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Joshua Renews the Covenant

Joshua 24:1-15, [16-26]

October 18, 2026

Scripture Joshua 24:1-26

Then Joshua gathered all the tribes of Israel to Shechem, and summoned the elders, the heads the judges, and the officers of Israel; and they presented themselves before God. ²And Joshua said to all the people, “Thus says the Lord, the God of Israel: Long ago your ancestors—Terah and his sons Abraham and Nahor—lived beyond the Euphrates and served other gods. ³Then I took your father Abraham from beyond the River and led him through all the land of Canaan and made his offspring many. I gave him Isaac; ⁴and to Isaac I gave Jacob and Esau. I gave Esau the hill country of Seir to possess, but Jacob and his children went down to Egypt. ⁵Then I sent Moses and Aaron, and I plagued Egypt with what I did in its midst; and afterwards I brought you out. ⁶When I brought your ancestors out of Egypt, you came to the sea; and the Egyptians pursued your ancestors with chariots and horsemen to the Red Sea. ⁷When they cried out to the Lord, he put darkness between you and the Egyptians, and made the sea come upon them and cover them; and your eyes saw what I did to Egypt. Afterwards you lived in the wilderness a long time. ⁸Then I brought you to the land of the Amorites, who lived on the other side of the Jordan; they fought with you, and I handed them over to you, and you took possession of their land, and I destroyed them before you. ⁹Then King Balak son of Zippor of Moab, set out to fight against Israel. He sent and invited Balaam son of Beor to curse you, ¹⁰but I would not listen to Balaam; therefore he blessed you; so I rescued you out of his hand. ¹¹When you went over the Jordan and came to Jericho, the citizens of Jericho fought against

you, and also the Amorites, the Perizzites, the Canaanites, the Hittites, the Girgashites, the Hivites, and the Jebusites; and I handed them over to you. ¹²I sent the hornet ahead of you, which drove out before you the two kings of the Amorites; it was not by your sword or by your bow. ¹³I gave you a land on which you had not labored, and towns that you had not built, and you live in them; you eat the fruit of vineyards and oliveyards that you did not plant. ¹⁴“Now therefore revere the Lord, and serve him in sincerity and in faithfulness; put away the gods that your ancestors served beyond the River and in Egypt, and serve the Lord.

¹⁵Now if you are unwilling to serve the Lord, choose this day whom you will serve, whether the gods your ancestors served in the region beyond the River or the gods of the Amorites in whose land you are living; but as for me and my household, we will serve the Lord.”

[¹⁶Then the people answered, “Far be it from us that we should forsake the Lord to serve other gods; ¹⁷for it is the Lord our God who brought us and our ancestors up from the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery, and who did those great signs in our sight. He protected us along all the way that we went, and among all the peoples through whom we passed; ¹⁸and the Lord drove out before us all the peoples, the Amorites who lived in the land. Therefore we also will serve the Lord, for he is our God.” ¹⁹But Joshua said to the people, “You cannot serve the Lord, for he is a holy God. He is a jealous God; he will not forgive your transgressions or your sins. ²⁰If you forsake the Lord and serve foreign gods, then he will turn and do you harm, and consume you, after having done you good.” ²¹And the people said to Joshua, “No, we will serve the Lord!” ²²Then Joshua said to the people, “You are witnesses against yourselves that you have chosen the Lord, to serve him.” And they said, “We are witnesses.” ²³He said, “Then put away the foreign gods that are among you, and incline your hearts to the Lord, the God of Israel.” ²⁴The people said to Joshua, “The Lord our God we will serve, and him we will obey.” ²⁵So Joshua made a covenant with the people that day, and made statutes and ordinances for them at Shechem. ²⁶Joshua wrote these words in the book of the law of God; and he took a large stone, and set it up there under the oak in the sanctuary of the Lord.]

Prayer of the Day

God of promise, renew in us each day your covenant with us—that you will be our God and we will be your people. Open our hearts to your call to be your hands and feet in the world, to love, serve, and do justice for

the flourishing of all creation. Guide us in all we do and say this day and every day. In Jesus name we pray. Amen.

OCTOBER MISSION OF THE MONTH

Youth Link is the mission of the month for October at Grace. Youth Link serves young people ages 16-24 experiencing or at risk of homelessness in the Twin Cities. They help youth at all stages of their journey. 1,315 youth experience homelessness on any night in Minnesota.

For over 45 years Youth Link has connected young people with a community of resources and support. They provide basic needs such as a hot shower or warm meal, assistance with employment or education goals, accessing physical or mental health resources or finding housing.

Youth Link also staffs two supportive housing complexes with a combined 88 units with on-site managers.

Please prayerfully consider donating to this organization which reaches out in Christian love to the young people in Minnesota struggling to find a better life. 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 continue to livestream and post recordings of the services each week on our website and Facebook page as well as on our YouTube 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: 10/14 Rehearsals - Bells 5:30 pm and S. Choir 7 pm

10/18 9:30 am Worship in the Sanctuary
10:30 am Fellowship
10:30 am Sunday School



Monday, October 12 - Sunday, October 18, 2026

Monday, October 12 10:00 am Missions Committee meets
 1:30 pm Business Mgmt Comm. meets

Tuesday, October 13 1:00 pm Hymn Planning?
 6:00 pm Property Mgmt?
 6:30 pm Community Conn.virtual)
 7-9 pm Iglesias de Dios*

Wednesday, October 14 10-12 Coffee & Conversation
 Rehearsals: 5:30 Bells 7pm Sanc. Choir

Friday, October 16 7-9 pm Iglesias de Dios*

Saturday, October 17 12-4 pm Iglesias Marriage Counseling*

Sunday, October 18 **9:30 am Worship in Sanctuary**
 Live streamed to Facebook and recorded.
 10:30 am Fellowship
 10:30 am Sunday School

12-3 pm Iglesias de Dios*

*outside group using facilities

Church Chuckles



"Prayer is no longer allowed in churches
because it discriminates against non-believers."

Questions or comments? Email us at gracelutheranstpaul@gmail.com or call 651-774-9617