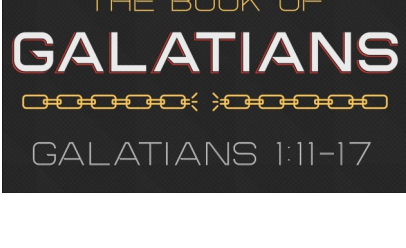


Grace at a Glance

Living by Faith Galatians 1:13-17, 2:11-21 Sunday, May 25, 2025 Memorial Day Weekend



Scripture Galatians 1:13-17, 2:11-21

¹³You have heard, no doubt, of my earlier life in Judaism. I was violently persecuting the church of God and was trying to destroy it. ¹⁴I advanced in Judaism beyond many among my people of the same age, for I was far more zealous for the traditions of my ancestors. ¹⁵But when God, who had set me apart before I was born and called me through his grace, was pleased ¹⁶to reveal his Son to me, so that I might proclaim him among the Gentiles, I did not confer with any human being, ¹⁷nor did I go up to Jerusalem to those who were already apostles before me, but I went away at once into Arabia, and afterwards I returned to Damascus.

¹¹But when Cephas came to Antioch, I opposed him to his face, because he stood self-condemned; ¹²for until certain people came from James, he used to eat with the Gentiles. But after they came, he drew back and kept himself separate for fear of the circumcision faction. ¹³And the other Jews joined him in this hypocrisy, so that even Barnabas was led astray by their hypocrisy. ¹⁴But when I saw that they were not acting consistently with the truth of the gospel, I said to Cephas before them all, "If you, though a Jew, live like a Gentile and not like a Jew, how can you compel the Gentiles to live like Jews?" ¹⁵We ourselves are Jews by birth and not Gentile sinners; ¹⁶yet we know that a person is justified not by the works of the law but through faith in Jesus Christ. And we have come to believe in Christ Jesus, so that we might be justified by faith in Christ, and not by doing the works of the law, because no one will be justified by the works of the law. ¹⁷But if, in our effort to be justified in Christ, we ourselves have been found to be sinners, is Christ then a servant of sin? Certainly not! ¹⁸But if I build up again the very things that I once tore down, then I demonstrate that I am a transgressor. ¹⁹For through the law I died to the law, so that I might live to God. I have been crucified with Christ; ²⁰and it is no longer I who live, but it is Christ who lives in me. And the life I now live in the flesh I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave himself for me. ²¹I do not nullify the grace of God; for if justification comes through the law, then Christ died for nothing.

Prayer of the Day

Gracious God,

We are all, at the same time, saint and sinner. Forgive us when we act on the temptation to place ourselves above others, and transform us by your love, that we might always turn to you for the new life you give. Amen.



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



MAY MISSION OF THE MONTH

The Mission of the Month at Grace is Dwelling Place. The Dwelling Place offers safe transitional housing and Christ-centered support services for women and children who have suffered domestic abuse.

Dwelling Place's extended-stay program provides a loving community and one-on-one case management to help clients discover their new identity: a woman created by God, worthy of love, and beautiful inside and out. The Dwelling Place offers healing and hope.

Please prayerfully consider making a donation to this organization which reaches out to God's women and children at some of their most frightening moments and offers safety, guidance and hope for a better future.

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 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.fyi), 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.

<u>Upcoming:</u>	May 26	Memorial Day
	June 1	Graduate Recognition Sunday
	June 8	Pentecost

Sound & Video System - The upgrade in the Tower rooms is complete and the new system in the Sanctuary has been installed!! We are currently at **\$26,070.00** including the SGM gifts. We raised \$1,115 with the Rhubarb Festival last Sunday! Please label any gifts for the Sound System so that they get to the right place. Thank you!!

(Total cost of the Sound System was \$86,981.48)



Monday, May 19– Sunday, May 25, 2025

Tuesday, May 20	7 pm Council with Zoom option
Wednesday, May 21	10-12 - Coffee and Conversation
Saturday, May 24	8:15am Men's Bible Study No quilting today
Sunday, May 25	9:30 am Worship Live streamed and recorded Phone in line 1-(833) 579 -2830 10:45 am Fellowship
Monday, May 26	Memorial Day! Office closed 10am Service at Union Cemetery

Sunday School question of the week -

What was your favorite story or lesson you heard or studied this year?

Answer from last week-

The Holy Spirit

Church Chuckles

