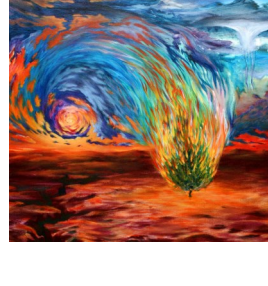


Grace at a Glance

Moses and God's Name

Exodus 1:8-14, 3:1-15

October 1, 2023



Scripture Exodus 1:8-14, 3:1-15

⁸ Now a new king arose over Egypt, who did not know Joseph. ⁹ He said to his people, "Look, the Israelite people are more numerous and more powerful than we." ¹⁰ Come, let us deal shrewdly with them, or they will increase and, in the event of war, join our enemies and fight against us and escape from the land." ¹¹ Therefore they set taskmasters over them to oppress them with forced labor. They built supply cities, Pithom and Rameses, for Pharaoh. ¹² But the more they were oppressed, the more they multiplied and spread, so that the Egyptians came to dread the Israelites. ¹³ The Egyptians became ruthless in imposing tasks on the Israelites, ¹⁴ and made their lives bitter with hard service in mortar and brick and in every kind of field labor. They were ruthless in all the tasks that they imposed on them.

Moses was keeping the flock of his father-in-law Jethro, the priest of Midian; he led his flock beyond the wilderness, and came to Horeb, the mountain of God. ² There the angel of the Lord appeared to him in a flame of fire out of a bush; he looked, and the bush was blazing, yet it was not consumed. ³ Then Moses said, "I must turn aside and look at this great sight, and see why the bush is not burned up." ⁴ When the Lord saw that he had turned aside to see, God called to him out of the bush, "Moses, Moses!" And he said, "Here I am." ⁵ Then he said, "Come no closer! Remove the sandals from your feet, for the place on which you are standing is holy ground." ⁶ He said further, "I am the God of your father, the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob." And Moses hid his face, for he was afraid to look at God.

⁷ Then the Lord said, "I have observed the misery of my people who are in Egypt; I have heard their cry on account of their taskmasters. Indeed, I know their sufferings, ⁸ and I have come down to deliver them from the Egyptians, and to bring them up out of that land to a good and broad land, a land flowing with milk and honey, to the country of the Canaanites, the Hittites, the Amorites, the Perizzites, the Hivites, and the Jebusites.

⁹ The cry of the Israelites has now come to me; I have also seen how the Egyptians oppress them. ¹⁰ So come, I will send you to Pharaoh to bring my people, the Israelites, out of Egypt." ¹¹ But Moses said to God, "Who am I that I should go to Pharaoh, and bring the Israelites out of Egypt?" ¹² He said, "I will be with you; and this shall be the sign for you that it is I who sent you: when you have brought the people out of Egypt, you shall worship God on this mountain."

¹³ But Moses said to God, "If I come to the Israelites and say to them, 'The God of your ancestors has sent me to you,' and they ask me, 'What is his name?' what shall I say to them?" ¹⁴ God said to Moses, "I am who I am." He said further, "Thus you shall say to the Israelites, 'I am has sent me to you.'"

¹⁵ God also said to Moses, "Thus you shall say to the Israelites, 'The Lord, the God of your ancestors, the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob, has sent me to you':

This is my name forever,
and this my title for all generations."

Prayer of the Day

God of mercy,

Like Moses, you call us into your work of liberation. Equip us for this work and remind us that we are not alone in it. In Jesus name we pray. Amen.



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SEPTEMBER MISSION OF THE MONTH (Last Chance)

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 in the lower level as usual. Come join us!

Confirmation begins on October 1st in the North Tower room.

Teams are being formed to work on 2 short term projects:

1. Putting together a lease for the LSS project.
2. Working on a plan to make Grace functional on 1 level of the building.

Please consider saying 'yes' if you are asked to join one of these teams.



Monday, September 25, 2023 – Sunday, October 1, 2023

Wednesday, Sept. 27 10 am Coffee and Conversation

Sunday, October 1 **9:30 am Worship in Sanctuary**

Food Shelf Sunday

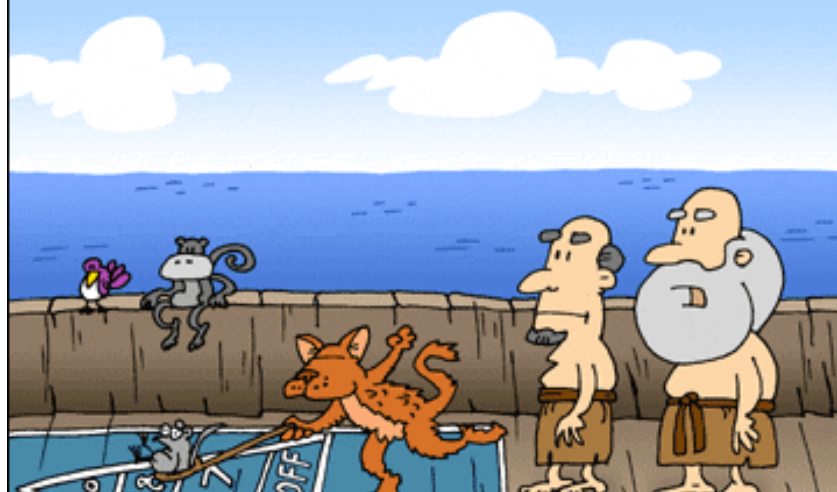
10:30 am Fellowship

Livestreamed and recorded

Phone in line 1-(833) 579 -2830

Church Chuckles

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CURRENT ARK POLICY ALLOWS FOR PLAYING WITH ONE'S FOOD, BUT NOT EATING IT



AND I SAY WE HAVE PEOPLE STAND DURING VERSES 1 AND 4 OF SONG 2, VERSE 4 OF SONG 3, AND PRAYER 2