

THE STORY

READ THE STORY. EXPERIENCE THE BIBLE.

CHAPTER 23 Jesus' Ministry Begins



THE STORY

FINDING YOUR STORY IN GOD'S STORY.

GRACE LUTHERAN CHURCH

25 June 2023, 10:13am

PRE-SERVICE MUSIC and CANDLE LIGHTING

WELCOME and ANNOUNCEMENTS

Please stand as you are able.

OPENING SONGS

Let God Arise

Chris Tomlin, Ed Cash, Jesse Reeves

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Jesus Messiah

Chris Tomlin

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INVOCATION and OPENING PRAYER

CHAPTER 23: Jesus' Ministry Begins

Introduction

René Hutzell

THE STORY VIDEO

SONG OF THE DAY

There Was Jesus

Casey Beathard, Jonathan Smith, Zach Williams

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

CHILDREN'S CHURCH

Jane Goss

SCRIPTURE READINGS

Isaiah 42:1-9 - The Servant of the LORD

Steve Yearout

Mark 1:9-22 - The Baptism of Jesus

Grace Perry

THE STORY CONTINUES

The Upper Story (God's Story)

"Jesus' Coming-Out Party"

The Lower Story (Our Story)

"Followers Don't Stand On the Sidelines"

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

I Will Call Upon The Lord

Michael O'Shields

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REPENTANCE and RENEWAL

Romans 7:12, 22-25

In the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

Amen.

As we gather together to worship Jesus and remember His wondrous incarnation, we remember that we were once lost in darkness and do not deserve the wondrous gift of the Savior God has sent us.

Jesus, the Word made flesh, You dwell among us, but how can we continually abide in Your dwelling? We have often chosen darkness over light. We have often failed to adore our Lord and Savior. We have often refused to reflect His light to those around us.

We turn to God in repentance and implore Him for mercy.

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

Almighty God in His mercy has given the gracious gift of His Son to be born into this world, wrapped in our flesh, to live a perfect life we can never attain, and to give His life as a perfect sacrifice that for His sake He forgives you all your sins. Christ was born to live among us, to die for us, and to rise in victory for us. Jesus Christ has brought the good news of peace, joy, and salvation into our world. 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. Salvation has come unto us.

Please be seated.

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Mathew 6:9-13

Hear us as we pray in His name and as He has taught us:

**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 STORY CHALLENGE

Joanne Runnels

Please stand.

BLESSING TO DEPART

DEPARTING SONG

The Lion And The Lamb

B. Brown, B. Johnson, L. Moorin

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Thank you for worshiping with us today.

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

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\$ Grace Notes

June 25, 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: \$11,931

Designated Giving: \$2,550 (Food
Pantry)

Building Fund: \$

Sunday School/Mission: \$3

Food Pantry: 17 people/42 bags

Worship Attendance: 60

Small Group Studies: 43



Altar Flowers

Provided by

Mike & Jane Goss

to Celebrate their 53rd Anniversary

Flowers Needed for
August 27

COMMUNITY OUTREACH PROJECT STARS, STRIPES & SUMMER NIGHTS AUGUST 3-6

AT THE DEL NORTE COUNTY FAIR

For many years, Grace Lutheran Church has hosted the set up and tear down of the Large Hall exhibits. We also oversee the Hall exhibits all 4 days of the fair. 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.

Prayer Requests

People who are traveling: Carole and David Cink; Roy and Sharon Tedsen; Sue D'Errico.

Healing: Nicole Cochran recovering from surgery; Pam Meirndorf's step-son-in-law Bob Shafer is in critical condition with sepsis and his wife Julie is on dialysis; Diana Tomasini who is undergoing treatment for stage 4 lung cancer and now has an infection; Owen Crist who is facing many surgeries ahead; Sheila Shanle undergoing chemo again; 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.

MISSION PROJECT UPDATE

Our quarterly mission project ends this week. The pantry distributes approximately 50 bags of groceries each Monday. Needs include:

- 🍏 Bread
- 🍏 Grocery Staples
- 🍏 Monetary donations
- 🍏 Helping hands to stock, pack or distribute bags

PLEASE CONTACT JIM RAMSEY FOR MORE DETAILS.

VOTERS' MEETING TODAY

Come get updates on Grace
Lutheran Ministries

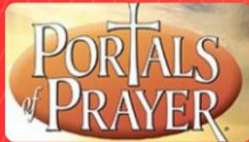


BUCKET OF BLESSING

PLEASE TAKE A "NAME" FROM THE BUCKET OF BLESSINGS LOCATED ON THE USHERS TABLE AND PRAY FOR THAT PERSON THIS WEEK!
CHOOSE A NEW NAME EACH WEEK.



The new Portals of Prayer devotional books for July-September are available at the Information Desk.



TEXT MESSAGING OPT-IN

PLEASE RESPOND TO OUR TEXT OPT-IN EMAIL SENT LAST WEEK.
CALL KARLA AT 707-464-4712 FOR MORE INFORMATION.



SAVE THESE DATES!

Faith & Fellowship



FAMILY RIVER DAY & PICNIC @ JED SMITH

SUNDAY, JULY 30 | 1pm

FAMILY BEACH DAY & PICNIC @ ENDERTS' BEACH

SUNDAY, AUGUST 27 | 3pm



OUTDOOR WORSHIP & PICNIC IN THE PARK

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 17 | 11am



THIS WEEK AT GRACE

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

June 25-July 1, 2023

Sunday:	9:00am	The Story: Chapter 22 Review
	10:13am	Sunday Worship—The Story: Chapter 23 Nursery & Children’s Church—The Story for Kids
	11:13am	Fellowship Time
	11:15am	Quarterly Voters’ Meeting
Monday:	OFFICE CLOSED	
	2pm-4pm	Food Pantry
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
	2pm-5pm	Pastor Visits
	5:00pm	Worship Team Practice
Friday:	1pm-4pm	Pastor Visits
Saturday:	10:00am	Women’s Small Group, The Story

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