



Grace at a Glance

“The Creation”

A Musical Sonata by Larry Visser

Genesis 1:1-2:1

Sunday, August 2, 2026



Scripture Genesis 1:1-2:1

1 In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth. ² Now the earth was formless and empty, darkness was over the surface of the deep, and the Spirit of God was hovering over the waters.

³And God said, “Let there be light,” and there was light. ⁴ God saw that the light was good, and he separated the light from the darkness. ⁵ God called the light “day,” and the darkness he called “night.” And there was evening, and there was morning—the first day.

⁶And God said, “Let there be a vault between the waters to separate water from water.” ⁷ So God made the vault and separated the water under the vault from the water above it. And it was so. ⁸ God called the vault “sky.” And there was evening, and there was morning—the second day.

⁹And God said, “Let the water under the sky be gathered to one place, and let dry ground appear.” And it was so. ¹⁰ God called the dry ground “land,” and the gathered waters he called “seas.” And God saw that it was good.

¹¹ Then God said, “Let the land produce vegetation: seed-bearing plants and trees on the land that bear fruit with seed in it, according to their various kinds.” And it was so. ¹² The land produced vegetation: plants bearing seed according to their kinds and trees bearing fruit with seed in it according to their kinds. And God saw that it was good. ¹³ And there was evening, and there was morning—the third day.

¹⁴ And God said, “Let there be lights in the vault of the sky to separate the day from the night, and let them serve as signs to mark sacred times, and days and years, ¹⁵ and let them be lights in the vault of the sky to give light on the earth.” And it was so. ¹⁶ God made two great lights—the greater light to govern the day and the lesser light to govern the night. He also made the stars. ¹⁷ God set them in the vault of the sky to give light on the earth, ¹⁸ to govern the day and the night, and to separate light from darkness. And God saw that it was good. ¹⁹ And there was evening, and there was morning—the fourth day.

²⁰ And God said, “Let the water teem with living creatures, and let birds fly above the earth across the vault of the sky.” ²¹ So God created the great creatures of the sea and every living thing with which the water teems and that moves about in it, according to their kinds, and every winged bird according to its kind. And God saw that it was good. ²² God blessed them and said, “Be fruitful and increase in number and fill the water in the seas, and let the birds increase on the earth.” ²³ And there was evening, and there was morning—the fifth day.

²⁴ And God said, “Let the land produce living creatures according to their kinds: the livestock, the creatures that move along the ground, and the wild animals, each according to its kind.” And it was so. ²⁵ God made the wild animals according to their kinds, the livestock according to their kinds, and all the creatures that move along the ground according to their kinds. And God saw that it was good ²⁶ Then God said, “Let us make mankind in our image, in our likeness, so that they may rule over the fish in the sea and the birds in the sky, over the livestock and all the wild animals, and over all the creatures that move along the ground.”

²⁷ So God created mankind in his own image, in the image of God he created them; male and female he created them.

²⁸ God blessed them and said to them, “Be fruitful and increase in number; fill the earth and subdue it. Rule over the fish in the sea and the birds in the sky and over every living creature that moves on the ground.”

²⁹ Then God said, “I give you every seed-bearing plant on the face of the whole earth and every tree that has fruit with seed in it. They will be yours for food. ³⁰ And to all the beasts of the earth and all the birds in the sky and all the creatures that move along the ground—everything that has the breath of life in it—I give every green plant for food.” And it was so. ³¹ God saw all that he had made, and it was very good. And there was evening, and there was morning—the sixth day.

2 Thus the heavens and the earth were completed in all their vast array.

Prayer of the Day

Almighty God, Lord of heaven and earth, we humbly pray that your gracious providence may give and preserve to our use the fruitfulness of the land and the seas, and may prosper all who labor therein; that we, who are constantly receiving good things from your hand, may always give you thanks, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen



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

AUGUST MISSION OF THE MONTH

August's Mission of the Month at Grace is Feed My Starving Children. FMSC is a Christian non-profit organization that co-ordinates the packing and distribution of food to people in developing nations. Founded in 1987 it has been involved in more that 70 countries.

FSMC consistently received the highest awards for integrity and trustworthiness, earning a 4 star rating from Charity Navigation for 17 years. FSMC is 100% funded by donors - no government assistance is provided.

So far from January - April 2026 132.9 million meals were shipped by FMSC. These meals will feed 381,408 kids a daily meal for a year.

Please prayerfully consider making a contribution to this wonderful organization which reaches out to some of the most vulnerable of God's people with one of their basic needs - FOOD. With your help 2026 can be the year there was food. 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 9:30am 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 continue to livestream and post recordings of the services each week on our website and Facebook page as well as on our You Tube channel. 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.

<u>Upcoming:</u>	8/2	9:30 am Worship in Sanctuary. 10:30 am Fellowship
	8/9	Worship in the Park with ESCo churches. 10:00 am at Keller Park shelters #5 & 6



Grace, our caterpillar, now has a friend with her in her space to keep her company thanks to Amanda. She continues to grow.....



& Christie's went camping over last weekend. They made s'mores and talked about the VBS lesson as they attempted to survive the heat!!



Monday, July 27—Sunday, August 2, 2026

Monday, July 27	12-2 pm Customized Options* 6-8 Boy Scouts *
Tuesday, July 28	7-9 pm Iglesias de Dios*
Wednesday, July 29	10-12 Coffee & Conversation
Friday, July 31	7-9 pm Iglesias de Dios*
Sunday, August 2	9:30 am Worship in Sanctuary Live streamed to Facebook and viewable in the Tower room (air conditioned) and recorded. 10:30am Fellowship 12-3 pm Iglesias de Dios*

*outside group using facilities

Church Chuckles

“In the beginning there was nothing and God said ‘Let there be light,’ and there was still nothing but everybody could see it.” Dave Thomas

