

Grace at a Glance

Forgiven at Jesus' Feet

Luke 7:36-50

Sunday, February 23, 2025

Pancakes & Puppets!

Her sins,
which are many,
are forgiven
for she loved
much.

Luke 7:47



Scripture - Luke 7:36-50

³⁶One of the Pharisees asked Jesus to eat with him, and he went into the Pharisee's house and took his place at the table. ³⁷And a woman in the city, who was a sinner, having learned that he was eating in the Pharisee's house, brought an alabaster jar of ointment. ³⁸She stood behind him at his feet, weeping, and began to bathe his feet with her tears and to dry them with her hair. Then she continued kissing his feet and anointing them with the ointment. ³⁹Now when the Pharisee who had invited him saw it, he said to himself, "If this man were a prophet, he would have known who and what kind of woman this is who is touching him – that she is a sinner."

⁴⁰Jesus spoke up and said to him, "Simon, I have something to say to you." "Teacher," he replied, "Speak." ⁴¹"A certain creditor had two debtors; one owed five hundred denarii, and the other fifty. ⁴²When they could not pay, he canceled the debts for both of them. Now which of them will love him more?" ⁴³Simon answered, "I suppose the one for whom he canceled the greater debt." And Jesus said to him, "You have judged rightly." ⁴⁴Then turning toward the woman, he said to Simon, "Do you see this woman? I entered your house; you gave me no water for my feet, but she has bathed my feet with her tears and dried them with her hair. ⁴⁵You gave me no kiss, but from the time I came in she has not stopped kissing my feet. ⁴⁶You did not anoint my head with oil, but she has anointed my feet with ointment. ⁴⁷Therefore, I tell you, her sins, which were many, have been forgiven; hence she has shown great love. But the one to whom little is forgiven, loves little." ⁴⁸Then he said to her, "Your sins are forgiven." ⁴⁹But those who were at the table with him began to say among themselves, "Who is this who even forgives sins?" ⁵⁰And he said to the woman, "Your faith has saved you; go in peace."

Prayer of the Day

Gracious God,

Help us embrace and extend the forgiveness and compassion we witness in Jesus' actions. May we live in grateful and faithful response to your immeasurable love. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen



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



FEBRUARY MISSION OF THE MONTH

The Mission of the Month for February at Grace is **Operation Smile**. A cleft is a gap in the mouth that did not close during the early stages of pregnancy, and it happens more often than you realize. Cleft lip and palate are believed to be the most common craniofacial differences worldwide. Without intervention affected children battle a lifetime of difficulties with eating, breathing, speaking and mental health.

Cleft lip and palate go untreated due to cost, lack of access to qualified medical staff and social stigma against medical intervention. At Operation Smile, they are committed to erasing these barriers to care.

The cost of care and surgery varies by country. A cleft surgery can cost as little as \$240.00. This is made possible by the generosity of volunteer medical professionals and corporate donations of essential supplies and equipment. Please prayerfully consider making a gift to Operation Smile to reach out and improve the quality of life for children who are waiting for access to medical intervention around the world. 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 have a dedicated free phone line which you can call in and listen to the livestreaming worship services. So if you don't have a computer or would rather just listen, call in on 1-(833) 579 - 2830. We are working on improving the quality of this experience. Please pass this number to your friends without computers.

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.

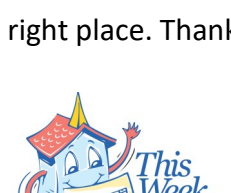
The office hours are M-Thurs, 9:30-1:30. Feel free to call the church (651-774-9617) with any questions, prayers, or requests for help.

Upcoming: **February 23** Pancakes & Puppets during Fellowship hour.

March 2 Mardi Gras Appetizer & Dessert potluck during Fellowship hour!

The world-renowned Concordia Choir of Moorhead, Minnesota, under the direction of Dr. Michael Culloton, will perform at Lord of Life Lutheran Church in Maple Grove on Sunday, February 23rd at 2 p.m. and at Trinity Lutheran in Stillwater on Saturday, March 15th at 2 p.m.. From the music of J.S. Bach to familiar hymn arrangements, The Concordia Choir will amaze you with their technical mastery and incredible sound. Visit ConcordiaTickets.com for tickets.

Sound & Video System - The upgrade in the Tower rooms is complete and the new system in the Sanctuary has been installed!! We are currently at **\$23,975.00** including the SGM gifts. Please label any gifts for the Sound System so that they get to the right place. Thank you!!



Monday, February 17 – Sunday, February 23, 2025

Tuesday, February 18 Church Council on Zoom only due to cold temps

Wednesday, February 19 10-12 Coffee & Conversation

Saturday, February 22 8:15 am Men's Bible Study (virtual)
10 - 12 SLCMs Meet in Tower room
11-2 SLCM Youth Meet in Tower room

Sunday, February 23 **8:30 am Sanctuary Choir rehearsal**
9:00 am GGG's rehearsal
9:30 am Worship-
Live streamed and recorded
Phone in line 1-(833) 579 -2830

10:45 am Puppets & Pancakes
no Sunday School today

Sunday School question of the week -

How many days did Jesus wander in the wilderness after his baptism?

Answer from last week:

Blessed are the Poor in Spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven

Blessed are those who mourn, for they shall be comforted

Blessed are the meek, for they shall inherit the earth

Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for the righteousness, for they will be fulfilled

Blessed are the merciful, for they will be shown mercy

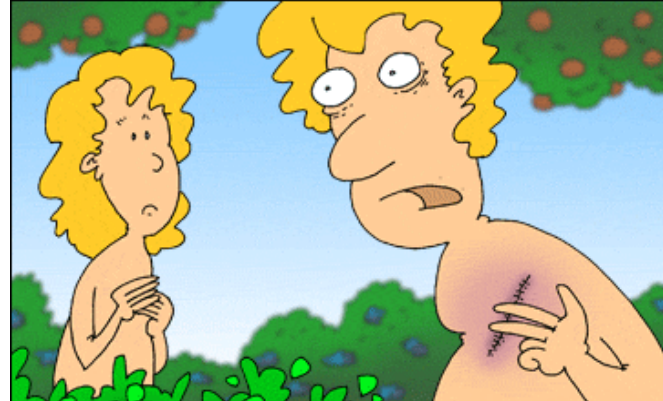
Blessed are the pure in heart, for they will see God

Blessed are the Peacemakers, for they will be called children of God

Blessed are they who are persecuted for the sake of righteousness, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven

Church Chuckles

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Thanks to Jon LeBlanc (See Genesis 1:1-2:3) 02-01-2010

YOU HAVE NO IDEA HOW MUCH PAIN IS INVOLVED IN BRINGING ANOTHER PERSON INTO THIS WORLD

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Thanks to Wilma Melendez 02-12-2010

SORRY FELLA, THE DRESS CODE STILL APPLIES ON VALENTINES DAY