

THE STORY

READ THE STORY. EXPERIENCE THE BIBLE.

CHAPTER 20: The Queen of Beauty and Courage



THE STORY

FINDING YOUR STORY IN GOD'S STORY.

GRACE LUTHERAN CHURCH

4 June 2023, 10:13am

PRE-SERVICE MUSIC and CANDLE LIGHTING

WELCOME and ANNOUNCEMENTS

Please stand as you are able.

OPENING SONGS

You Never Let Go

Beth Redman, Matt Redman

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O Worship the King

Robert Grant, Johann Haydn

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INVOCATION and OPENING PRAYER

Please be seated.

CHAPTER THE STORY: CHAPTER 20

Rene' Shanle-Hutzell

The Queen of Beauty and Courage

THE STORY VIDEO

SONG OF THE DAY

To God Be the Glory

Fanny J Crosby and William H Doane

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CHILDREN'S CHURCH

Grace Havens

(K- 6th grade students are excused to attend "THE STORY FOR KIDS" in the ANNEX)

SCRIPTURE READINGS

Esther 9:20-32

Jim Ramsey

Luke 12:1-12

Joanne Runnels

THE STORY CONTINUES . . .

Upper Story (*God's Story*)

"Positioned For Such a Time As This"

Lower Story (*Our Story*)

"God Controls the Roll of the Dice"

Sermon Notes

Main Point

Scripture Verse

Upper Story Meaning

God's Perspective

Lower Story Meaning

Our perspective

THE STORY Meaning

How do the two stories become THE Story?

Application

What does this mean for me?

THANKFUL GIVING OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

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Please stand.

OFFERTORY SONG

Give Thanks

Henry Smith

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WHAT WE BELIEVE ~ Apostles' Creed

**I believe in God, the Father Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth.**

**And in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died and was buried.
He descended into hell.
The third day He rose again from the dead.
He ascended into heaven
and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty.
From thence He will come to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy Christian Church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life † everlasting. Amen.**

REPENTANCE AND RENEWAL

By God's grace and peace, let us receive the full knowledge of every good thing that is in us for the sake of Christ. Father, hear now the silent prayers of confession that we bring before You.

Silence for reflection on God's Word and for self-examination.

Father in heaven,

We confess that we have run away from Your presence. By what we do and what we fail to do, we have turned our backs on Your love. Forgive us, Father. Draw us again to the cross of Your Son that we may be restored in our relationship with You.

Brothers and sisters in Christ, we are promised redemption and restoration in the presence of our Father, who hears your prayers, and for the sake of His Son, Jesus Christ, forgives you all your sins. Therefore, as a called and ordained servant of Christ, and by His authority, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the ✝ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

Amen. Thanks be to You, O LORD, our God.

Please be seated.

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

Please stand.

SERVICE OF THE HOLY SUPPER

Holy Communion is a confession of the faith whereby we profess at this altar that our Lord Jesus Christ gives into our mouths not only bread and wine but His very body and blood to eat and to drink for the forgiveness of sins and to strengthen our union with Him and with one another. Therefore, any who are not yet instructed, or who are in doubt, or who hold a confession differing from that of this congregation and The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod, are respectfully asked to refrain from partaking in the meal and instead may come to the altar and receive a blessing, or remain in your pew during distribution, and afterwards speak with the pastor.

OPENING SENTENCES

The Lord be with you.

2 Timothy 4:22

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

Colossians 3:1

We lift them up to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord, our God.

Psalm 136

It is right to give Him thanks and praise.

It is truly good, right, and proper . . . evermore praising You and saying:

Holy, holy, holy Lord
God of Sa -bā - oth adored;
Heav'n and earth with full acclaim
Shout the glory of Your name.
Sing hosanna in the highest,
Sing hosanna to the Lord;
Truly blest is He who comes
In the name of the Lord!

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Mathew 6:9-13

Taught by our Lord and trusting His promises, we are bold to pray:

**Our Father who art in heaven,
hallowed be thy name,
Thy kingdom come,
Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven;
give us this day our daily bread;
and forgive us our trespasses
as we forgive those who trespass against us;
and lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom
and the power and the glory
forever and ever. Amen.**

THE WORDS OF OUR LORD

*Matthew 26:26-28; Mark 14:22-24;
Luke 22:19-20; 1 Corinthians 11:23-25*

THE PEACE

The peace of the Lord be with you always.
Amen.

John 20:19

Please be seated.

MY CONFESSIONAL PRAYER

I REJOICE in Jesus as my personal Lord and Savior.
I REPENT of all my sins in thought, word, and deed.
I RECEIVE Christ's real body and blood, as well as the bread and wine in this Sacrament.
I RELY on our Savior's promise of forgiveness of sins, life, and salvation given to me
through this Holy Supper.
I REAFFIRM my oneness with fellow communicants in accepting all of Christ's teaching.
I RESOLVE to live a sanctified life by the power of the Holy Spirit.

DISTRIBUTION SONGS

Let Forgiveness Flow

Danny Daniels

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Lord, Be Glorified

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Nothing But the Blood

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Seek Ye First

Karen Lafferty

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Please stand.

POST-COMMUNION SONG

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Thank the Lord

Thank the Lord and sing His praise;
Tell everyone what He has done.
Let all who seek the Lord rejoice
And proudly bear His name.
He recalls His promises and leads
His people forth in joy
With shouts of thanksgiving.
Alleluia, alleluia.

POST-COMMUNION THANKSGIVING

Please be seated.

THE STORY CHALLENGE

Joanne Runnels

Please stand.

BLESSING TO DEPART

DEPARTING SONG

The Awesome God You Are

Ed Cash, Jason Ingram, Matt Redman

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Thank you for worshiping with us today.

Please join us for refreshments and conversation in the Grace Fellowship Hall.

“Go in peace and serve the Lord.”

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