

THE STORY

READ THE STORY. EXPERIENCE THE BIBLE.

CHAPTER 24: No Ordinary Man



THE STORY

FINDING YOUR STORY IN GOD'S STORY.

GRACE LUTHERAN CHURCH

2 July 2023, 10:13am

PRE-SERVICE MUSIC and CANDLE LIGHTING

WELCOME and ANNOUNCEMENTS

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OPENING SONGS

In Christ Alone

Keith Getty and Stuart Townsend

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Jesus Messiah

Chris Tomlin

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INVOCATION and OPENING PRAYER

Please be seated.

CHAPTER 24: No Ordinary Man

Introduction

Abbie Crist

THE STORY VIDEO

SONG OF THE DAY

Walk By Faith

Jeremy Camp

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

CHILDREN'S CHURCH

Kelly Shanle

SCRIPTURE READINGS

Job 38:1-11 The LORD Speaks Out of a Storm

Jim Ramsey

Mark 4:35-41 Jesus Calms the Storm

Steve Yearout

THE STORY CONTINUES . . .

The Upper Story (*God's Story*)

“God's Kingdom Has Come Near”

The Lower Story (*Our Story*)

“Live the Kingdom Life”

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

Even Now

Rick Pounds, Bill Batstone

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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

Job 38:4; Psalm 124:8; Mark 4:39

In the name of the Father, Creator of all things, who asked Job, "Where were you when I laid the earth's foundation? Tell Me, if you have understanding."

Our help is in the name of the Lord, who made heaven and earth.

In the name of the ✝ Son, Lord of all creation, who said to the sea, "Peace! Be still!" And the wind ceased, and there was a great calm.

Our help is in the name of the Lord, who made heaven and earth.

In the name of the Holy Spirit, who graciously bestows faith. I appeal to you not to receive the grace of God in vain.

Our help is in the name of the Lord, who made heaven and earth.

*I said, I will confess my transgressions unto the Lord,
and you forgave the iniquity of my sin.*

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

O almighty God, merciful Father,

In our thinking, speaking, and acting, we have not commended ourselves to You. Worse, in our sinful condition, we are bound to continue to sin. Indeed, we have failed to love You, O Lord, with all that we are and have, and we have failed to love our neighbors as ourselves. Open our hearts, Lord of all creation, to recognize the forgiveness You won for us, the protection You afford to us each day, and the strength You provide that we may share Your love.

Our Lord Jesus, who wind, and sea and all creation obey, has taken away the sins of the world. Because of His sacrifice for you within His own creation, today He tells you also, "Peace! Be still!" As a called and ordained servant of Christ, and by His authority, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the ✝ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

Amen.

Great is the LORD, and greatly to be praised, and his greatness is unsearchable.

On your wondrous works, O Lord, I will meditate, and I will declare your greatness.

Psalm 145:3, 5b, 6b

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.

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 that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, holy Lord, heavenly Father, almighty and everlasting God, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who overcame death and the grave and by His glorious resurrection opened to us the way of everlasting life. When the news of His resurrection is proclaimed, this is indeed the favorable time, the day of salvation, for Your kingdom draws ever nearer. Therefore, with angels and archangels, with patriarchs and apostles, and with all the company of heaven, we laud and magnify Your glorious name, 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!

*Sabaoth (SAH-bay-oath) is Hebrew for "heavenly hosts."
Hosanna is a Hebrew word of praise meaning "save us now."*

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

Blessed are You, Lord of heaven and earth, for Jesus Christ, Your Son, the Sacrificial Lamb, by His death, has redeemed us from bondage to sin and death, and by His resurrection, He has delivered us into new life in Him. Grant us to keep the Feast in sincerity and truth, faithfully eating His body given into death and drinking His life's blood poured out for our salvation until we pass through death to the promised eternal life in His kingdom, which has no end. 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 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

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Christ Above Me

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Here I Am, Lord

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Your Table I Approach

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Please stand.

POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

O God, heavenly Father, who sent Your only-begotten Son into this created world as one of us, we thank You for the pardon and peace You have graciously provided in this Sacrament. Strengthened by this holy meal, we ask that You enable us to open our hearts that the people we meet may Hear and understand that the kingdom of Your Son draws near, and Your endless grace is available; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

BLESSING TO DEPART

Numbers 6:2-26; Philippians 4:7

The Lord bless you and keep you in His care.

The Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you.

The Lord look upon you with favor, grant you a heart for service in His kingdom, and ✠ give you peace, which the world cannot give.

Amen.

THE STORY CHALLENGE

René Hutzell

CLOSING SONG

Shout Hosanna

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Thank you for worshiping with us today.

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

THIS WEEK AT GRACE

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

July 2-8, 2023

- Sunday:** 9:00am The Story: Chapter 22 Review
10:13am **Sunday Worship–The Story: Chapter 24**
Nursery & Children’s Church–The Story for Kids
11:13am Fellowship Time
- Monday:** **OFFICE CLOSED**
2pm-4pm Food Pantry
- Tuesday:** **OFFICE CLOSED - HAPPY 4TH OF JULY!**
- Wednesday:** 11:00am The Story Bible Study “The Heart of God’s Story”
5:30pm **No Dinner or Study Tonight - Review at Home**
- 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.

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Grace Notes

July 2, 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: \$15,804

Designated Giving: n/a

Building Fund: n/a

Sunday School/Mission: \$7

Food Pantry: 30 people/52 bags

Worship Attendance: 61

Small Group Studies: 52



Altar Flowers

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Happy 247th Anniversary of the U.S.A.

GOD BLESS AMERICA

Flowers Needed for August 27



Please respond to the recent email message recently sent to your email inbox. We plan to use text messaging to communicate with you directly for invitations, reminders, and urgent communications. If you have any questions, please contact Administrative Assistant, Karla in the church office at 707-464-4712.

Prayer Requests

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

Healing: Bob Cochran; Nicole Cochran recovering from surgery; Pam Meirndorf's step-daughter Julie is on dialysis; Owen Crist who has moved into Rehab after his surgeries; 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. **Mourning:** The family of Bob Shafer (Pam Meirndorf's step-son-in-law) who passed away this week. **Praise and Blessings:** Congratulations to Caroline Wollam, Class of 2023; Diana and Bryan Stanley's new granddaughter, Summer, was born last week to daughter Laurie & Husband); Paul and Karen Sanders new granddaughter, Eloise, was born last week (daughter Dana and Husband).

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.