter Breakfast – April 20<sup>th</sup> – 10:00AM Fellowship Hall**  
**Resurrection of Our Lord Easter – April 20<sup>th</sup> – 9:00AM & 11:AM**



**COMPASSION CORNER**

Pray for everyone in our church family who mourns including the Lutz, Sather, Shopland/Keith and Pfahl families. Pray for those recovering from surgery including, Nedra Schuler and Len Weber. Pray for those at home, including Ellen Spielman, Alma Pasker, Kris Gering, Maria Heise, Jim Szabo, Louise Shopland, Gerald Schuler, Emily Hughes Fran Schmidt, Joan Ulmer, Coco Heebner and Lorraine Wentland. *“He himself bore our sins...by His wounds you have been healed.” 1 Peter 2:24.*



**Prayer Shawl Ministry Update**

We are just beginning this ministry and need your help. There have been five prayer shawls given out so far, and have been received with warmth and joy. In order to keep going, we need people who are willing to knit, crochet, or quilt anything they can to resemble a shawl. Just covering the shoulders or even a lap blanket. We have already had some who are willing to donate some wool, so, if you need some, we have a contact person. This is truly a labor of love to those who are hurting and we would love to continue. If you have questions, please contact Ursula 250.470.9817 or Linda 250.808.6480. With love in Christ, we serve our loving God.

# Congregational Life

## Christian Education

**Sunday** - Sunday School at 10:15AM

**Monday** - Zoom Bible Study at 7:00PM.

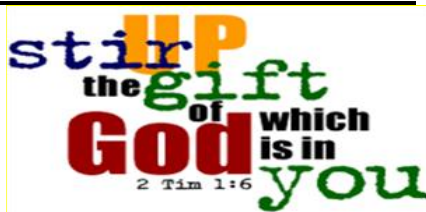
**Wednesday** - Ladies Bible Study at 9:30AM

**Thursday** - Grief Support Group for 12 weeks starting February 6<sup>th</sup> at 1:00PM (pre-registration asap)

**Thursday** - Choir Practice at 7:00PM

## Men's Breakfast

April 12<sup>th</sup> at 8:30AM



Grace Coffee Social  
Sundays at 10:10AM Everyone is Welcome to come to the Fellowship Hall and meet your Grace neighbours!

## Healing Service

April 15<sup>th</sup> at 7:00PM

## Council Meeting

April 22<sup>nd</sup> at 7:00PM

*Secret Sisters*

A praying and giving ministry to connect and encourage women.



**Saturday, May 10<sup>th</sup> Fellowship Hall**  
**Join us for an afternoon of fun!**  
**1:00PM**

so very  
*thankful*  
incredibly  
*grateful*  
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 and dinner preparation. If you would like to serve in this way, please contact Corinn Lutz at 250.869.8092 or by email: [timcorlutz@gmail.com](mailto:timcorlutz@gmail.com)

Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they will be filled.

- Matthew 9:6



**Palm Sunday - April 13<sup>th</sup> - 9AM & 11AM**

**Maundy Thursday - April 17<sup>th</sup> - 7PM**

**Good Friday - April 18<sup>th</sup> - 10AM**

**Youth Event - April 18<sup>th</sup> - 11AM**

**Easter Sunday - April 20<sup>th</sup> - 9AM Contemporary**

**Easter Breakfast - April 20<sup>th</sup> - 10AM**

**Traditional Service - April 20<sup>th</sup> 11AM**

## The Passion Week

Matthew 21-27

Key events during Jesus' final week

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
Crowds cheer Jesus' entry to Jerusalem (Palm Sunday) 21:1-11	Jesus angers leaders by throwing vendors out of the temple 21:12-46	Jesus confronts the hypocrisy of the Jewish leaders 23-25	Judas bribed to betray Jesus 26:14-16	The Last Supper; Judas betrays Jesus; Peter denies Jesus 26:17-75	Jesus' crucifixion; the chief priests rally the people to chant, "Crucify him!" 27	

**REJOICE IN HOPE**

**with KCGChoir**

**DIRECTOR: STEPHEN SEABOYER**  
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**KELOWNA COMMUNITY GOSPEL CHOIR**

**GRACE LUTHERAN CHURCH**  
1162 Hudson Rd. West Kelowna  
**SUNDAY April 27, 2025 at 6:30 pm**  
**ADMISSION BY FREE WILL OFFERING**

<https://www.facebook.com/kelowna.community.gospel.choir>

Remember - Sunday School is at 10:15AM



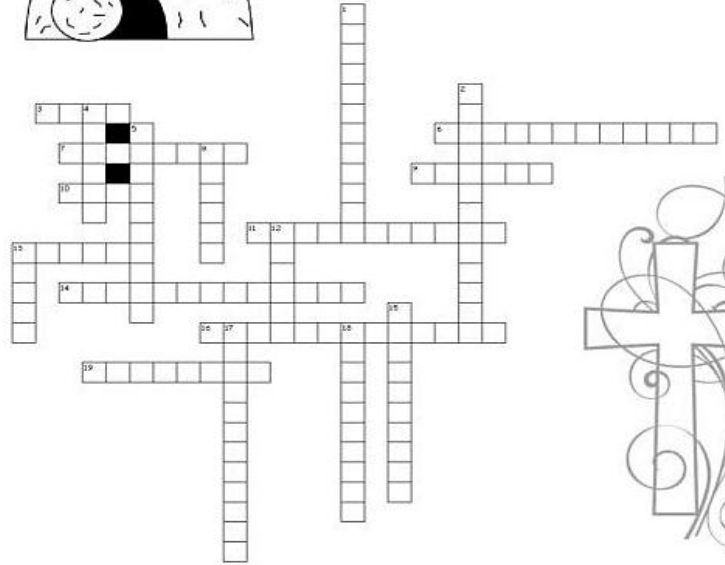
# Easter Story

## WORD SEARCH

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



# Easter Crossword!



### Across

- The only disciple to stay with Jesus when he dying
- How Jesus died
- The man whose life was saved when Jesus took his place on the cross
- The Thursday before Easter
- The period of time before Easter
- What Christians gain from Jesus' death
- The apostle who didn't believe Jesus had risen
- The man who betrayed Jesus
- One of the three people to stay with Jesus during the crucifixion
- The place where Jesus was crucified

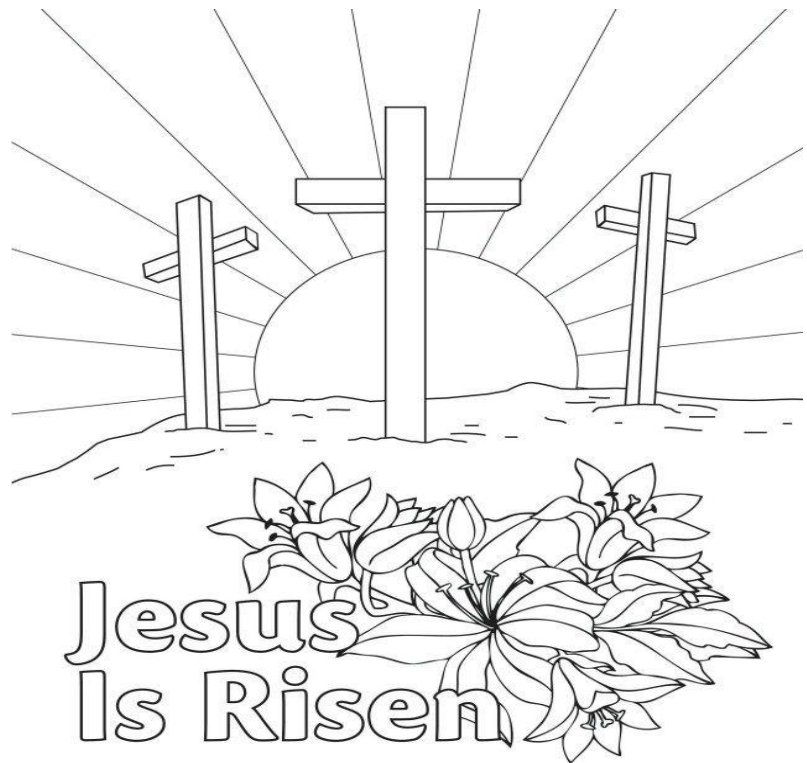
### Down

- What happened before the tombstone was moved
- What some historians believe was Jesus' burial shroud
- Where Jesus went after He rose from the dead
- Mardi Gras
- What Jesus did after he was resurrected
- The number of silver pieces it took for a disciple to betray Jesus
- The number of days between the crucifixion and the resurrection
- What Jesus and his disciples shared prior to his execution
- The first day of Lent
- The day the murder of Jesus took place

- APOSTLES
- BETRAYAL
- CAVE
- CHURCH
- CROSS
- CROWN
- CRUCIFIXION
- DISCIPLES
- FAITH
- GOOD FRIDAY

- JESUS CHRIST
- JUDAS
- LAMB
- LAST SUPPER
- LENT
- MARY
- MIRACLE
- PASSOVER
- PENANCE
- PENTECOST

- PRAYER
- REDEMPTION
- REJOICE
- RESURRECTION
- RISEN
- SAVIOR
- SON
- THORNS
- TOMB



# APRIL 2025 – Grace Lutheran Church

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1 2:00PM Lakeview Lodge PD	2 9:30AM Ladies Bible Study 2:00PM Brookhaven PD 7:00PM Lenten Service	3 11:00AM COL for Penny Pfahl 2:00PM Grief Course 7:00PM Choir Practice	4	5 1:00PM Emmaus Finnish Service
6	7 7:00PM Zoom Study with Jim Statham	8	9 9:30AM Ladies Bible Study 7:00PM Lenten Service	10 1:00PM Grief Course 7:00PM Choir Practice  CALC Pastor's Retreat	11 CALC Convention	12 8:30AM Men's Breakfast 1:00PM Watercolour Class  CALC Convention
<b>Lent 5</b> 9:00AM Contemporary w/Holy Communion 10:10AM Coffee Social 10:15AM Sunday School 11:00AM Traditional w/Holy Communion		14 7:00PM Zoom Study with Jim Statham	15 7:00PM Healing Service	16 9:30AM Ladies Bible Study 2:00PM Brookhaven FOG	17 1:00PM Grief Course 7:00PM Maundy Thursday Service	18 10:00AM Good Friday Service 11:00AM Youth Event Egg Colouring
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Resurrection of Our LORD (Easter) 9:00AM Contemporary w/Holy Communion 10:00AM Easter Breakfast 11:00AM Traditional w/Holy Communion		28 7:00PM Zoom Study with Jim Statham	29	30 9:30AM Ladies Bible Study		
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