



The Shepherd's Voice

April 7, 2013

By Fr. Joe Rees

'Easter Joy'

“Go into all the world and preach the Gospel to all creation. Those who have believed and been baptized shall be saved; but those who disbelieve shall be condemned.”

Mark 16: 15-16.

Easter joy is due to the resurrection and appearances of Jesus, our Lord and Savior, physically seen and touched by the people who were followers and became followers afterwards. A new joy was sweeping the countryside. It was a new reality. It was so engaging...like nothing they had ever known before! It was better than a new release of an I-Pad or revolutionary technological device. This news spread like wildfire! The man who was crucified and died on the cross in Jerusalem was now alive again and making His presence known with His disciples. Even Thomas believed! He actually put his hand in the spear wound in Jesus' side and touched His nail-prints. Absolutely amazing!

What does it mean for us? What difference does it make in our world? If Jesus lived and taught the things He taught about His Father (God) and eternity, then it makes a great difference...the difference between life lived with Him in eternity, or, life as a wandering soul in the darkness and loneliness of a love-less eternity. Either be with Jesus or with His arch-enemy, Satan. The choice is given to each person and for our world to see demonstrated in us. That's why Jesus commands us to "Go" into all the world. He wants us to proclaim the truth, the fact, of His resurrection and new life that is given and lived for all eternity with believers in Him. He says for those who believe and became

'the man, the woman' who would evidence the saving grace to those around them that they would be saved for all eternity within His heaven. Those who don't are banished from experiencing heaven. Believing makes a difference therefore.

Today, thank the Lord Jesus for what He has done for you and for all those who you bring into the knowledge and love of Jesus that will be saved. The purpose of our lives now, having been saved, is to tell others so that they may be saved too. It's very simple. Just tell the Jesus story to someone you know. Let God do the rest.

As I begin a new series in this Easter season called, "Life Together", I will be asking each of us to bring a friend into this life we share together so that the friend or loved one you know will be with you in heaven for all eternity. Join me in doing the Lord's work.

Thank you for entering into the way of the Lord in this Easter season that will bring you true joy, far beyond anything you will ever know! Seeing someone baptized, like Hannah Marker (17) on Easter is the most joyous gift one could ever receive. Perhaps you know someone who is just waiting to be asked to believe in our Lord Jesus and be baptized.

Love in the Risen Lord Jesus Christ,
Fr. Joe

(Note: Fr. Joe has been in Colorado helping his sister-in-law all week. This "Shepherd's Voice" article is reprinted from April, 2012. Fr. Joe will be back in town tonight and in church on Sunday as usual.)

Sunday Servers this week...

March 31, 2013	Easter Sunday	8:00 a.m. Service	10:15 a.m. Service
First Reader	Acts 5:12-29	Robbin Gates	Jim Livingston
Psalm Reader	Psalm 111	Jean Hawk	Ann Fox
Second Reader	Revelation 1:1-19	Jerry Brown	Frances Slaughter
Intercessor		Joy Rosendale	Mitch Dubski
Lay Euch. Ministers		Jane Rost, Doug Hall	Carolyn Blumberg, Cline Handy
Acolytes		Joy Rosendale	Mitch D (C); Kai C. (T1); Zachary J. (T2)
Welcomers		Chris Corey, Cheryl Martel	Cheryl Martel, Myrna Lipnicke
Ushers		Dick Sholly, David Green	Dink Nash, Ted Vallas, JR Fox, Jim Livingston
Vestry Person of Day	Carolyn Blumberg		
Healing Ministers		Rudy Theobald, Robbin Gates	Kari Campbell, Ann Fox
Announcer		Kay Focke	JR Fox
Counters			Michael Murphv & Cline Handv

New Christian Formation Evening Series starting Tuesday, April 23

The Seven I AM Statements of Jesus

Are you drawn by the Holy Spirit to know, love, and serve God even more deeply with all your mind, heart, and soul? This study is for you.

Larry Warner, author of *Journey with Jesus*, will be teaching a special Christian Formation series on the Seven I AM statements of Jesus on **Tuesday evenings** at the church, between **April 23 and June 4**.

You recall that Jesus asks his disciples the question "who do you say that I am?" and then in the Gospel of John Jesus provides 7 I AM statements that answer that very question. In our study we will spend each week exploring and pondering a different "I am" statement of Jesus. This will be a time to get to know Jesus in a deeper way, strengthen our faith and rekindle our first love....that we may love and serve others more deeply and authentically in His Name.

Join us on Tuesdays starting April 23: Fellowship dinner @ **6:30 PM with teaching @ 7PM.**

Contact churchoffice@graceanglicanchurch.com or Deacon Sue Bentley SusanBentley@roadrunner.com to Register for this Christian Formation Series today!

New Small Group Orientation Session

Journey with Jesus

Led by Author and Spiritual Director Larry Warner

**Saturday, April 27, 2013, 9:30 AM
Grace Anglican Church**

In *Journey with Jesus*, author and spiritual director, Larry Warner guides us through the Spiritual Exercises of Saint Ignatius in a "doable" format, to appropriately accommodate participants as they actively engage in the prayers and Scripture readings focused on the life of Christ.

Over the past year, spiritual director Larry Warner has led two small groups of men and women at Grace Anglican through the adapted spiritual formation exercises in monthly meetings and one-on-one "check in" sessions between small group sessions. The exercises have significantly helped participants to encounter the person of Jesus, to foster a deeper relational knowing of Jesus and to cultivate a greater desire and freedom to say yes to Jesus as a disciple of Christ in community with others.

We invite those longing to know Jesus more deeply, to love Jesus more fully, and to follow Jesus more wholeheartedly in community with others to our orientation session on April 27 for new small groups forming in May 2013. Larry Warner will lead the orientation.

Contact Deacon Sue Bentley at SusanBentley@roadrunner.com for more information or to register for the orientation session.

New Youth Service

6:00 p.m. Saturday, April 13th
At Anglican Church of the
Resurrection in San Marcos. Come for
the Pizza, stay for the service. Rev.
Barry Montgomery will lead.

Save the Date!

**A Time of Liturgical
Contemplation
Friday, April 19th at 7 p.m.**

Sunday at Grace

8:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist w. Choir
9:30 a.m. Fellowship & Adult Ed.
10:00 a.m. Nursery opens
10:15 a.m. Holy Eucharist
w. Worship Team

Soaking Prayer

April 10, 2013

6:30 p.m.

Bring a Friend!

Readings for Sunday

Acts 5:12-29

Psalms 111

Revelation 1:1-19

John 20:19-31

We are using the English Standard
Version of the Bible and the Lectionary
from the Book of Common Prayer
(Year C)

This Week at Grace –Apr. 4-Apr. 9

Thurs. April 4

7:00 a.m. Bible Study
10:00 a.m. Sr. Women's Fellowship
11:30 a.m. Holy Eucharist at the Oasis
7:00 p.m. Choir Rehearsal

Fri. April 5

6:30 p.m. Evening Prayer & Healing

Sat. April 6

8:00 a.m. Men's Bible Study
10:00 a.m. Worship Team rehearsal
2:00 p.m. Eve Krauer Memorial Service

Sun. April 7 – 2nd Sunday of Easter

8:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist with Choir
9:30 a.m. Coffee & Fellowship
10:00 a.m. Nursery opens
10:15 a.m. Holy Eucharist with Worship Team
10:15 a.m. Children's Church
10:45 a.m. Coffee & fellowship

Mon. April 8

6:30 a.m. Men's Prayer

Tues. April 9

11:30 a.m. Rector's Bible Study
4:30 p.m. Healing Prayer & Eucharist at CHC
Tuesday evening classes resume on April 23rd

Rector's Bible Study

Tuesdays

11:30 a.m.

Fr. Joe is leading the group through a study of
the Book of Isaiah. Everyone is welcome.
B.Y.O.L. (Bring your own lunch)

Wednesdays at 8:30 a.m.
Morning Prayer At Grace Anglican
All are welcome to attend.

Weekly – There are over 25 small groups meeting
during the week. Check our newsletter for a list of
all the groups or you can find the list on our website:
www.graceanglicanchurch.com.

Apr. 5-7 "Rooted"-Youth Min. at Green Oak Ranch
Apr. 10 **Soaking Prayer**
Apr. 13 Prayers & Squares – 9:30 a.m.
Apr. 13 Saturday Pizza & Praise – San Marcos
Apr. 19 **A Time of Liturgical Contemplation**
Apr. 20 Men's Fellowship
Apr. 21 Family Friendly Leaders Meet – Noon – 2
Apr. 23 The "I Am" Statements class – 7:00 p.m.
Apr. 24 Alpha Club for Kids
Apr. 27 Men's Bible Study
Apr. 27 Orientation for Journey With Jesus 9:30am

May 3 Anglican Men's Retreat at Forest Home