



Grace at a Glance

The Church at Thessalonica

Acts 17:1-9, Thess. 1:1-10

Sunday, April 21, 2024



Scripture Acts 17:1-9

After Paul and Silas had passed through Amphipolis and Apollonia, they came to Thessalonica, where there was a synagogue of the Jews. ²And Paul went in, as was his custom, and on three sabbath days argued with them from the scriptures, ³explaining and proving that it was necessary for the Messiah to suffer and to rise from the dead, and saying, "This is the Messiah, Jesus whom I am proclaiming to you." ⁴Some of them were persuaded and joined Paul and Silas, as did a great many of the devout Greeks and not a few of the leading women. ⁵But the Jews became jealous, and with the help of some ruffians in the marketplaces they formed a mob and set the city in an uproar. While they were searching for Paul and Silas to bring them out to the assembly, they attacked Jason's house. ⁶When they could not find them, they dragged Jason and some believers before the city authorities, shouting, "These people who have been turning the world upside down have come here also, ⁷and Jason has entertained them as guests. They are all acting contrary to the decrees of the emperor, saying that there is another king named Jesus." ⁸The people and the city officials were disturbed when they heard this, ⁹and after they had taken bail from Jason and the others, they let them go.

Thessalonians 1:1-10

Paul, Silvanus, and Timothy,

To the church of the Thessalonians in God the Father and the Lord Jesus Christ: Grace to you and peace. ²We always give thanks to God for all of you and mention you in our prayers, constantly ³remembering before our God and Father your work of faith and labor of love and steadfastness of hope in our Lord Jesus Christ. ⁴For we know, brothers and sisters beloved by God, that he has chosen you, ⁵because our message of the gospel came to you not in word only, but also in power and in the Holy Spirit and with full conviction; just as you know what kind of persons we proved to be among you for your sake. ⁶And you became imitators of us and of the Lord, for in spite of persecution you received the word with joy inspired by the Holy Spirit, ⁷so that you became an example to all the believers in Macedonia and in Achaia. ⁸For the word of the Lord has sounded forth from you not only in Macedonia and Achaia, but in every place your faith in God has become known, so that we have no need to speak about it. ⁹For the people of those regions report about us what kind of welcome we had among you, and how you turned to God from idols, to serve a living and true God, ¹⁰and to wait for his Son from heaven, whom he raised from the dead—Jesus, who rescues us from the wrath that is coming.

Prayer of the Day

Holy God,

It is not always easy to live out the gospel in our daily lives. We are sometimes met with opposition or rejection when we stand in solidarity with those who are marginalized. Strengthen us by the example of the early Christians that we might persist in our call to bear witness to you. In and through Jesus Christ. Amen.



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



APRIL MISSION OF THE MONTH

The Mission of the Month for April at Grace is International Rescue Committee. The IRC was founded in 1933 at the request of Albert Einstein. The IRC is committed to helping refugees and displaced people survive, recover and rebuild. IRC services people whose lives have been upended by war, conflict and national disasters.

IRC works in countries where people don't have the support they need to recover from crisis. IRC responds within 72 hours to help countries stabilize and people rebuild their lives. IRC also helps to resettle refugees welcomed by the U.S. helping them to succeed and thrive.

Please prayerfully consider making a donation to this organization which is one of the highest ranking nonprofits for accountability, transparency and efficient use of contributions. Please use your blue multi-purpose envelope, mark mission of the month and place in the offering plate or mail to the church office. Checks should be made payable to Grace. Thank you.

This Sunday we worship at 9:30 am 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: May 18th 1-4 pm 2nd Annual Rhubarb Festival - Mark your Calendar! Get your recipes out and your crafts ready!



Monday, April 15 – Sunday, April 21, 2024

Tuesday, April 16 7:00 pm Church Council with Zoom option

Wednesday, April 17 10am Coffee and Conversation

Sunday, April 21 9:30 am **Worship!**
Live streamed and recorded
Phone in line 1-(833) 579 -2830
10:30 am Fellowship & SS

Construction and Traffic updates!

Work continues on the Lower Level for LSS. The painting should be complete by the end of this week and the plumbing and tiling is progressing.

The Gold Line is progressing which affects our parking lot with construction and also the traffic pattern in the area. Several detours are currently in place: -

The White Bear Ave. bridge over 94 is closed as are the exit and entrance on the north side of 94.

- Minnehaha between McKnight and White Bear Ave. will have detours in place soon.

- Old Hudson Road between McKnight and Ruth is now closed. Detours for access to Sun Ray and other local businesses are posted.

All of this means a lot of traffic disruption around the church. Sundays should not be bad, but please bring your patience. Conway and 3rd Street should be good alternatives from the East or exit on 61 and come back east on 3rd St. If you come from the west, exit on Ruth and come back west on Old Hudson Road.

Church Chuckles

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(See Matthew 7:24-27) 04-25-2007
WISE MAN LEADS FOOLISH MAN BY OVER 100,000 AS WE HEAD INTO FINAL JEOPARDY, WHERE THE TOPIC WILL BE ... "SOLID FOUNDATIONS"

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Thanks to Pam Winn (See Genesis 6-8) 05-07-2007
YES DEAR, IT WAS A FINE CRUISE, BUT I'M NOT KEEN ON DOING IT AGAIN