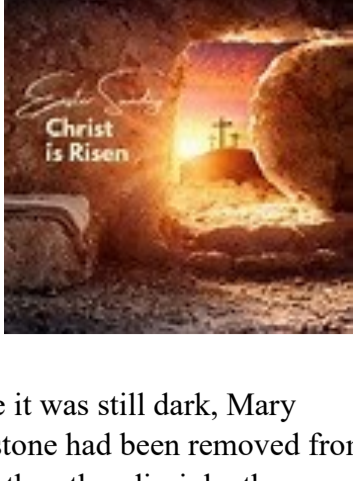


Grace at a Glance

Resurrection! John 20:1-18 Sunday, April 5, 2026 Easter Sunday & Easter Egg Hunt



Scripture John 20:1-18

Early on the first day of the week, while it was still dark, Mary Magdalene came to the tomb and saw that the stone had been removed from the tomb. ²So she ran and went to Simon Peter and the other disciple, the one whom Jesus loved, and said to them, "They have taken the Lord out of the tomb, and we do not know where they have laid him." ³Then Peter and the other disciple set out and went toward the tomb. ⁴The two were running together, but the other disciple outran Peter and reached the tomb first. ⁵He bent down to look in and saw the linen wrappings lying there, but he did not go in. ⁶Then Simon Peter came, following him, and went into the tomb. He saw the linen wrappings lying there, ⁷and the cloth that had been on Jesus' head, not lying with the linen wrappings but rolled up in a place by itself. ⁸Then the other disciple, who reached the tomb first, also went in, and he saw and believed; ⁹for as yet they did not understand the scripture, that he must rise from the dead. ¹⁰Then the disciples returned to their homes.

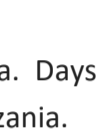
¹¹But Mary stood weeping outside the tomb. As she wept, she bent over to look into the tomb; ¹²and she saw two angels in white, sitting where the body of Jesus had been lying, one at the head and the other at the feet. ¹³They said to her, "Woman, why are you weeping?" She said to them, "They have taken away my Lord, and I do not know where they have laid him." ¹⁴When she had said this, she turned around and saw Jesus standing there, but she did not know that it was Jesus. ¹⁵Jesus said to her, "Woman, why are you weeping? Whom are you looking for?" Supposing him to be the gardener, she said to him, "Sir, if you have carried him away, tell me where you have laid him, and I will take him away." ¹⁶Jesus said to her, "Mary!" She turned and said to him in Hebrew, "Rabbouni!" (which means Teacher). ¹⁷Jesus said to her, "Do not hold on to me, because I have not yet ascended to the Father. But go to my brothers and say to them, 'I am ascending to my Father and your Father, to my God and your God.'" ¹⁸Mary Magdalene went and announced to the disciples, "I have seen the Lord"; and she told them that he had said these things to her.

Prayer of the Day

Risen God, You call us by name, and the dawning truth of your resurrection breaks through the darkness of our grieving. Slow us down to savor this moment of unexpected wonder, that we might prepare our hearts to carry the good news to the world. In your holy name we pray. Amen.



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MISSION OF THE MONTH

April's Mission of the Month at Grace is Days of Grace in Tanzania. Days of Grace is a program through St. Paul Area Synod's ministry in Tanzania.

Days of Grace is a retreat held two or three times annually for pastors and church leaders to provide respite and to care for these church leaders who work so hard to provide ministry and care to others with limited resources and never ending demands of time and energy. Attendees are provided a respite from their daily challenges of parish ministry as well as the gift of good medical care, eye exams, etc. All expenses are provided free of charge through this program.

Please prayerfully consider making a gift to St. Paul Area ELCA's sister church - the Iringa diocese in Tanzania - so that they may continue the amazing work of spreading the good news to God's people. 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:

Holy Week & Easter Schedule for 2026



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 30— Sunday, April 5, 2026

- Monday, March 30** 6-8 pm Boy Scout Troup meets in Tower rms.*
- Tuesday, March 31** 12 - 2 pm Customized Options*
7-9 pm Iglesias de Dios*
- Wednesday, April 1** 10-12 Coffee & Conversation
5:30 pm Bell rehearsal
7:00 pm Choir rehearsal
- Thursday, April 2** **10:30 am Maundy Thursday service followed by XYZ Potluck lunch**
6:30 pm Maundy Thursday service
- Friday, April 3** **7:00 pm Good Friday Worship at First Lutheran Church - 463 Maria Ave.**
(Choir rehearsal probably at 6 pm)
7-9 pm Iglesias de Dios*
- Sunday, April 5** **9:30 am Worship - Easter morning Live streamed and recorded**
10:45 am Easter Egg Hunt!
12-3 pm Iglesias de Dios*

*outside group using facilities

Grace Lutheran Second Annual Puzzle Contest
Date: April, 19, 2026 Time: 3:00pm Tower Room

- ★ It is a fun friendly competition to see which team of four can complete a 500 piece puzzle the fastest.
- ★ We will have an unofficial two hour time limit, but if you run out of time there will be ways to take incomplete puzzles home to finish.
- ★ One puzzle will be given to each team of four. Every team will receive the same puzzle and will remain covered until the start of the contest.
- ★ Each team will be asked to donate \$15 to cover the cost of their puzzle and each team will get to take their puzzle home at the conclusion.
- ★ This is for all ages. There will be puzzles and games for kids to enjoy as well.
- ★ Please bring a treat to share with everyone

Church Chuckles

