

Grace at a Glance

Promises Fulfilled

Genesis 18:1-5, 21:1-7

September 17, 2023 9:30 am

3rd grade Bible Presentation



Scripture Genesis 18:1-5, 21:1-7

The Lord appeared to Abraham by the oaks of Mamre, as he sat at the entrance of his tent in the heat of the day. ² He looked up and saw three men standing near him. When he saw them, he ran from the tent entrance to meet them, and bowed down to the ground. ³ He said, “My lord, if I find favor with you, do not pass by your servant. ⁴ Let a little water be brought, and wash your feet, and rest yourselves under the tree. ⁵ Let me bring a little bread, that you may refresh yourselves, and after that you may pass on—since you have come to your servant.” So they said, “Do as you have said.” ⁶ And Abraham hastened into the tent to Sarah, and said, “Make ready quickly three measures of choice flour, knead it, and make cakes.” ⁷ Abraham ran to the herd, and took a calf, tender and good, and gave it to the servant, who hastened to prepare it. ⁸ Then he took curds and milk and the calf that he had prepared, and set it before them; and he stood by them under the tree while they ate.

⁹ They said to him, “Where is your wife Sarah?” And he said, “There, in the tent.” ¹⁰ Then one said, “I will surely return to you in due season, and your wife Sarah shall have a son.” And Sarah was listening at the tent entrance behind him. ¹¹ Now Abraham and Sarah were old, advanced in age; it had ceased to be with Sarah after the manner of women. ¹² So Sarah laughed to herself, saying, “After I have grown old, and my husband is old, shall I have pleasure?” ¹³ The Lord said to Abraham, “Why did Sarah laugh, and say, ‘Shall I indeed bear a child, now that I am old?’ ¹⁴ Is anything too wonderful for the Lord? At the set time I will return to you, in due season, and Sarah shall have a son.” ¹⁵ But Sarah denied, saying, “I did not laugh”; for she was afraid. He said, “Oh yes, you did laugh.”

The Lord dealt with Sarah as he had said, and the Lord did for Sarah as he had promised. ² Sarah conceived and bore Abraham a son in his old age, at the time of which God had spoken to him. ³ Abraham gave the name Isaac to his son whom Sarah bore him. ⁴ And Abraham circumcised his son Isaac when he was eight days old, as God had commanded him. ⁵ Abraham was a hundred years old when his son Isaac was born to him. ⁶ Now Sarah said, “God has brought laughter for me; everyone who hears will laugh with me.” ⁷ And she said, “Who would ever have said to Abraham that Sarah would nurse children? Yet I have borne him a son in his old age.”

Prayer of the Day

Gracious God,

In Christ you have promised that we would have life, and have it abundantly. Help us trust you in all things, and fill us with wonder at your promises fulfilled. Amen.



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SEPTEMBER MISSION OF THE MONTH

The Mission of the Month for September at Grace is Second Stork. Second Stork provides families in need with essential newborn care items to give their baby a safe and healthy start.

Welcoming a newborn should be a joyous and hopeful time but the reality is that many new parents are financially stretched, anxious, and unprepared to bring their baby home from the hospital. Second Stork can help bridge an approximate two week gap from the time a newborn is discharged from the hospital to when family support or social services become available. Second Stork believes every baby should have a safe and happy beginning! Second Stork is a volunteer run organization. It is a non-profit established in 2009 to help others in need, to respect the privacy of every family they serve, and to have healthcare professionals and hospital staff distribute only new items that any mother would be proud to use. Thanks to countless volunteers and hospital partners, Second Stork has helped give more than 10,000 babies a safe and healthy start. As this is a new mission at Grace, please see additional information posted on the kiosk in the Good Shepherd Lounge for additional information.

Please prayerfully consider making a donation to this organization in welcoming the newest of God's children into a better world. Please use your blue multi-purpose envelope and mark mission of the month and place in Sunday's offering or mail to the church office. Checks should be made payable to Grace. Thank you

This Sunday we worship at 9:30 in the Sanctuary.

Confidential Prayer Link: <https://forms.gle/oCUEbVJ6CkmdD3nB6>

We have now established a confidential prayer email that we have added to our website which can be used by anyone wishing for prayers. This can be made available to just the pastor, the pastor and the prayer chain, OR the pastor, the prayer chain, and the congregation as you choose. Please feel free to test it out. This is just one more way you can access our pastor and/or the prayer team.

We have a dedicated free phone line which you can call in and listen to the livestreaming worship services. So if you don't have a computer or would rather just listen, call in on 1-(833) 579 - 2830. We are working on improving the quality of this experience. Please pass this number to your friends without computers.

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. We pray for everyone to stay safe and healthy.

Your giving is very 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.

The office hours are M-Thurs, 9:30-1:30. Feel free to call the church (651-774-9617) with any questions, prayers, or requests for help.

Upcoming:

Sunday School continues this Sunday after worship. We are still in the lower level as usual. Come join us!

Congregational meeting - Sunday, Sept. 17th after worship .

Confirmation will begin on October 1st.

XYZ's will meet on Thursday, September 14th to plan their year. There will be treats as always!! See you there.



Monday, September 11, 2023 – Sunday, September 17, 2023

Monday, September 11	10:30 am	Missions Comm.
	1:30 pm	Business Mgmt Comm.
Tuesday, Sept. 12	1:00 pm	Worship Committee
	6:30 pm	Community Connections Comm. (virtual)
Wednesday, Sept. 13	10 am	Coffee and Conversation
	6:00 pm	Property Mgmt. at Wintheiser's
Thursday, Sept. 14	1:30 pm	XYZ's meet in Tower Rooms to plan our year. Treats will be served.
Sunday, September 17	9:30 am	Worship in Sanctuary
	10:30 am	Fellowship

Livestreamed and recorded

Church Chuckles



I AM SO PROUD OF YOUR FATHER
CAIN...HE HAS BEEN TRAINING SO HARD
FOR THIS ... OF COURSE HIS WINNING
WOULD BE MORE IMPRESSIVE IF THESE
OLYMPIC GAME THINGS HAD OTHER
CONTESTANTS



BACK WHEN MOSES WAS STILL
FREELANCING, HE MANAGED TO HELP MANY
NATURE PROGRAMS TO GET THOSE
SPECTACULAR "UNDERWATER" PHOTOS



TECHIE HELL....THERE ARE COMPUTERS,
BUT NO OUTLETS