

Grace at a Glance

Advent IV - Word Made Flesh

John 1:1-18

Sunday, December 21, 2025

Sunday School Program



Scripture John 1:1-18

In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. ²He was in the beginning with God. ³All things came into being through him, and without him not one thing came into being. What has come into being ⁴in him was life, and the life was the light of all people.

⁵The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness did not overcome it. ⁶There was a man sent from God, whose name was John. ⁷He came as a witness to testify to the light, so that all might believe through him. ⁸He himself was not the light, but he came to testify to the light. ⁹The true light, which enlightens everyone, was coming into the world. ¹⁰He was in the world, and the world came into being through him; yet the world did not know him. ¹¹He came to what was his own, and his own people did not accept him. ¹²But to all who received him, who believed in his name, he gave power to become children of God, ¹³who were born, not of blood or of the will of the flesh or of the will of man, but of God. ¹⁴And the Word became flesh and lived among us, and we have seen his glory, the glory as of a father's only son, full of grace and truth.

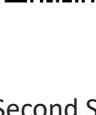
¹⁵(John testified to him and cried out, "This was he of whom I said, 'He who comes after me ranks ahead of me because he was before me.'") ¹⁶From his fullness we have all received, grace upon grace. ¹⁷The law indeed was given through Moses; grace and truth came through Jesus Christ. ¹⁸No one has ever seen God. It is God the only Son, who is close to the Father's heart, who has made him known.

Prayer of the Day

God of light and life, You sent us your Word so that we might know you fully and see your glory, full of grace and truth. Hold us close as we join all of creation in singing a new song to you, for you continue to do marvelous things. Amen.



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



DECEMBER MISSION OF THE MONTH

The Mission of the month for December 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 into the world should be a joyous and hopeful time! The reality is that many new parents are financially stretched, anxious and unprepared to bring their baby home from the hospital. Often, they don't have the basic supplies to keep the baby safe and healthy those first few weeks of life. By basic, they mean a safe place to sleep, an adequate supply of diapers and wet wipes, newborn clothing and blankets. Second Stork can bridge an approximate 2 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 healthy beginning.

Please prayerfully consider making a donation to this wonderful organization who reaches out to the newest of God's children and their families to ensure they have the items necessary to get a healthy and safe start in life. 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 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 discontinued the phone access to worship services as it was not being used. Our apologies for any inconvenience this may cause.

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.

Upcoming: Sunday, 12/21 - Sunday School Christmas Program 9:30 am with Christmas cookie decorating afterwards!

Wednesday, 12/24 - Candlelight worship @ 4 & 9:30 pm

NO service on Christmas Day - recordings from 12/24 available

Sunday, 12/28 - 'Christmas Around the World' worship @ 9:30 am



Monday, December 15- Sunday, December 21, 2025

Tuesday, December 16 12 - 2 pm Customized Options*
6:30 pm Church Council with Zoom option
7-9 pm Iglesias de Dios*

Wednesday, Dec. 17 10-12 Coffee and Conversation
4-5:30pm LSS ELC parent gathering*
Good Shepherd Lounge
5:30 pm Bell rehearsal
7:00 pm Sanctuary Choir rehearsal

Friday, December 19 7-9 pm Iglesias de Dios*

Sunday, December 21 **9:30 am Worship - Advent IV-
Sunday School Program
Live streamed and recorded
10:45 am Fellowship - with
cookie decorating (& eating!)**

12-3 pm Iglesias de Dios*

*outside group using facilities

Special Holiday 'Spotlight on Grace' editions during December!

Grace Spotlight

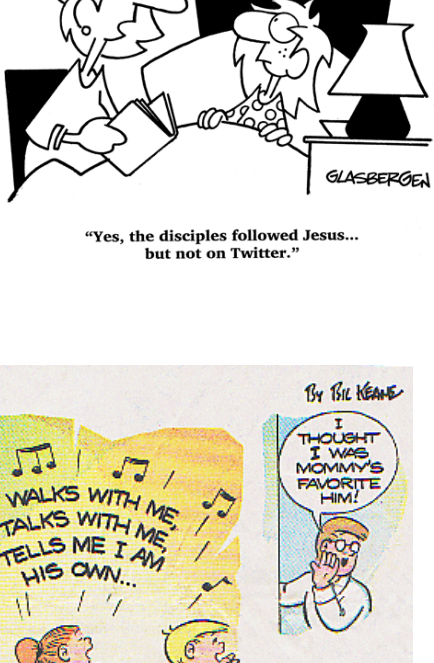
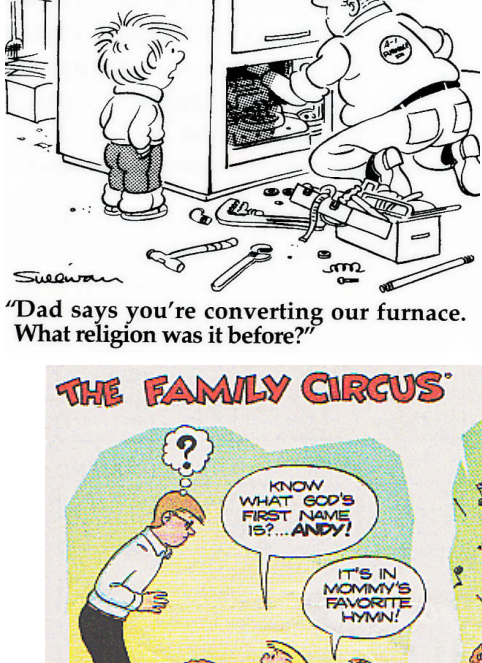
Did you know?

Sunday School Program Gifts



There have been many traditions related to the Sunday School Christmas program, and gifts given to the kids over the years. The most recent tradition of the last 10+ years is an ornament customized to the theme of the program that year for each kid. On display are the last few year's ornaments. What is your favorite memory from your Sunday School years? Share it with someone at Grace.

Church Chuckles



There are 2 Santa Claus's on the street corner. How do you tell which one is a fake?
Answer: He's the one with the Easter basket.