

# Grace at a Glance

## Paul and Silas Acts 16:16-34 Sunday, April 26, 2026



### Scripture Acts 16:16-34

<sup>16</sup>One day, as we were going to the place of prayer, we met a slave girl who had a spirit of divination and brought her owners a great deal of money by fortune-telling. <sup>17</sup>While she followed Paul and us, she would cry out, "These men are slaves of the Most High God, who proclaim to you a way of salvation." <sup>18</sup>She kept doing this for many days. But Paul, very much annoyed, turned and said to the spirit, "I order you in the name of Jesus Christ to come out of her." And it came out that very hour. <sup>19</sup>But when her owners saw that their hope of making money was gone, they seized Paul and Silas and dragged them into the marketplace before the authorities. <sup>20</sup>When they had brought them before the magistrates, they said, "These men are disturbing our city; they are Jews <sup>21</sup>and are advocating customs that are not lawful for us as Romans to adopt or observe." <sup>22</sup>The crowd joined in attacking them, and the magistrates had them stripped of their clothing and ordered them to be beaten with rods. <sup>23</sup>After they had given them a severe flogging, they threw them into prison and ordered the jailer to keep them securely. <sup>24</sup>Following these instructions, he put them in the innermost cell and fastened their feet in the stocks.

<sup>25</sup>About midnight Paul and Silas were praying and singing hymns to God, and the prisoners were listening to them. <sup>26</sup>Suddenly there was an earthquake, so violent that the foundations of the prison were shaken; and immediately all the doors were opened and everyone's chains were unfastened. <sup>27</sup>When the jailer woke up and saw the prison doors wide open, he drew his sword and was about to kill himself, since he supposed that the prisoners had escaped. <sup>28</sup>But Paul shouted in a loud voice, "Do not harm yourself, for we are all here." <sup>29</sup>The jailer called for lights, and rushing in, he fell down trembling before Paul and Silas. <sup>30</sup>Then he brought them outside and said, "Sirs, what must I do to be saved?" <sup>31</sup>They answered, "Believe on the Lord Jesus, and you will be saved, you and your household." <sup>32</sup>They spoke the word of the Lord to him and to all who were in his house. <sup>33</sup>At the same hour of the night he took them and washed their wounds; then he and his entire family were baptized without delay. <sup>34</sup>He brought them up into the house and set food before them; and he and his entire household rejoiced that he had become a believer in God.

### Prayer of the Day

God of radical welcome, Challenge us to hear your gospel in new and different ways, that our faith might be enriched and deepened as we struggle to find its meaning for us today. In the name of Jesus, who crossed boundaries and ministered to the marginalized, even to his own condemnation, 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](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:

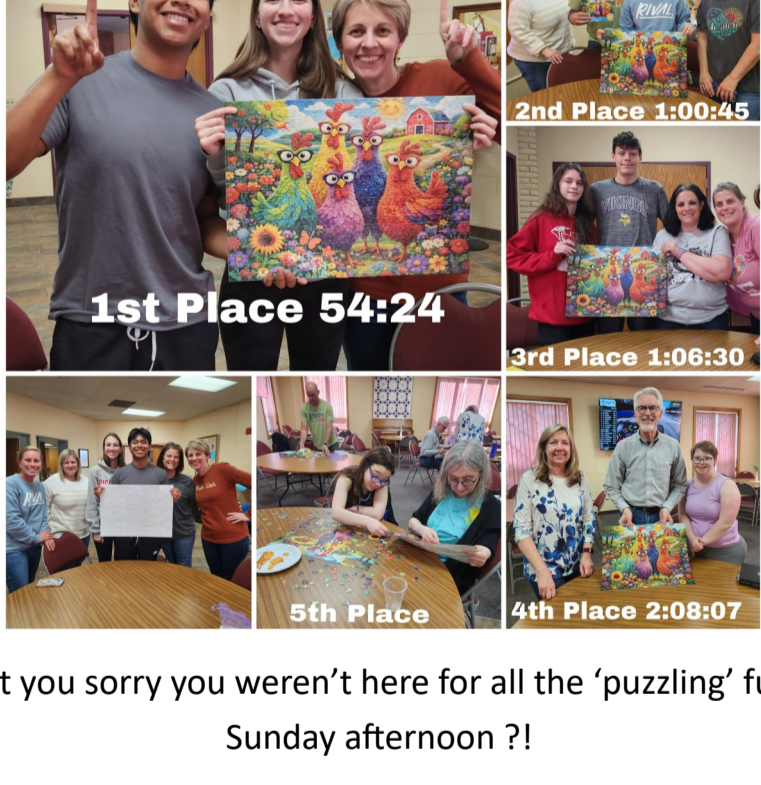
4/26	9:30 am	Worship
5/17		<b>Rhubarb Festival - Brunch (free will), auction of "experience" packages, baked goods sale (lots of Rhubarb &amp; other goodies) All funds will be donated to the 'Meals on Wheels' program through Merrick.</b>



### Monday, April 20—Sunday, April 26, 2026

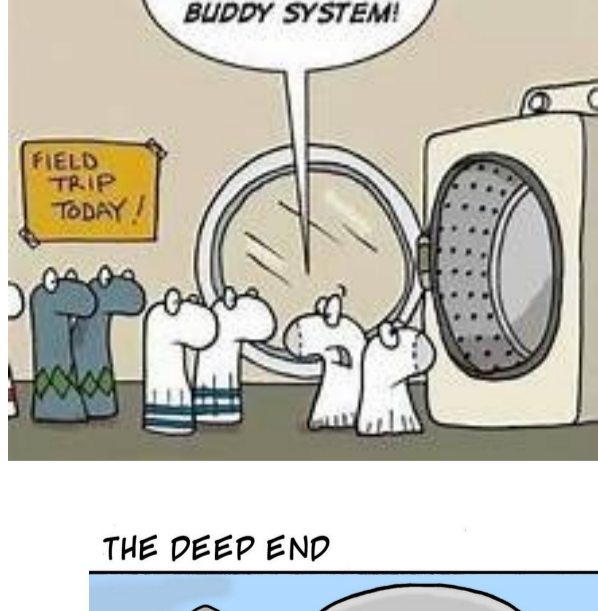
<b>Monday, April 20</b>	6-8 pm	Boy Scout Troup meets in Tower rms.*
<b>Tuesday, April 21</b>	7:00 pm	Church Council with Zoom option
	7-9 pm	Iglesias de Dios*
<b>Wednesday, April 22</b>	10-12	Coffee & Conversation
	5:30 pm	Bell rehearsal
	7:00 pm	Choir rehearsal
<b>Friday, April 24</b>	7-9 pm	Iglesias de Dios*
<b>Saturday, April 25</b>	8:15 am	Men's Bible Study (virtual)
<b>Sunday, April 26</b>	<b>9:30 am</b>	<b>Worship -</b>
		<b>Live streamed and recorded</b>
	<b>10:45 am</b>	<b>Fellowship</b>
	<b>10:45 am</b>	<b>Sunday School</b>
	12-3 pm	Iglesias de Dios*

\*outside group using facilities



Aren't you sorry you weren't here for all the 'puzzling' fun on Sunday afternoon ?!

### Church Chuckles



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