THE STORY

READ THE STORY. EXPERIENCE THE BIBLE.

CHAPTER 22: The Birth of the King



THE STORY

FINDING YOUR STORY IN GOD'S STORY.

GRACE LUTHERAN CHURCH 18 June 2023, 10:13am

PRE-SERVICE MUSIC and CANDLE LIGHTING

WELCOME and ANNOUNCEMENTS Happy Father's Day!

Please stand as you are able.

OPENING SONGS

The Awesome God You AreMatt Redman, Ed Cash, Jason Ingram

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The Power of Your Love

Geoff Bullock

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INVOCATION and OPENING PRAYER

Please be seated.

CHAPTER 22: The Birth of the King

Introduction Abbie Crist

THE STORY VIDEO

SONG OF THE DAY

You Are My KingBilly Foote

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CHILDREN'S CHURCH Jane Goss

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

SCRIPTURE READINGS

Isaiah 60:1-6 "The Glory of Zion" Steve Yearout

John 1:1-14 "The Word Became Flesh" Karen Sanders

THE STORY CONTINUES . . .

Upper Story (God's Story) "The Word Is Born"

Lower Story (Our Story) "Not Too Crowded, Too Late, Too Common"

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

Thank you for your faithful prayers and financial support of Grace Ministries.

Our ability to continue to serve you, the Church, and our community is greatly dependent upon the willingness of God's people to give of their time, talents and treasures. Please remember to support the LORD's Church by regularly sending in your tithes and offerings; by mail, online at www.GraceLutheranCC.com/Giving, or download the *GivePlus* Mobile App. As the Apostle Paul writes, "Each one must give as he has made up his mind, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver" (2 Corinthians 9:7). If you brought your tithe or offering with you today, you may place them in the box marked "I Bring An Offering To The Lord" sitting on the table next to the usher's station at the entrance to the sanctuary.

Please stand.

OFFERTORY SONG
No Greater Love

Don Harris, Martin Nystrom

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WHAT WE BELIEVE ~ Apostles' Creed

See hymnal back cover

Please be seated.

REPENTANCE and RENEWAL

Let us make confession of our sins to God, our gracious heavenly Father.

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

Eternal God,

we confess that we are by nature sinful and that sin is ever-present in our lives. O God, in Your mercy, forgive our sin. Redirect and renew us, that we may joyfully follow Your will and gladly obey Your commandments. Graciously forgive our sins and, by the leading of the Holy Spirit, guide us in ways of compassion and love.

God's plan of salvation has been unwavering since creation. The prophecies were kept, our Savior, Jesus, entered human history to save us from our sins, and to all who believe in his name, he gives the right to become children of God, Therefore, as a called and ordained servant of the Word, I announce the grace of God unto all of you, and in the stead and by the command of my Lord Jesus Christ, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the \(\frac{1}{4} \) Son and of the Holy Spirit.

Amen.

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

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

Take and Eat

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Open Our Eyes

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The Reconciliation Song

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They'll Know We Are Christians

Peter Scholtes

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Please stand.

SONG OF THANKS

Thank the Lord and sing His praise; tell ev'ryone 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 PRAYER

BLESSING TO DEPART

THE STORY CHALLENGE

René Hutzell

CLOSING SONG

Your Love Never Fails

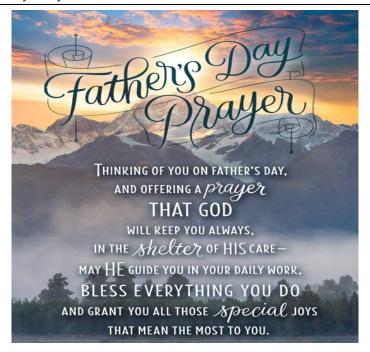
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Thank you for worshiping with us today.

For all Men of Grace, Enjoy a Special Treat From your Fellowship Team!

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



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June 18, 2023 WELCOME VISITORS AND GUESTS!

We're glad you're here and invite you to consider yourself part of our Grace Family. We would love to connect with you. Please fill in the "Welcome Card" found in the pew rack and place it in the basket on the table at the entrance to the sanctuary. Thank You!

Thank you for your faithful prayers and financial support of Grace Ministries.

Tithes and offerings may be placed in the grey box sitting on the table next to the Usher's Station at the back of the sanctuary.

OUR STEWARDSHIP

General Giving Needed Monthly: \$17,917

June--month to date: \$5788
Designated Giving: \$20,000

(ADA Bathroom)
Building Fund: \$5000
Sunday School/Mission: \$10
Food Pantry: 21 people/52 bags
Worship Attendance: 54

Small Group Studies: 45



Coming soon! Our biggest Community Service Project of the year: The Del Norte County Fair.

For many years, Grace Lutheran Church has hosted the set up & tear down of the Large Hall Exhibits. We also 'man' the Hall all 4 days of the fair.

Once again, we'll be wearing our Grace T-Shirts to let the community know we love them and we love to serve!

Watch for Sign Up Sheets coming to the Fellowship Hall.



People who are traveling: Patsy Nettleton; Carole and David Cink; Roy & Sharon Tedsen

Healing: Owen Crist -facing many surgeries ahead, Sheila Shanle undergoing chemo again; Francisco Torres recovering from surgery to remove a cancerous tumor; Chris Colacicco (Sue D'Errico's younger brother) for important health decisions to be made; Bryan Stanley recovery from May 19 surgery; Patricia Waggoner (friend of Erik Hauan) awaiting gastral-intestinal surgery; Stephanie MacDonald & Son Christopher for guidance; Robin Chase who has cancer; prayers for the aging in our congregation and those recently diagnosed with cancer. Encouragement: Joan Butler who is caring for her mother.

IN OUR CONTINUED PRAYERS

Those who are hospitalized, chronically ill, in nursing home/care facilities, or otherwise in need of encouragement.

Cards and calls are always appreciated!

Bryan Stanley, Angela Stanley, Preston Reed (Janis Sad's brother, heart & lung issues), Jeannie Tardif, Mary Jean Ames, Seth Bauer, Ruthe Mayer, Winnifred 'Wyn' Miller, Ashlie and Jared Newton, Ashlie Reed, Pam Meirndorf 's relative Julia Schafer who is in dialysis; Mary Rupprecht, Nancy and David Scott, Della Schmidt, Ray Melvin's brother Gary, the family of Tony Dantzman.

Family and friends serving in the military: Chris Beeson, Sgt. Troy Clements, David Eninger, Gannon Machado, Collin Matz, Daniel Quick, Mark Tatara, Brent Thompson, Guy Walker, and Antonia Shanle.

Please help us to stay up to date regarding those in need of our prayers by calling the office at 707-464-4712. Please report back any updates.



Please take a 'Name' from the Bucket Of Blessings & Pray for that person all week!

Mission Project Update:





Our Quarterly Mission (which ends June 30th) is our own Grace Food Pantry.

We have been distributing about 50 bags of groceries each Monday.

What do WE need?

- Bread! Grocery Staples
- Monetary donations to purchase food
- Helping Hands! To stock, pack bags & distribute
 Please see Jim Ramsey for more details







Save the dates!

- Family River Day & Picnic at Jed Smith
 1:00pm Sunday, July 30th
- Family Beach Day & Picnic at Endert's Beach
 3:00pm Sunday, August 27th
- Grace Outdoor Worship In The Park & Church Picnic 11:00am Sunday, September 17th

THIS WEEK AT GRACE

OFFICE OPEN 10:00AM - 3:00PM | TUESDAY - FRIDAY

June 18-25, 2023

NOTE: Welcome Back, Karla! Thank you to all who filled in the office!

Sunday: 9:00am The Story: Chapter 21 Review

10:13am Sunday Worship—The Story: Chapter 22

Nursery & Children's Church—The Story for Kids

11:13am Fellowship Time

Monday: OFFICE CLOSED

2pm-4pm Food Pantry

5:00pm Young Couples Small Group "Un-Disturbed"

Tuesday: 10:00am Admin Meeting

Wednesday: 11:00am The Story Bible Study "The Heart of God's Story"

5:30pm Dinner

6:00pm The Story Bible Study "The Heart of God's Story"

Thursday: 10:00am LWML Quilters

12:00pm Culture & Christianity Small Group

5:00pm Worship Team Practice

Saturday 8:30am Men's Breakfast!

9:00am Men's Small Group Study

10:00am ELDERS MEETING

10:00am Women's Small Group, The Story

Sunday 6/25 *Quarterly Voter's Meeting after June 25th Worship

For additional information about events and ministries, check the church calendar online at www.GraceLutheranCC.com.