



Grace at a Glance

Jesus Raises Lazarus
John 11:1-44
Sunday, February 22, 2026
Annual Meeting Part II



Scripture John 11:1-44

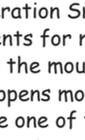
Now a certain man was ill, Lazarus of Bethany, the village of Mary and her sister Martha. ²Mary was the one who anointed the Lord with perfume and wiped his feet with her hair; her brother Lazarus was ill. ³So the sisters sent a message to Jesus, "Lord, he whom you love is ill." ⁴But when Jesus heard it, he said, "This illness does not lead to death; rather it is for God's glory, so that the Son of God may be glorified through it." ⁵Accordingly, though Jesus loved Martha and her sister and Lazarus, ⁶after having heard that Lazarus was ill, he stayed two days longer in the place where he was. ⁷Then after this he said to the disciples, "Let us go to Judea again." ⁸The disciples said to him, "Rabbi, the Jews were just now trying to stone you, and are you going there again?" ⁹Jesus answered, "Are there not twelve hours of daylight? Those who walk during the day do not stumble, because they see the light of this world. ¹⁰But those who walk at night stumble, because the light is not in them." ¹¹After saying this, he told them, "Our friend Lazarus has fallen asleep, but I am going there to awaken him." ¹²The disciples said to him, "Lord, if he has fallen asleep, he will be all right." ¹³Jesus, however, had been speaking about his death, but they thought that he was referring merely to sleep. ¹⁴Then Jesus told them plainly, "Lazarus is dead. ¹⁵For your sake I am glad I was not there, so that you may believe. But let us go to him." ¹⁶Thomas, who was called the Twin, said to his fellow disciples, "Let us also go, that we may die with him." ¹⁷When Jesus arrived, he found that Lazarus had already been in the tomb four days. ¹⁸Now Bethany was near Jerusalem, some two miles away, ¹⁹and many of the Jews had come to Martha and Mary to console them about their brother. ²⁰When Martha heard that Jesus was coming, she went and met him, while Mary stayed at home. ²¹Martha said to Jesus, "Lord, if you had been here, my brother would not have died. ²²But even now I know that God will give you whatever you ask of him." ²³Jesus said to her, "Your brother will rise again." ²⁴Martha said to him, "I know that he will rise again in the resurrection on the last day." ²⁵Jesus said to her, "I am the resurrection and the life. Those who believe in me, even though they die, will live, ²⁶and everyone who lives and believes in me will never die. Do you believe this?" ²⁷She said to him, "Yes, Lord, I believe that you are the Messiah, the Son of God, the one coming into the world." ²⁸When she had said this, she went back and called her sister Mary, and told her privately, "The Teacher is here and is calling for you." ²⁹And when she heard it, she got up quickly and went to him. ³⁰Now Jesus had not yet come to the village, but was still at the place where Martha had met him. ³¹The Jews who were with her in the house, consoling her, saw Mary get up quickly and go out. They followed her because they thought that she was going to the tomb to weep there. ³²When Mary came where Jesus was and saw him, she knelt at his feet and said to him, "Lord, if you had been here, my brother would not have died." ³³When Jesus saw her weeping, and the Jews who came with her also weeping, he was greatly disturbed in spirit and deeply moved. ³⁴He said, "Where have you laid him?" They said to him, "Lord, come and see." ³⁵Jesus began to weep. ³⁶So the Jews said, "See how he loved him!" ³⁷But some of them said, "Could not he who opened the eyes of the blind man have kept this man from dying?" ³⁸Then Jesus, again greatly disturbed, came to the tomb. It was a cave, and a stone was lying against it. ³⁹Jesus said, "Take away the stone." Martha, the sister of the dead man, said to him, "Lord, already there is a stench because he has been dead four days." ⁴⁰Jesus said to her, "Did I not tell you that if you believed, you would see the glory of God?" ⁴¹So they took away the stone. And Jesus looked upward and said, "Father, I thank you for having heard me. ⁴²I knew that you always hear me, but I have said this for the sake of the crowd standing here, so that they may believe that you sent me." ⁴³When he had said this, he cried with a loud voice, "Lazarus, come out!" ⁴⁴The dead man came out, his hands and feet bound with strips of cloth, and his face wrapped in a cloth. Jesus said to them, "Unbind him, and let him go."

Prayer of the Day

God of life, All of us have grieved losses in our lives; many are grieving today, here and around the world. Comfort us in our grief and restore our hope in your promise to wipe away the tears from every face. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.



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FEBRUARY MISSION OF THE MONTH

February Mission of the Month at Grace is Operation Smile. Operation Smile has transformed lives around the world by providing care to patients for more than 40 years to those with cleft lip or palate. A cleft is a gap in the mouth that doesn't close during the early stages of pregnancy and it happens more often than you may realize. Cleft lip and palate are believed to be one of the most common craniofacial differences worldwide. Without intervention affected children battle a lifetime of difficulties with eating, breathing, speaking and mental health.

The cost of surgery and care varies by country. A cleft surgery can cost as little as \$240. This is made possible by the generosity of volunteer medical professionals and corporate donations of essential supplies and equipment. There are 5 million people living with cleft conditions in the countries where OS works. Every 3 minutes a child is born with a cleft condition globally (that's 1 in every 700).

You can give a child the chance to grow up happy and healthy - free from stigma and isolation and full of hope for the future. Please prayerfully consider making a donation to this organization and give a gift that will last a lifetime. Please use your blue multi-purpose envelope, mark mission of the month and place in the offering or mail to the 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, 2.22.26 worship @ 9:30 Annual Meeting after Midweek Worship & Soup Suppers begin 2/25 @5:45 pm

Lenten Schedule for 2026



Wed, February 25 - Supper 5:45 pm Worship 6:30 pm Wed,
 March 4 - Supper 5:45 pm Worship 6:30 pm Wed,
 March 11 - Supper 5:45 pm Worship 6:30 pm
 Wed, March 18 - Supper 5:45 pm Worship 6:30 pm Wed,
 March 25 - Supper 5:45 pm Worship 6:30 pm

Palm Sunday, March 29—Worship followed by Breakfast-

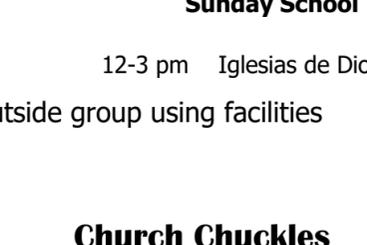
Maundy Thursday, April 2 Worship at 10:30 am & 6:30 pm

Good Friday, April 3 - Worship at 7:00 pm at 1st Lutheran

463 Maria Ave. , St. Paul 55106

Easter Sunday, April 5 - 9:30 am Worship

Family Easter Egg Hunt after worship @ 10:30 am



Monday, February 23— Sunday, March 1, 2026

Tuesday, February 24 12 - 2 pm Customized Options*
 7-9 pm Iglesias de Dios*

Wednesday, February 25 10-12 Coffee & Conversation
 5:15 pm Bell rehearsal
 5:45 pm Soup Supper
 6:30 pm Midweek Lenten Worship
 7:00 pm Choir rehearsal

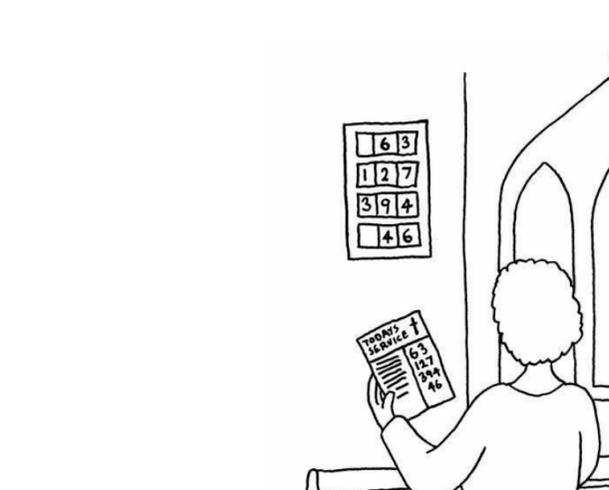
Friday, February 20 7-9 pm Iglesias de Dios*

Sunday, February 22 **9:30 am Worship - Live streamed and recorded**
10:45 am Annual Meeting Part II & Sunday School

12-3 pm Iglesias de Dios*

*outside group using facilities

Church Chuckles



"We'll sing the first verse, hum the second, and lip-sync the third."



SHE COULD HARDLY BELIEVE SHE HAD WON ON HER FIRST VISIT TO CHURCH