



Grace at a Glance

Advent III– Word
Accomplishes God’s Purpose

Isaiah 55:1-13

Sunday, December 14, 2025



Scripture Isaiah 55:1-13

Ho, everyone who thirsts, come to the waters; and eat! Come, buy wine and milk money and without price. ²Why do you spend your money for that which is not bread, and your labor for that which does not satisfy? Listen carefully to me, and eat what is good, and delight yourselves in rich food. ³Incline your ear, and come to me; listen, so that you may live. I will make with you an everlasting covenant, my steadfast, sure love for David. ⁴See, I made him a witness to the peoples, a leader and commander for the peoples. ⁵See, you shall call nations that you do not know, and nations that do not know you shall run to you, because of the Lord your God, the Holy One of Israel, for he has glorified you. ⁶Seek the Lord while he may be found, call upon him while he is near; ⁷let the wicked forsake their way, and the unrighteous their thoughts; let them return to the Lord, that he may have mercy on them, and to our God, for he will abundantly pardon. ⁸For my thoughts are not your thoughts, nor are your ways my ways, says the Lord. ⁹For as the heavens are higher than the earth, so are my ways higher than your ways and my thoughts than your thoughts. ¹⁰For as the rain and the snow come down from heaven, and do not return there until they have watered the earth, making it bring forth and sprout, giving seed to the sower and bread to the eater, ¹¹so shall my word be that goes out from my mouth; it shall not return to me empty, but it shall accomplish that which I purpose, and succeed in the thing for which I sent it. ¹²For you shall go out in joy, and be led back in peace; the mountains and the hills before you shall burst into song, and all the trees of the field shall clap their hands. ¹³Instead of the thorn shall come up the cypress; instead of the brier shall come up the myrtle; and it shall be to the Lord for a memorial, for an everlasting sign that shall not be cut off.

Prayer of the Day

Holy God, You send out your Word of life into the world that it would accomplish your purpose of redemption for all of creation. So transform us by this Word that we might deeply internalize it and live our lives according to its guidance. In Jesus’ name we pray. 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:
- 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 with Christmas cookie decorating afterwards!
 - Wednesday, 12/24 - Candlelight worship @ 4 & 9:30 pm
 - NO service on Christmas Day - recording from 12/24 available
 - Sunday, 12/28 - ‘Christmas Around the World’ worship @ 9:30 am



Monday, December 8 - Sunday, December 14, 2025

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| Monday, December 8 | 10:30 am Missions Committee
1:30 pm Business Mgmt Committee |
| Tuesday, December 9 | 12 - 2 pm Customized Options*
1 pm Worship Comm. + Hymn planning
6:30 pm Community Conn. Comm (virtual)
7-9 pm Iglesias de Dios* |
| Wednesday, Dec. 10 | 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 |
| Thursday, December 11 | XYZ’s to Lake Elmo |
| Friday, December 5 | 7-9 pm Iglesias de Dios* |
| Sunday, December 14 | 9:30 am Worship - Advent III-
Music Ministry Program
Live streamed and recorded
10:45 am Fellowship
10:45 am Sunday School

12-3 pm Iglesias de Dios* |

*outside group using facilities

Special Holiday ‘Spotlight on Grace’ editions during December!

Grace Spotlight

Did you know?

Giving tree

The Giving Tree has been a tradition at Grace for so many year and sponsored by the Missions Committee. Sue Atneosen has been a pivotal part of this continued success for the last 29 years. On average Grace donates two thousand dollars worth of goods. Many organizations have benefited from our gifts including Merrick. The last two years items have been divided between LSS and Project Home. Thank you for all your support these many years and for many years to come.

Church Chuckles



Teacher: “What did the three Wise men bring the Christ child?”
Pupil: “Gold, Frankenstein, and mermaids.”