



Grace at a Glance

Raising the Widow's Son

Luke 7:1-17

Sunday, February 9, 2025

Scripture - Luke 7:1-17

After Jesus had finished all his sayings in the hearing of the people, he entered Capernaum. ²A centurion there had a slave whom he valued highly, and who was ill and close to death. ³When he heard about Jesus, he sent some Jewish elders to him, asking him to come and heal his slave. ⁴When they came to Jesus, they appealed to him earnestly, saying, "He is worthy of having you do this for him, ⁵for he loves our people, and it is he who built our synagogue for us." ⁶And Jesus went with them, but when he was not far from the house, the centurion sent friends to say to him, "Lord, do not trouble yourself, for I am not worthy to have you come under my roof; ⁷therefore I did not presume to come to you. But only speak the word, and let my servant be healed. ⁸For I also am a man set under authority, with soldiers under me; and I say to one, 'Go,' and he goes, and to another, 'Come,' and he comes, and to my slave, 'Do this,' and the slave does it." ⁹When Jesus heard this he was amazed at him, and turning to the crowd that followed him, he said, "I tell you, not even in Israel have I found such faith." ¹⁰When those who had been sent returned to the house, they found the slave in good health.

¹¹Soon afterwards he went to a town called Nain, and his disciples and a large crowd went with him. ¹²As he approached the gate of the town, a man who had died was being carried out. He was his mother's only son, and she was a widow; and with her was a large crowd from the town. ¹³When the Lord saw her, he had compassion for her and said to her, "Do not weep." ¹⁴Then he came forward and touched the bier, and the bearers stood still. And he said, "Young man, I say to you, rise!" ¹⁵The dead man sat up and began to speak, and Jesus gave him to his mother. ¹⁶Fear seized all of them; and they glorified God, saying, "A great prophet has risen among us!" and "God has looked favorably on his people!" ¹⁷This word about him spread throughout Judea and all the surrounding country.



Prayer of the Day

Gracious God,

Help us to show love and empathy to those around us. Open our eyes to see what others are going through, and guide us to care for them. 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.

We have some interest in starting a group of crocheters and knitters to meet together 1 or 2 times a month for fellowship and handwork. If you might be interested also, please let the office or Linda Sackreiter know. We are looking at the possibility of meeting at the same time as the Quilters are working in the Tower room twice a month. Warm up those hooks and needles!

Sound & Video System - The upgrade in the Tower rooms is complete and the new system in the Sanctuary has been installed!! The Special Gifts and Memorials Committee has given a donation of \$10,000 toward the funding as well as another \$5000 in matching funds for any incoming donations. 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 3 – Sunday, February 9, 2025

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Wednesday, February 5 10-12 Coffee & Conversation

Thursday, February 6 7 pm Grace Book Club (virtual)

Sunday, February 9
8:30 am Bells of Grace rehearsal
8:50 am Sanctuary Choir rehearsal
9:30 am Worship-
Live streamed and recorded
Phone in line 1-(833) 579 -2830
10:30 am Fellowship & Sunday School

Sunday School question of the week -

(We are caught up for the moment.)

Answer from last week:

Drop your nets and come Follow me, I will make you fishers of people

Construction and Traffic updates!

Most of the detours on the streets in the area are also complete so we think we are back to normal for the winter.

Thanks for your patience!!

Church Chuckles

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Thanks to Mark Highum
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 QUITE INNOVATIVE I JUST DON'T THINK
 THAT THE CHURCH IS READY FOR A
 CARNIVAL APPROACH TO BAPTISM

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