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## † Today At Grace †

Organist: Sue Nelson; Janelle Hein Elder: Al Rosendahl

Ushers: Jeff Radichel; Gerald Anderson; Dan Degnan; Matt Dick; Brandon Paplow;  
Pat Paplow; Andrew Rosendahl

Counting Team 4: Paul Lentz; Al Rosendahl; Dave Rust; Lynn Sandhoefner;  
Jeff Radichel

Hospitality: NONE – Easter Breakfast

Church Cleaners: M. Dick

## † Next Week At Grace †

Ushers: Jeff Radichel; Gerald Anderson; Dan Degnan; Matt Dick; Brandon Paplow;  
Pat Paplow; Andrew Rosendahl

Counting Team 5: Mike Dick; Brad Kitzman; Ed Lentz; Roger Ochsner

Hospitality Team 7: Richard & Shauna Rhinesmith; Brian & Maureen Eichstadt;  
Brandt Wendland

Church Cleaners: Kitzman School: Maki

## † Our Schedule †

Today:	7:00 am – Easter Sunrise Service 8:15-9:45 am – Easter Breakfast (No Bible Cl. & Sun. School) 10:00 am – Easter Festival Service
Tue., Apr. 18:	School Resumes from Easter Break
Wed., Apr. 19:	2:30 pm – Chiquetines (Little One's Story Hour) 4:00-5:45 pm – Catechism for Public School Children
Fri., Apr. 21:	No School – Parent/Teacher Conferences 7:00 pm – CEA Meeting
Apr. 21-23:	CLC Women's Retreat (Trego, WI)
Sun., Apr. 23:	8:30 am – Choir Practice 9:00 am – Bible Class and Sunday School 10:00 am –Worship Service (Easter 2) 11:00 am – Hospitality 11:30 am – Quarterly Voters Meeting
Fri., Apr. 28:	ILC High School Visitors Day & Musical
Sat., Apr. 29:	Work Day at Grace
Fri., May 5:	Field Day
Sat., May 6:	Work Day at Grace



# GRACE LUTHERAN CHURCH

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**Organists:** Sue Nelson & Janelle Hein

**Grades:** Kindergarten-8<sup>th</sup>

**Date:** April 16, 2006

**Welcome** to our Festival Easter Service. As we reach the glorious Climax of the long Lenten and Holy Week season, the mood of our hearts and our worship changes dramatically – from one of sober repentance to one of wonderful spiritual joy and hope! And all because of the Risen Christ. His amazing Resurrection victory over death and devil brings with His assurance for all who believe in Him – “because I live, you also will live”! Each Easter we are privileged to celebrate on this earth brings us one year closer to the eternal victory fulfillment of our Savior precious promise. May true Easter joy be ours by faith, even in the midst of life’s many and difficult struggles, so that our lips and lives this Easter Day and evermore reflect our calling and status as Easter victors in Christ. “Thanks be to God Who gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ” (1 Cor. 15:57).

## † The Order of Easter Worship †

**Worship Preparation:** ..... Psalm 118, TLH p. 148 f.

### Pre-Service Prayer:

*Eternal praise and endless adoration are Yours, O Lord Jesus, who on the first blessed Easter morning did rise victoriously from the grave! We can never sufficiently praise You for Your overflowing mercy in showing Your power over the forces of darkness, Your almighty triumph over the tomb. Fill our hearts through the Holy Spirit with the unshakeable conviction that Your glorious resurrection is the seal and assurance of our completed salvation! Fill our hearts with the heaven-sent confidence that through Your Easter victory over the tomb, You, O risen Lord of heaven and earth, will raise us to the joy and beauty of heaven. Keep us faithful unto death, so that we may inherit the crown of everlasting life! Amen.*

## † The Announcements †

- ♦ **Welcome:** We welcome our visitors on this most joyous of Christian holidays. Please sign our guest register located by the entrance of the church. You are certainly welcome to talk with our Pastor to learn more about Grace Lutheran and what we believe Scripture teaches. We cordially invite you to come again, and please let us know how we may provide spiritual ministry to you!
- ♦ **Easter Greeting:** On this festival Easter day the Hein family would like to express their Easter greetings to all of you. It such a pleasure to be united with fellow Christians who understand and appreciate the message of the risen Savior. May you know this peace and rejoice in the certainty of your salvation through Him Who has restored life. Your eternal salvation is assured. “Thanks be to God who gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ.” May you have a blessed Easter season!  
- Pastor, Janelle, Christina, Abbie, Emily, David, Julianna, and Daniel.



- ♦ **Easter Thanks:** Thanks to all those who contributed to the gathering of Easter lilies at the front of the church. Another thanks to all who helped make the breakfast a special occasion.
- ♦ **In Our Midst:** Dawn Paplow was hospitalized last weekend due to back spasms. She was able to return home during the week. Myrland Lang, Jessie Maestas’ father, made significant progress this past week in recovery from a stroke. He is able to visit, and thanks those who have gone to see him. Erma Teifel, mother of Peter Fleischer, returned home from the hospital with her blood work improving. May our Living Lord preserve the precious souls of His saints.
- ♦ **Deposit News:** As previously announced, the Feb. 5<sup>th</sup> offering deposit was lost. We thank the Lord that it was found this past week! Since some have attempted to make up for the offering that they made that day, the treasurer and financial secretary have determined to return all checks made out for that day. The cash will be deposited and properly accounted for. If you desire to give the check you made out that day, please just place it in the offering again. The Council thanks you for your patience with this matter.
- ♦ **Grade School Field Day Helpers Needed:** On Fri., May 5<sup>th</sup> the school is hosting a field day for students in grades 6-8 at Terrace Park just north of church. Setup to begin at 10 am, activities at 11:30 am. If you are interested in helping out please contact Bill Rust (c. 763-443-1818).
- ♦ **Council Meeting Notes (April 9, 2006):** Board of Elders: Michaelanne (Collins) Oman received via receipt of transfer from St. Stephen in Mountain View, CA. Still looking into getting a hold of new candles, current supplier has not gotten them to us in a timely manner. Looking for a new supplier and candles to use in meantime. June 25<sup>th</sup> is the 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary with guest preachers of Pastors Ude and Fleischer, potluck to follow. Motion to allow Denise Brandt to use fellowship hall, approved. Elders are looking for people to help with giving Marion Schwieger a ride to church. Board of Education: Ann Radichel taking a leave of absence from teaching to help her daughter, substitutes have been setup. Volunteers are needed for field day, contact Ryan Libby or Bill Rust. Motion for calendar change for this school year, changing last day of school to May 25 instead of 26<sup>th</sup>, Approved. Motion to accept school calendar for 06-07, accepted. Board of Trustees: Motion to give Joel Stifter a monetary gift of \$300 for faithful service to the Lord in plowing the church parking lot over the years. Workdays – 29<sup>th</sup> of April and the 6<sup>th</sup> of May, everyone’s help is needed. Old Business: New envelopes are on the way. New Business: Discussion on having a career day at school for previous Grace students to come in and talk about their success in their careers.

**Offering, Easter Prayer, Lord's Prayer:**

**Easter Benediction:**

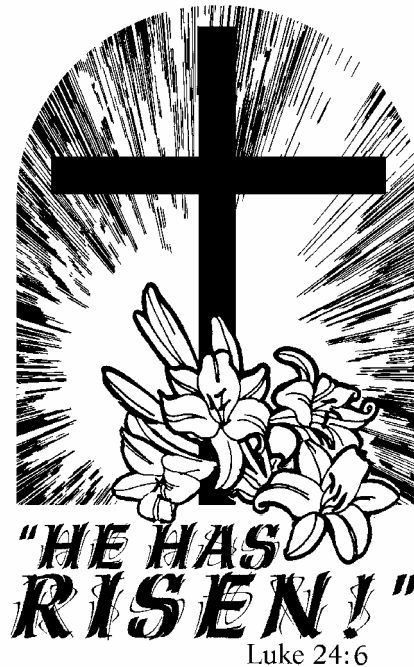
*P: The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord make His face shine upon you and be gracious unto you. The Lord lift up His countenance upon you and give you peace.*

**C: [Sing] Amen. Amen. Amen.**

**Choir (7:00):** ..... *Jesus Christ Is Risen Today, Alleluia!*

**Hymn:** ..... *WS 732: Now All the Vault of Heaven Resounds*

1. Now all the vault of heav'n resounds  
In praise of love that still abounds:  
"Christ has triumphed! He is living!"  
Sing, choirs of angels, loud and clear!  
Repeat their song of glory here:  
"Christ has triumphed! Christ has triumphed!"  
Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!
2. Eternal is the gift He brings,  
Therefore our heart with rapture sings:  
"Christ has triumphed! He is living!"  
Now still He comes to give us life  
And by His presence stills all strife.  
"Christ has triumphed! He is living!"  
Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!
3. Oh, fill us, Lord with dauntless love;  
Set heart and will on things above  
That we conquer through Your triumph;  
Grant grace sufficient for life's day  
That by our lives we truly say:  
"Christ has triumphed! He is living!"  
Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!
4. Adoring praises now we bring  
And with the heav'nly bless-ed sing:  
"Christ has triumphed! Alleluia!"  
Be to the Father and our Lord,  
To Spirit blest, most holy God,  
All the glory, never ending!  
Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!



**Entrance:** ..... *WS 733:1: The Joyful Eastertide*

*This joyful Eastertide Away with sin and sorrow!  
My love, the Crucified, Has sprung to life this morrow.  
Had Christ, who once was slain,  
Not burst His three-day prison,  
Our faith had been in vain:  
But now is Christ arisen, arisen, arisen;  
But now is Christ arisen.*

*P: We begin our Easter Festival service in the name of our Savior, Jesus Christ. He is risen!*

**C: He is risen indeed!**

**Choir (10:00):** ..... *Jesus Christ Is Risen Today, Alleluia!*

**Children's Reading (10:00):** ..... *Mark 16:1-8: The Resurrection Account*

Now when the Sabbath was past, Mary Magdalene, Mary the mother of James, and Salome bought spices, that they might come and anoint Him. Very early in the morning, on the first day of the week, they came to the tomb when the sun had risen. And they said among themselves, "Who will roll away the stone from the door of the tomb for us?" But when they looked up, they saw that the stone had been rolled away; for it was very large. And entering the tomb, they saw a young man clothed in a long white robe sitting on the right side; and they were alarmed. But he said to them, "Do not be alarmed. You seek Jesus of Nazareth, who was crucified. He is risen! He is not here. See the place where they laid Him. But go, tell His disciples; and Peter; that He is going before you into Galilee; there you will see Him, as He said to you." So they went out quickly and fled from the tomb, for they trembled and were amazed. And they said nothing to anyone, for they were afraid.

**Children's Hymn (10:00):** ..... *TLH 203: Morning Breaks Upon the Tomb*

1. Morning breaks upon the tomb;  
Jesus scatters all its gloom.  
Day of triumph through the skies;  
See the glorious Savior rise.
2. Ye who are of death afraid  
Triumph in the scattered shade.  
Drive your anxious cares away;  
See the place where Jesus lay.
3. Christians, dry your flowing tears  
Chase your unbelieving fears;  
Look on His deserted grave,  
Doubt no more His power to save.



**Opening Hymn:**..... TLH 191: *Christ the Lord is Risen Today; Alleluia!*

**Note:** Everyone sings unless noted otherwise.

**1. Christ the Lord is ris’n today; Alleluia!**

**Christians, haste your vows to pay; Alleluia!**

**Offer ye your praises meet Alleluia!**

**At the Paschal Victim’s feet. Alleluia!**

**2. For the sheep the Lamb hath bled,**

**Sinless in the sinners’ stead.**

**“Christ is ris’n” today we cry;**

**Now He lives no more to die.**

**3. Christ, the Victim undefiled,**

**God and man hath reconciled.**

**While in strange and awefull strife**

**Met together Death and Life.**

**4. [Note: Women only]**

Christians, on this happy day

Haste with joy your vows to pay.

“Christ is ris’n,” today we cry;

Now He lives no more to die.

**5. [Note: Men only]**

Christ, who once for sinners bled,

Now the First-born from the dead,

Throned in endless might and power,

Lives and reigns forevermore.

**6. Hail, eternal Hope on high!**

**Hail, Thou King of victory!**

**Hail, Thou Prince of Life adored!**

**Help and save us, gracious Lord.**

**Responsory:**..... With TLH 198: *He’s Risen, He’s Risen, Christ Jesus, the Lord*

*P: The Lord be with you!*

**C: And also with you!**

*P: Christ being raised from the dead, dies no more:*

**C: Death has no more dominion over Him.**

*P: In that He lives, He lives unto God:*

**C: Christ was delivered for our offenses and raised again for our justification.**

*P: The Lord is risen from the grave. Hallelujah!*

**C: Who hung for us upon the tree. Hallelujah!**

*P: This is the day which the Lord has made. Hallelujah!*

**C: We will rejoice and be glad in it. Hallelujah!**

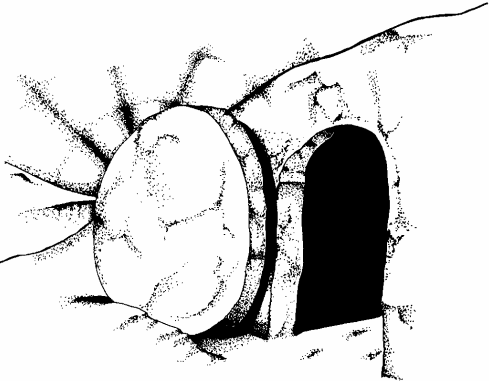
*P: The Lord is risen indeed. Hallelujah!*

**C: Hallelujah! Hallelujah!**

**SING: He’s risen, He’s risen, Christ Jesus, the Lord;  
He opened Death’s prison, the Incarnate Word.  
Break forth, hosts of heaven, in jubilant song,  
And, earth, sea, and mountain, the paeon prolong.**

**Sermon:** .....Mark 16:1-8

(1) Now when the Sabbath was past, Mary Magdalene, Mary *the mother* of James, and Salome bought spices, that they might come and anoint Him. (2) Very early in the morning, on the first *day* of the week, they came to the tomb when the sun had risen. (3) And they said among themselves, “Who will roll away the stone from the door of the tomb for us?” (4) But when they looked up, they saw that the stone had been rolled away; for it was very large. (5) And entering the tomb, they saw a young man clothed in a long white robe sitting on the right side; and they were alarmed. (6) But he said to them, “Do not be alarmed. You seek Jesus of Nazareth, who was crucified. He is risen! He is not here. See the place where they laid Him. (7) “But go, tell His disciples; and Peter; that He is going before you into Galilee; there you will see Him, as He said to you.” (8) So they went out quickly and fled from the tomb, for they trembled and were amazed. And they said nothing to anyone, for they were afraid.



**“God’s Meteorological Marvel:  
The Glorious Sunrise of the Lord’s Resurrection!”**



**Hymn:**.....TLH 193: *Christ the Lord is Risen Today!*

**1. “Christ the Lord is ris’n today,”  
Sons of men and angels say.  
Raise your joys and triumphs high;  
Sing, ye heav’ns, and earth, reply.**

**2. Love’s redeeming work is done,  
Fought the fight, the battle won.  
Lo, our Sun’s eclipse is o’er;  
Lo, He sets in blood no more.**

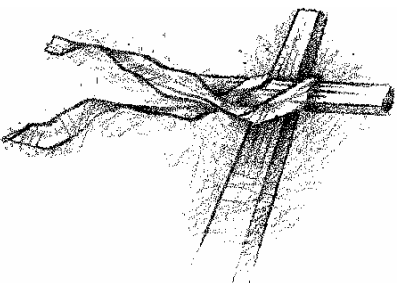
**3. [Note: Men Only]**  
Vain the stone, the watch, the seal;  
Christ has burst the gates of hell.  
Death in vain forbids His rise;  
Christ has opened Paradise.

**4. [Note: Women Only]**  
Lives again our glorious King;  
Where, O Death, is now thy sting?  
Once He died our souls to save;  
Where thy victory, O Grave?

**5. Soar we now where Christ has led,  
Following our exalted Head.  
Made like Him, like Him we rise;  
Ours the cross, the grave, the skies.**

**6. Hail the Lord of earth and heaven!  
Praise to Thee by both be given!  
Thee we greet triumphant now:  
Hail, the Resurrection Thou!**

**SING:** He lives and grants me daily breath;  
He lives, and I shall conquer death:  
He lives my mansion to prepare;  
He lives to bring me safely there.  
  
He lives, all glory to His name!  
He lives, my Jesus, still the same.  
Oh, the sweet joy this sentence give  
"I know that my Redeemer lives!"



**Confession of Faith:**..... *Easter Creed*

**C:** I believe in Jesus Christ, Son of God and Man, Lord of lords and Savior of the fallen world. I believe that He came to earth on a mission of salvation, lived a holy life as my Law-fulfilling Substitute, was crucified at the hands of sinful men, and endured the punishment of hell at the hands of a just God. He died and was buried.

And I believe that on the third day He rose bodily from the dead, exactly as it had been prophesied and as He had promised. Attested to by the inspired Scriptures and by many eyewitnesses, Jesus' resurrection verifies that He is God's Son, that His salvation mission is complete, and that He has triumphed over the last great enemy – death.

And in rising and conquering death, Christ has become the first-fruit of all who sleep in Him. Because He rose, I and all who look to Him in faith shall one day rise. Because He lives, I too shall live. For He has promised me: "I am the Resurrection and the Life. He who believes in Me, though He may die, he shall live. And whoever lives and believes in Me shall never die." Amen.

**Hymn:**..... *TLH 207:1-3: Like the Golden Sun Ascending*

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| 1. Like the golden sun ascending,<br>Breaking through the gloom of night,<br>On the earth his glory spending<br>So that darkness takes to flight,<br>Thus my Jesus from the grave<br>And Death's dismal, dreadful cave<br>Rose triumphant Easter morning<br>At the early purple dawning. | 2. Thanks to Thee, O Christ victorious!<br>Thanks to Thee, O Lord of Life!<br>Death hath now no power o'er us,<br>Thou hast conquered in the strife.<br>Thanks because Thou didst arise<br>And hast opened Paradise!<br>None can fully sing the glory<br>Of the resurrection story. |
| 3. Though I be by sin o'ertaken, Though I lie in helplessness,<br>Though I be by friends forsaken And must suffer sore distress,<br>Though I be despised, contemned, And by all the world condemned,<br>Though the dark grave yawn before me, Yet the light of hope shines o'er me.      |   |

**Confession of Sins:** ..... *Adapted from the 5th Petition & the 2nd Article*

*P:* Let us confess our sins before the Lord God. With what such words does Jesus teach us to pray in the Lord's Prayer?

**C:** Forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us.

*P:* What does this mean?

**C:** We pray in this petition that our Father in heaven would not look upon our sins or deny our prayer because of them. We are not worthy of things for which we are asking, neither have we deserved them. However, we ask that our Father would by His grace give us what we ask; even though we sin often every day and indeed deserve nothing but punishment. We, too, will from our hearts gladly forgive and do good to all those who sin against us.

**SING:** The Foe was triumphant when on Calvary  
The Lord of creation was nailed to the tree.  
In Satan's domain did the hosts shout and jeer,  
For Jesus was slain, whom the evil ones fear.

*P:* I therefore ask each of you, do you believe that God, by grace, for Jesus' sake, will forgive you all your sins?

**C:** I do so believe. I believe that Jesus Christ has redeemed me, a lost and condemned person, purchased and won me from all sin, from death, and from the power of the devil, not with gold or silver, but with His holy, precious blood and His innocent suffering and death.

**SING:** But short was their triumph, the Savior arose,  
And Death, hell, and Satan He vanquished, His foes;  
The conquering Lord lifts His banner on high.  
He lives, yea, He lives, and will nevermore die.

*P:* Do promise to amend your sinful life?

**C:** Yes, with the help of God, that I should be His very own, live under Him in His kingdom, and serve Him in eternal righteousness, innocence, and joy; just as He is risen from death, lives and reigns in eternity.

*P:* Be it unto you as you believe. And now, according to the command of my Lord Jesus Christ, and in His place, I forgive you all your sins, in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Amen. Rejoice in our living God!

**SING:** Oh, where is thy sting, Death? We fear thee no more;  
Christ rose, and now open is fair Eden's door.  
For all our transgressions His blood does atone;  
Redeemed and forgiven, we now are His own.

**First Reading:**.....*John 20:1-9 with TLH 200:1-2*

(1) Now on the first day of the week Mary Magdalene went to the tomb early, while it was still dark, and saw that the stone had been taken away from the tomb. (2) Then she ran and came to Simon Peter, and to the other disciple, whom Jesus loved, and said to them, "They have taken away the Lord out of the tomb, and we do not know where they have laid Him." (3) Peter therefore went out, and the other disciple, and were going to the tomb. (4) So they both ran together, and the other disciple outran Peter and came to the tomb first. (5) And he, stooping down and looking in, saw the linen cloths lying there; yet he did not go in. (6) Then Simon Peter came, following him, and went into the tomb; and he saw the linen cloths lying there, (7) and the handkerchief that had been around His head, not lying with the linen cloths, but folded together in a place by itself. (8) Then the other disciple, who came to the tomb first, went in also; and he saw and believed. (9) For as yet they did not know the Scripture, that He must rise again from the dead.

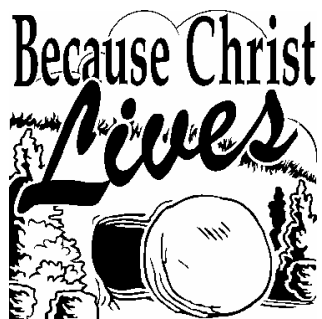
**SING: I know that my Redeemer lives;  
What comfort this sweet sentence gives!  
He lives, He lives, who once was dead;  
He lives, my ever-living Head.  
  
He lives triumphant from the grave,  
He lives eternally to save,  
He lives all-glorious in the sky,  
He lives exalted there on high.**



**Second Reading:**.....*John 20:19-23 with TLH 200:3-4*

(19) Then, the same day at evening, being the first *day* of the week, when the doors were shut where the disciples were assembled, for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood in the midst, and said to them, "Peace *be* with you." (20) When He had said this, He showed them *His* hands and His side. Then the disciples were glad when they saw the Lord. (21) So Jesus said to them again, "Peace to you! As the Father has sent Me, I also send you." (22) And when He had said this, He breathed on *them*, and said to them, "Receive the Holy Spirit. (23) "If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you retain the *sins* of any, they are retained."

**SING: He lives to bless me with His love,  
He lives to plead for me above.  
He lives my hungry soul to feed,  
He lives to help in time of need.  
  
He lives to grant me rich supply,  
He lives to guide me with His eye,  
He lives to comfort me when faint,  
He lives to hear my soul's complaint.**



**Third Reading:** .....*Romans 8:31-39 with TLH 200:5-6*

(31) What then shall we say to these things? If God *is* for us, who *can be* against us? (32) He who did not spare His own Son, but delivered Him up for us all, how shall He not with Him also freely give us all things? (33) Who shall bring a charge against God's elect? *It is* God who justifies. (34) Who *is* he who condemns? *It is* Christ who died, and furthermore is also risen, who is even at the right hand of God, who also makes intercession for us. (35) Who shall separate us from the love of Christ? *Shall* tribulation, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or peril, or sword? (36) As it is written: "For Your sake we are killed all day long; We are accounted as sheep for the slaughter." (37) Yet in all these things we are more than conquerors through Him who loved us. (38) For I am persuaded that neither death nor life, nor angels nor principalities nor powers, nor things present nor things to come, (39) nor height nor depth, nor any other created thing, shall be able to separate us from the love of God which is in Christ Jesus our Lord.

**SING: He lives to silence all my fears,  
He lives to wipe away my tears,  
He lives to calm my troubled heart,  
He lives all blessings to impart.  
  
He lives, my kind, wise, heavenly Friend,  
He lives and loves me to the end;  
He lives, and while He lives, I'll sing;  
He lives, my Prophet, Priest, and King.**



**Fourth Reading:** .....*John 14:1-7 with TLH 200:7-8*

(1) [Jesus said] "Let not your heart be troubled; you believe in God, believe also in Me. (2) "In My Father's house are many mansions; if *it were* not *so*, I would have told you. I go to prepare a place for you. (3) "And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and receive you to Myself; that where I am, *there* you may be also. (4) "And where I go you know, and the way you know." (5) Thomas said to Him, "Lord, we do not know where You are going, and how can we know the way?" (6) Jesus said to him, "I am the way, the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through Me. (7) "If you had known Me, you would have known My Father also; and from now on you know Him and have seen Him."