Grace at a Glance

Jesus and Pilate
John 18:28-40
Sunday, March 15, 2026
Lent 4

Scripture John 18:28-40

28 Then they took Jesus from Caiaphas to Pilate's headquarters. It
was early in the morning. They themselves did not enter the head-
quarters, so as to avoid ritual defilement and to be able to eat the
Passover. 29 So Pilate went out to them and said, "What accusation
do you bring against this man?" 30 They answered, "If this man were
not a criminal, we would not have handed him over to you." 31 Pilate
said to them, "Take him yourselves and judge him according to
your law." The Jews replied, "We are not permitted to put anyone to
death." 32 (This was to fulfill what Jesus had said when he indicated
the kind of death he was to die.) 33 Then Pilate entered the headquar-
ters again, summoned Jesus, and asked him, "Are you the King of
the Jews?" 34 Jesus answered, "Do you ask this on your own, or did
others tell you about me?" 35 Pilate replied, "I am not a Jew, am I?
Your own nation and the chief priests have handed you over to me.
What have you done?" 36 Jesus answered, "My kingdom is not from
this world. If my kingdom were from this world, my followers
would be fighting to keep me from being handed over to the Jews.
But as it is, my kingdom is not from here." 37 Pilate asked him, "So
you are a king?" Jesus answered, "You say that I am a king. For this
I was born, and for this I came into the world, to testify to the truth.
Everyone who belongs to the truth listens to my voice." 38 Pilate
asked him, "What is truth?" After he had said this, he went out to
the Jews again and told them, "I find no case against him. 39 But you
have a custom that I release someone for you at the Passover. Do
you want me to release for you the King of the Jews?" 40 They
shouted in reply, "Not this man, but Barabbas!" Now Barabbas was
a bandit.

Prayer of the Day

Holy God, Only you know what is absolute truth. Remind us that we can only see things from our own limited perspective, and help us to extend compassion and grace to those we might otherwise be quick to judge. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

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

MARCH MISSION OF THE MONTH

Every Meal is the Mission of the Month at Grace for March. More than 300,000 children in Minnesota live with food insecurity. Every Meal's mission is to change that by filling the food gap school age children face - especially on the weekends.

Through Every Meal's Weekend Meal Program, bags full of nutritious, delicious, and relevant food are placed discreetly into backpacks of students across Minnesota on Fridays so when they return to school on Monday morning they are ready to learn and grow.

The increased presence of ICE has created fear and uncertainty within communities and schools, often preventing families and children from accessing essential resources like food.

At Every Meal, they exist to ensure children have the nourishment they need to learn, grow and thrive. Right now they are seeing a significant increase in the need for food support.

Please prayerfully consider making a donation to this charity which works to reach out in Christian love to help feed the children. Sheridan Montessori school is the closest school to Grace which in served by this program. 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.

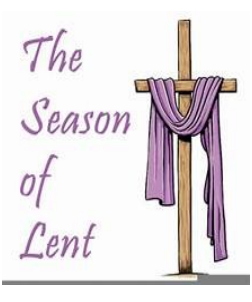
We have discontinued the phone access to worship services as it was not being used. Our apologies for any inconvenience this may cause.
We will continue to post recordings of the services each week on our website and Facebook page. Stay tuned for more information as we go forward. We pray for everyone 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, 3.15.26 worship @ 9:30

Next Midweek Worship & Soup Supper 3/11 @5:45 pm



Lenten Schedule for 2026
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, March 9— Sunday, March 15, 2026

Monday, March 9	10 am Missions Committee meets 1:30 pm Business Mgmt meets 6-8 pm Boy Scout Troup meets in Tower rms.*
Tuesday, March 10	12 - 2 pm Customized Options* 1 pm Worship Committee + Hymn planning 6 pm Property Mgmt meets 6:30 pm Comm Connections Comm. (virtual) 7-9 pm Iglesias de Dios*
Wednesday, March 11	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
Thursday, March 12	12:30 pm XYZ's meet at Xieng Khouang
Friday, March 13	7-9 pm Iglesias de Dios*
Saturday. March 14	8:15 am Men's Bible Study (virtual) 10-12 Quilters meet in So. Tower rm
Sunday, March 15	**9:30 am Worship - Live streamed and recorded** **10:45 am Fellowship & Sunday School** 12-3 pm Iglesias de Dios*

*outside group using facilities

XYZs will be traveling to Laos this month! On March 12th at 12:30 p.m., we will be traveling east across the parking lot from Grace to our neighbors at Xieng Khouang Restaurant and Banquet Hall. We will sample the rich flavors of Laos while learning about their food and heritage from the owners, Spencer and Macy. This experience of warm hospitality and authentic Lao cuisine will be offered buffet-style. Have you been curious about our neighboring restaurant and its food? Join us for a taste of Laos!
(We will be collecting donations to help the restaurant in these difficult times. Suggested donation is $10).

XIENG KHOUANG RESTAURANT & BANQUET HALL

Church Chuckles

"I looked, and the Ten Commandments don't say *anything* about running with scissors!"