



## Grace at a Glance

### Paul's Conversion

Acts 9:1-19a

Sunday, April 17, 2026



### Scripture Acts 9:1-19a

Meanwhile Saul, still breathing threats and murder against the disciples of the Lord, went to the high priest <sup>2</sup>and asked him for letters to the synagogues at Damascus, so that if he found any who belonged to the Way, men or women, he might bring them bound to Jerusalem. <sup>3</sup>Now as he was going along and approaching Damascus, suddenly a light from heaven flashed around him. <sup>4</sup>He fell to the ground and heard a voice saying to him, "Saul, Saul, why do you persecute me?" <sup>5</sup>He asked, "Who are you, Lord?" The reply came, "I am Jesus, whom you are persecuting. <sup>6</sup>But get up and enter the city, and you will be told what you are to do." <sup>7</sup>The men who were traveling with him stood speechless because they heard the voice but saw no one. <sup>8</sup>Saul got up from the ground, and though his eyes were open, he could see nothing; so they led him by the hand and brought him into Damascus. <sup>9</sup>For three days he was without sight, and neither ate nor drank.

<sup>10</sup>Now there was a disciple in Damascus named Ananias. The Lord said to him in a vision, "Ananias." He answered, "Here I am, Lord." <sup>11</sup>The Lord said to him, "Get up and go to the street called Straight, and at the house of Judas look for a man of Tarsus named Saul. At this moment he is praying, <sup>12</sup>and he has seen in a vision a man named Ananias come in and lay his hands on him so that he might regain his sight." <sup>13</sup>But Ananias answered, "Lord, I have heard from many about this man, how much evil he has done to your saints in Jerusalem; <sup>14</sup>and here he has authority from the chief priests to bind all who invoke your name." <sup>15</sup>But the Lord said to him, "Go, for he is an instrument whom I have chosen to bring my name before Gentiles and kings and before the people of Israel; <sup>16</sup>I myself will show him how much he must suffer for the sake of my name." <sup>17</sup>So Ananias went and entered the house. He laid his hands on Saul and said, "Brother Saul, the Lord Jesus, who appeared to you on your way here, has sent me so that you may regain your sight and be filled with the Holy Spirit." <sup>18</sup>And immediately something like scales fell from his eyes, and his sight was restored. Then he got up and was baptized, <sup>19</sup>and after taking some food, he regained his strength.

### Prayer of the Day

God of mystery, You come to us in obvious and subtle ways, calling us into your work of love and service to you and our neighbors near and far. Help us to recognize you in all those we encounter, that we might know you are near, guiding and equipping us for the work ahead. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.



### Announcements

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



### 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](http://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: 4/19 9:30 am Worship  
3:00 pm 2nd Annual Puzzle Contest!

5/17 **Rhubarb Festival - Brunch (free will), auction of "experience" packages, baked goods sale (lots of Rhubarb & other goodies) All funds will be donated to the 'Meals on Wheels' program through Merrick.**



**Monday, April 13—Sunday, April 16, 2026**

**Monday, April 13** 10:00 am Missions Committee meets  
1:30 pm Business Mgmt Comm. meets  
6-8 pm Boy Scout Troup meets in Tower rms.\*

**Tuesday, April 14** 1:00 pm Worship Comm + Hymn Planning  
12 - 2 pm Customized Options\*  
6:00 pm Property Mgmt meets  
6:30 pm Community Conn. (virtual)  
7-9 pm Iglesias de Dios\*

**Wednesday, April 15** 10-12 Coffee & Conversation  
5:30 pm Bell rehearsal  
7:00 pm Choir rehearsal

**Thursday, April 16** 7:00 pm Grace Book Club (virtual)

**Friday, April 17** 7-9 pm Iglesias de Dios\*

**Sunday, April 19** **9:30 am Worship -**  
**Live streamed and recorded**  
**10:45 am Talk Points & Fellowship**  
**10:45 am Sunday School**  
**3:00 pm 2nd Annual Puzzle Contest**

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

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"I don't know all Ten Commandments.  
The only ones I remember are 'settle down',  
'act your age' and 'take that out of your mouth'."

"Health nuts are going to feel stupid someday,  
lying in hospitals dying of nothing."

-Redd Foxx

