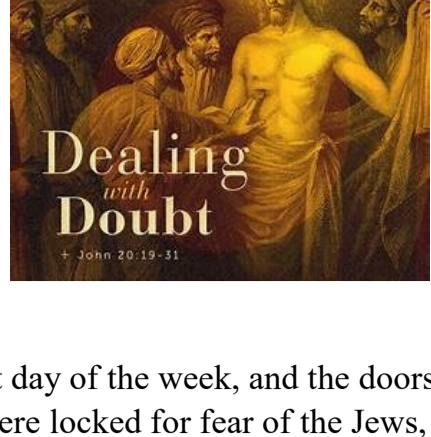


Grace at a Glance

Thomas

John 20:19-31

Sunday, April 12, 2026



Scripture John 20:19-31

¹⁹When it was evening on that day, the first day of the week, and the doors of the house where the disciples had met were locked for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you." ²⁰After he said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord. ²¹Jesus said to them again, "Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you." ²²When he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, "Receive the Holy Spirit. ²³If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained." ²⁴But Thomas (who was called the Twin), one of the twelve, was not with them when Jesus came. ²⁵So the other disciples told him, "We have seen the Lord." But he said to them, "Unless I see the mark of the nails in his hands, and put my finger in the mark of the nails and my hand in his side, I will not believe."

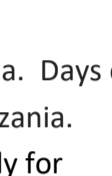
²⁶A week later his disciples were again in the house, and Thomas was with them. Although the doors were shut, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you." ²⁷Then he said to Thomas, "Put your finger here and see my hands. Reach out your hand and put it in my side. Do not doubt but believe." ²⁸Thomas answered him, "My Lord and my God!" ²⁹Jesus said to him, "Have you believed because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have come to believe." ³⁰Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of his disciples, which are not written in this book. ³¹But these are written so that you may come to believe that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God, and that through believing you may have life in his name.

Prayer of the Day

Risen God, You come into our midst and breathe on us your Holy Spirit. Empower us to believe at depth that you are with us, no matter how we experience you in our lives, and make us witnesses to one another of your very real presence among us. In your name we pray. Amen.



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), 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: 4/11 11 am Funeral for Keith Smeby
 4/12 9:30 am Worship
 4/19 9:30 am Worship
 3:00 pm 2nd Annual Puzzle Contest!

5/17 Rhubarb Festival after worship - free will

offering brunch, bake sale, auction of 'experience' packages to benefit the 'Meals on Wheels' program at Merrick Food Shelf. Get ready to donate your baked goods (especially the Rhubarb ones) and enjoy the fun and fellowship!



Monday, April 6—Sunday, April 12, 2026

- Monday, April 6** Office closed for Easter Holiday
6-8 pm Boy Scout Troup meets in Tower rms.*
- Tuesday, April 7** 12 - 2 pm Customized Options*
7-9 pm Iglesias de Dios*
- Wednesday, April 8** 10-12 Coffee & Conversation
5:30 pm Bell rehearsal
7:00 pm Choir rehearsal
- Thursday, April 9** 7:00 pm Grace Book Club (virtual)
- Friday, April 10** 7-9 pm Iglesias de Dios*
- Saturday, April 11** 8:15 am Men's Bible Study (virtual)
10 - 1 Funeral for Keith Smeby
Visitation @10, Funeral @11, Lunch @12pm
- Sunday, April 12** **9:30 am Worship -**
Live streamed and recorded
10:45 am Fellowship & Sunday School

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

