

Grace at a Glance

LUTHERAN 108 YEARS 1917-2025

Advent II - 'The Valley of Dry Bones" The Greening of the Church Sunday, December 7, 2025



The hand of the Lord came upon me, and brought me out by the spirit of

Scripture Ezekiel 37:1-14

the Lord and set me down in the middle of a valley; it was full of bones. ²He led me all around them; there were very many lying in the valley, and they were very dry. ³He said to me, "Mortal, can these bones live?" I answered, "O Lord God, you know." ⁴Then he said to me, "Prophesy to these bones, and say to them: O dry bones, hear the word of the Lord. ⁵Thus says the Lord God to these bones: I will cause breath to enter you, and you shall live. ⁶I will lay sinews on you, and will cause flesh to come upon you, and cover you with skin, and put breath in you, and you shall live; and you shall know that I am the Lord." ⁷So I prophesied as I had been commanded; and as I prophesied, suddenly there was a noise, a rattling, and the bones came together, bone to its bone. ⁸I looked, and there were sinews on them, and flesh had come upon them, and skin had covered them; but there was no breath in them. ⁹Then he said to me, "Prophesy to the breath, prophesy, mortal, and say to the breath: Thus says the Lord God: Come from the four winds, O breath, and breathe upon these slain, that they may live." ¹⁰I prophesied as he commanded me, and the breath came into them, and they lived, and stood on their feet, a vast multitude. ¹¹Then he said to me, "Mortal, these bones are the whole house of Israel. They say, 'Our bones are dried up, and our hope is lost; we are cut off completely.' ¹²Therefore prophesy, and say to them, Thus says the Lord God: I am going to open your graves, and bring you up from your graves, O my people; and I will bring you back to the land of Israel. ¹³And you shall know that I am the Lord, when I open your graves, and bring you up from your graves, O my people. ¹⁴I will put my spirit within you, and you shall live, and I will place you on your own soil; then you shall know that I, the Lord, have spoken and will act," says the Lord.

things your life-giving Spirit, that we might be renewed to be bearers of your light and love to one another. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

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Prayer of the Day

Announcements

Living God, All of creation is your beloved child. Hear the cries of all who are in pain, in grief, in fear. Give heed to the lost, the despairing, and

the dying. Draw all into your loving embrace and breathe into all



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.

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

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

believes every baby should have a safe and healthy beginning.

(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.

NO service on Christmas Day - recordings from 12/24 available Sunday, 12/28 - 'Christmas Around the World' worship @ 9:30 am

Sunday, 12/7 - "The Greening of the Church" worship 9:30 am Upcoming: Thursday, 12/11 - XYZ Holiday lunch at Lake Elmo Inn 11:00 am Sunday, 12/14 - Music Ministry Program worship 9:30 am Sunday, 12/21 - Sunday School Christmas Program 9:30 am

10-12 Coffee and Conversation

5:30 pm Bell rehearsal

7-9 pm Iglesias de Dios*

10:45 am Fellowship 10:45 am Sunday School

12-3 pm

4-5:30pm LSS ELC parent gathering*

7:00 pm Sanctuary Choir rehearsal

7 pm Grace Book Club (virtual)

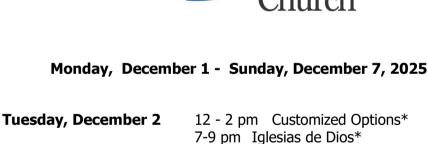
9:30 am Worship - Advent II -

Iglesias de Dios*

Live streamed and recorded

The Greening of the Church

Good Shepherd Lounge



Wednesday, December 3

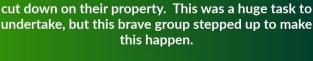
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Friday, December 5

Sunday, December 7

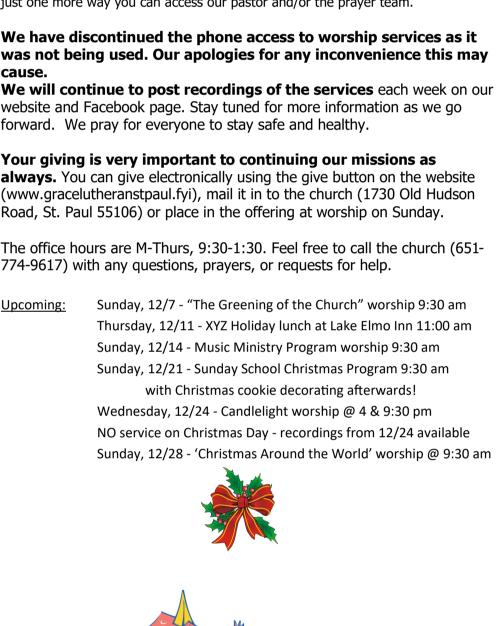
*outside group using facilities

Christmas Tree Crew



Church Chuckles









Son, look at this ness! Were you born in a barn?