Grace at a Glance

Worship in the Park

10:00 am at Phalen Park

August 29, 2021

Scripture Mark 7:1-8, 14-15, 21-23

[1]Now when the Pharisees and some of the scribes who had come from Jerusalem gathered around [Jesus], [2]they noticed that some of his disciples were eating with defiled hands, that is, without washing them. [3](For the Pharisees, and all the Jews, do not eat unless they thoroughly wash their hands, thus observing the tradition of the elders; [4]and they do not eat anything from the market unless they wash it; and there are also many other traditions that they observe, the washing of cups, pots, and bronze kettles.) [5]So the Pharisees and the scribes asked him, "Why do your disciples not live according to the tradition of the elders, but eat with defiled hands?"
[6]He said to them, "Isaiah prophesied rightly about you hypocrites, as it is written,
'This people honors me with their lips,
but their hearts are far from me;
[7]in vain do they worship me,
teaching human precepts as doctrines.'
[8]You abandon the commandment of God and hold to human tradition."
[14]Then he called the crowd again and said to them, "Listen to me, all of you, and understand:
[15]there is nothing outside a person that by going in can defile, but the things that come out are what defile."
[21]For it is from within, from the human heart, that evil intentions come: fornication, theft, murder, [22]adultery, avarice, wickedness, deceit, licentiousness, envy, slander, pride, folly. [23]All these evil things come from within, and they defile a person."

[13]the meadows clothe themselves with flocks, the valleys deck themselves with grain, they shout and sing together for joy.

Prayer of the Day

O God our strength, without you we are weak and wayward creatures. Protect us from all dangers that attack us from the outside, and cleanse us from all evil that arises from within ourselves, that we may be preserved through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Church Weekly Announcements

QR direct link to 'Give' feature on Grace website!

August Mission of the Month

Youth Link is the mission of the month for August at Grace Lutheran Church. Youth Link is a nonprofit in downtown Minneapolis that helps young people between the ages of 16 and 23 on their journey from homeless to hopeful. Young people of all backgrounds, races, genders, and orientation are welcome. Youth Link is dedicated to helping stabilize and create better futures for its clients.

On any given night in Minnesota 4,000 young people will experience homelessness. For more than 40 years Youth Link has helped connect young people with a community of resources and support. Whether it's basic needs like a hot shower or a warm meal, assistance with employment or education goal, accessing mental and physical health resources or finding supportive housing. Youth Link helps young people at all stages of their journey.

Please prayerfully consider financially supporting this ministry. Your gift really does change the trajectory of a young person's life. Please use your blue multi-purpose envelope, mark mission of the month and place in the offering plate on Sunday morning or mail to the church office. Checks should be made payable to Grace. thank you.

This Sunday, we will be at Phalen Park Pavilion with our East Side neighbors at 10 am. The service will be recorded by Our Redeemer and will be available at www.orlcmn.org or through a link on our website. We will also be gathering after worship to assemble Birthday Bags for the Alley Shoppe at Arlington Hills and Snack Packs for the REACH program for the St. Paul Public Schools. Come join us!!

RED CROSS BLOOD DRIVE COMING TO GRACE
MONDAY, AUGUST 30, 2021 1 - 6 PM

Our Blood Drive will look a bit different this year due to the State Fair Parking in our church lots, so workers and donors will be asked to park in the South Parking Lot near the center trees, to free up parking space for the State Fair Parking.
Also, because of COVID we will not be able to serve homemade goodies so we will not need more than one person in the kitchen per shift. And we will be wearing masks.
If you are able to volunteer to help for a few hours on that day it would be greatly appreciated! We need greeters, kitchen help and help setting up/taking down. And of course, Blood Donors. Please call Shirley Walby, 651-735-0955 or Carolyn Hesterberg 651-702-1194 to volunteer. Thanks a bunch!

We are working on our plan to reopen. During August, we will have some changes to our worship schedule. Please note the following times for each date through Labor Day Weekend.

August 29th, Worship at Phalen Park Pavilion with our East Side neighbors at 10:00 am. and livestreamed.

September 5 – parking lot worship at 9:30 a.m. and livestreamed.

We will continue to post recordings of the services each week on our website and Facebook page. Stay tuned for more information as we go forward cautiously. We pray for everyone to stay safe and healthy during this time. Join us on the website or our Facebook page for worship and/or updates. **Your giving is still just as important to continuing our missions as always.** You can give electronically using the give button on the website (www.gracelutheranstpaul.org), mail it in to the church (1730 Old Hudson Road, St. Paul 55106) or place in the offering at worship on Sunday in the parking lot. The office is still open regular hours for communication and bookkeeping. Feel free to call the church (651-774-9617) with any questions, prayers, or requests for some shopping or errand help. We have members who are willing to help. Hopefully we will see each other very soon.

As you do your shopping at Amazon remember to go thru the **Amazon Smile** site to get the 0.5% donation! We are registered with Amazon smile as a charitable organization. These monies will be designated for Youth Trips. Here is our direct charity link:
https://smile.amazon.com/ch/41-0871742

This Week at Our Church

Monday, August 23- Sunday, August 29

Wednesday, August 25	10:00am	Coffee and Conversation
Saturday, August 28	8:30 am	Men's Bible Study
Sunday, August 29	**10:00 am**	**Worship in the Park at Phalen Park Pavilion with East Side churches**
		Livestreamed and available online
		After worship - Lunch (bring a dish)
		Help assemble Birthday Bags and Snack Packs

Church Chuckles

Forgive me if this is offensive to anyone - I was dared to publish this one!