

Grace at a Glance

The Good Soil  
Matthew 13:1-9

Sunday, August 24, 2025

10 am Worship in the Park



Scripture Matthew 13:1-9 TIB (The Inclusive Bible)

Later that day, Jesus left the house and sat down by the lake shore. Such great crowds gathered that he went and took a seat in a boat, while the crowd stood along the shore.

He addressed them at length in parables: "One day, a farmer went out sowing seed. Some of the seed landed on a footpath, where birds came and ate it up. Some of the seed fell on rocky ground, where there was little soil. This seed sprouted at once since the soil had no depth, but when the sun rose and scorched it, it withered away for lack of roots. Again, some of the seed fell among thorns, and the thorns grew up and choked it. And some of it landed on good soil, and yielded a crop thirty, sixty, even a hundred times what was sown. Let those who have ears to hear, hear this!"

Prayer of the Day

God of all peoples, your arms reach out to embrace all those who call upon you. Teach us as disciples of your Son to love the world with compassion and constancy, that your name may be known throughout the earth, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen



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



AUGUST MISSION OF THE MONTH

The Mission of the Month at Grace for August is Feed My Starving Children. FMSC is a Christian non-profit organization that coordinates the packaging and distribution of food to people in developing nations. Founded in 1987 it says it has been involved in more that 70 countries.

FMSC consistently received the highest awards for integrity and trustworthiness, earning a 4 star rating from Charity Navigation for 17 years. In 2024-25 the number of children fed was 1,028,642 with 1,152,699 volunteers across the U.S., 2,206 artisans and producers supported by FMSC Market Place partners and a total number of meals produced was 396,454,128. A note of interest - 99.8% of meals shipped have safely reached intended locations.

Please prayerfully consider making a donation to this organization which reaches out to some of the most vulnerable of God's people with one of their basic needs - FOOD. Please use your blue multi-purpose envelope, mark mission of the month and place in the offering or mail to the church office. Checks should be made payable to Grace. Thank you.

**This Sunday we worship at 10 am in the Phalen Park Pavilion. Choir rehearsal begins at 9:15 am. Feel free to bring a salad or dessert to share for lunch after worship.**

**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](http://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.

Upcoming:      **State Fair parking will begin August 21st through September 1st.**  
Daily except Sundays - 8 am - Midnight  
Sundays - 1 pm - Midnight



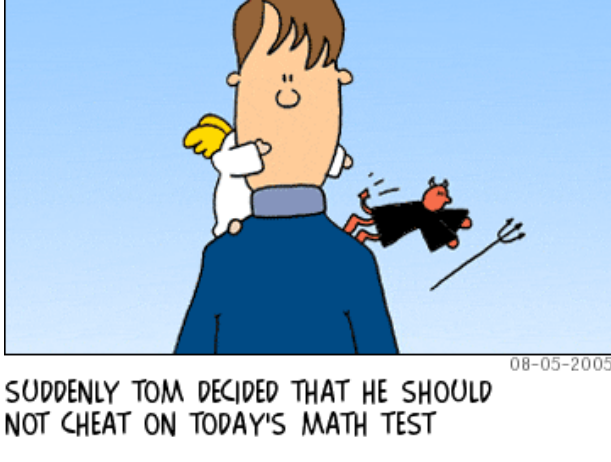
Monday, August 18– Sunday, August 24, 2025

<b>Monday, August 18</b>	12-2 pm Customized Options*
<b>Tuesday, August 19</b>	6:30 pm Church Council with Zoom option 7-9 pm Iglesias de Dios*
<b>Wednesday, August 20</b>	10-12 Coffee and Conversation
<b>Thursday, August 21</b>	<b>8-midnight State Fair Parking begins thru September 1st*</b>
<b>Friday, August 22</b>	7-9 pm Iglesias de Dios*
<b>Saturday, August 23</b>	8:15 am Men's Bible Study (virtual)
<b>Sunday, August 24</b>	<b>10 am Worship at Phalen Park Pavilion</b> <b>Choir rehearsal begins at 9:15am</b> <b>Live streamed and recorded</b>  12-3 pm Iglesias de Dios*

\* outside group using facilities

Church Chuckles

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SUDDENLY TOM DECIDED THAT HE SHOULD NOT CHEAT ON TODAY'S MATH TEST

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YES, DOGS ARE ALLOWED IN CHURCH WHEN BLINDNESS IS INVOLVED, BUT USUALLY IT IS THE OWNER WHO IS BLIND



Thanks to Charles Dunleavy (See 1Kings 11:1-9) 08-19-2005  
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