

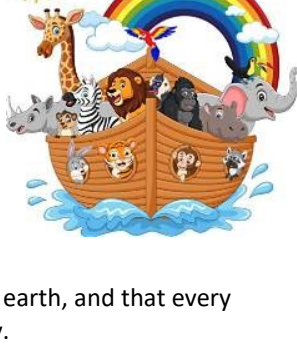
Grace at a Glance

Flood and Promises

Genesis 6:5-22, 8:6-12, 9:8-17

Sunday, September 13, 2026

Rally Day



Scripture Genesis 6:5-22, 8:6-12, 9:8-17

⁵The Lord saw that the wickedness of humankind was great in the earth, and that every inclination of the thoughts of their hearts was only evil continually.

⁶And the Lord was sorry that he had made humankind on the earth, and it grieved him to his heart. ⁷So the Lord said, "I will blot out from the earth the human beings I have created—people together with animals and creeping things and birds of the air, for I am sorry that I have made them."

⁸But Noah found favor in the sight of the Lord. ⁹These are the descendants of Noah. Noah was a righteous man, blameless in his generation; Noah walked with God. ¹⁰And Noah had three sons, Shem, Ham, and Japheth.

¹¹Now the earth was corrupt in God's sight, and the earth was filled with violence. ¹²And God saw that the earth was corrupt; for all flesh had corrupted its ways upon the earth.

¹³And God said to Noah, "I have determined to make an end of all flesh, for the earth is filled with violence because of them; now I am going to destroy them along with the earth. ¹⁴Make yourself an ark of cypress wood; make rooms in the ark, and cover it inside and out with pitch. ¹⁵This is how you are to make it: the length of the ark three hundred cubits, its width fifty cubits, and its height thirty cubits. ¹⁶Make a roof for the ark, and finish it to a cubit above; and put the door of the ark in its side; make it with lower, second, and third decks. ¹⁷For my part, I am going to bring a flood of waters on the earth, to destroy from under heaven all flesh in which is the breath of life; everything that is on the earth shall die. ¹⁸But I will establish my covenant with you; and you shall come into the ark, you, your sons, your wife, and your sons' wives with you. ¹⁹And of every living thing, of all flesh, you shall bring two of every kind into the ark, to keep them alive with you; they shall be male and female. ²⁰Of the birds according to their kinds, and of the animals according to their kinds, of every creeping thing of the ground according to its kind, two of every kind shall come in to you, to keep them alive. ²¹Also take with you every kind of food that is eaten, and store it up; and it shall serve as food for you and for them."

²²Noah did this; he did all that God commanded him.

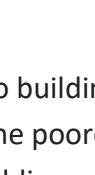
⁶At the end of forty days Noah opened the window of the ark that he had made ⁷and sent out the raven; and it went to and fro until the waters were dried up from the earth. ⁸Then he sent out the dove from him, to see if the waters had subsided from the face of the ground; ⁹but the dove found no place to set its foot, and it returned to him to the ark, for the waters were still on the face of the whole earth. So he put out his hand and took it and brought it into the ark with him. ¹⁰He waited another seven days, and again he sent out the dove from the ark; ¹¹and the dove came back to him in the evening, and there in its beak was a freshly plucked olive leaf; so Noah knew that the waters had subsided from the earth. ¹²Then he waited another seven days, and sent out the dove; and it did not return to him anymore.

⁸Then God said to Noah and to his sons with him, ⁹"As for me, I am establishing my covenant with you and your descendants after you, ¹⁰and with every living creature that is with you, the birds, the domestic animals, and every animal of the earth with you, as many as came out of the ark. ¹¹I establish my covenant with you, that never again shall all flesh be cut off by the waters of a flood, and never again shall there be a flood to destroy the earth."

¹²God said, "This is the sign of the covenant that I make between me and you and every living creature that is with you, for all future generations: ¹³I have set my bow in the clouds, and it shall be a sign of the covenant between me and the earth. ¹⁴When I bring clouds over the earth and the bow is seen in the clouds, ¹⁵I will remember my covenant that is between me and you and every living creature of all flesh; and the waters shall never again become a flood to destroy all flesh. ¹⁶When the bow is in the clouds, I will see it and remember the everlasting covenant between God and every living creature of all flesh that is on the earth." ¹⁷God said to Noah, "This is the sign of the covenant that I have established between me and all flesh that is on the earth."

Prayer of the Day

God of promise, You are not a God of destruction, but of rebirth. In your love, you protect and cherish us. Your eternal promise is to renew us and lead us into flourishing. May our gratitude for your love so spill over that we, in turn, commit ourselves to the flourishing of your whole creation. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.



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

SEPTEMBER MISSION OF THE MONTH

The Mission of the month for September at Grace is Houses for Haiti. Houses for Haiti is a non-profit organization dedicated to building houses for homeless families living on the streets of Cite Solei, the poorest slum in the Western Hemisphere. With no jobs, education or public assistance, many families have no hope of ever living in a concrete dwelling. H for H believes that every person deserves to live in a safe environment free from disease and filth that is always present on the streets of Haiti.

The organization was founded in April 2008 by two sisters from Arlington Hills Presbyterian Church. With the assistance of Pastor Leone Dorien who is in Cite Solei, they select one or two families each year to receive houses. They have built 45 houses to date.

Houses for Haiti's goal is to raise enough money each year to build one or two houses. The organization is comprised of volunteers and over 96% of funds goes to purchasing supplies and pay local contractors to build the houses (which helps to put money back into the local economy). Up until recently teams have made trips to Haiti to paint the homes and do some finishing work but future trips have been postponed due to kidnappings, murders, robbery and protest.

Please prayerfully consider making a donation to this organization and help to change the lives and give hope to some of God's poorest children living on the streets of Haiti. Please use your blue multi-purpose envelope, mark mission of the month and place in the offering plate 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 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.

Upcoming: 9/9 NO rehearsals - plan on starting on 9/16 Bells 5:30 pm and S. Choir 7 pm

9/13 8:30 am Sanctuary Choir rehearsal in balcony

9:30 am Worship in the Sanctuary

Rally Day!

10:30 am Sunday School !



Monday, September 7—Sunday, September 13, 2026

Monday, September 7	Labor Day - Office closed
Tuesday, September 8	12-2 Customized Options * 1:00 pm Worship comm. + Hymn planning 6 pm Property Mgmt 6:30 pm CCC (virtual) 7-9 pm Iglesias de Dios*
Wednesday, September 9	10-12 Coffee & Conversation NO rehearsals
Thursday, September 10	1:30 pm XYZ's planning meeting
Friday, September 11	7-9 pm Iglesias de Dios*
Sunday, September 6	8:30am Sanctuary Choir rehearsal 9:30 am Worship in Sanctuary Live streamed to Facebook and recorded. 10:30 am Fellowship 12-3 pm Iglesias de Dios*

*outside group using facilities

Church Chuckles

