

Grace at a Glance

You Shall Be My Witnesses

Acts 1:1-14

Sunday, April 7, 2024



Scripture Acts 1:1-14

In the first book, Theophilus, I wrote about all that Jesus did and taught from the beginning² until the day when he was taken up to heaven, after giving instructions through the Holy Spirit to the apostles whom he had chosen.³ After his suffering he presented himself alive to them by many convincing proofs, appearing to them during forty days and speaking about the kingdom of God.⁴ While staying with them, he ordered them not to leave Jerusalem, but to wait there for the promise of the Father. "This," he said, "is what you have heard from me;⁵ for John baptized with water, but you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit not many days from now."

⁶So when they had come together, they asked him, "Lord, is this the time when you will restore the kingdom to Israel?"⁷ He replied, "It is not for you to know the times or periods that the Father has set by his own authority."⁸ But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth."⁹ When he had said this, as they were watching, he was lifted up, and a cloud took him out of their sight.¹⁰ While he was going and they were gazing up toward heaven, suddenly two men in white robes stood by them.¹¹ They said, "Men of Galilee, why do you stand looking up toward heaven? This Jesus, who has been taken up from you into heaven, will come in the same way as you saw him go into heaven."

¹²Then they returned to Jerusalem from the mount called Olivet, which is near Jerusalem, a sabbath day's journey away.¹³ When they had entered the city, they went to the room upstairs where they were staying, Peter, and John, and James, and Andrew, Philip and Thomas, Bartholomew and Matthew, James son of Alphaeus, and Simon the Zealot, and Judas son of James.¹⁴ All these were constantly devoting themselves to prayer, together with certain women, including Mary the mother of Jesus, as well as his brothers.

Prayer of the Day

Gracious God,

You call us together in your presence and charge us with the task of bearing your love into a suffering world. Strengthen us for this work, that all might share equally in your reign of justice and peace. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.



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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: April 11 11:00am XYZ trip to Bell Museum - meet at church.

May 18th 1-4 pm 2nd Annual Rhubarb Festival - Mark your Calendar!

Get your recipes out and your crafts ready!



Monday, April 1 – Sunday, April 7, 2024

Wednesday, April 3	10:00 am Coffee and Conversation
Thursday, April 4	7:00 pm Grace Book Club (virtual)
Sunday, April 7	9:30 am Worship! Live streamed and recorded Phone in line 1-(833) 579 -2830 10:30 am Fellowship & SS 10:45 am Talkpoints - Planning your legacy

Church Chuckles

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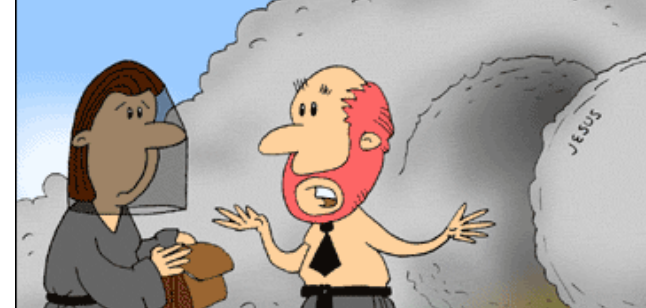


Thanks to Peter Mason

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APRIL FOOLS DAY IN HELL

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(See John 20:1-18)

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I'M SORRY MAAM, THE RESURRECTION OF JESUS WAS A MIRACLE, NOT A SERVICE OF THIS CEMETERY

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Thanks to Pam Winn (See John 20:1-18)

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