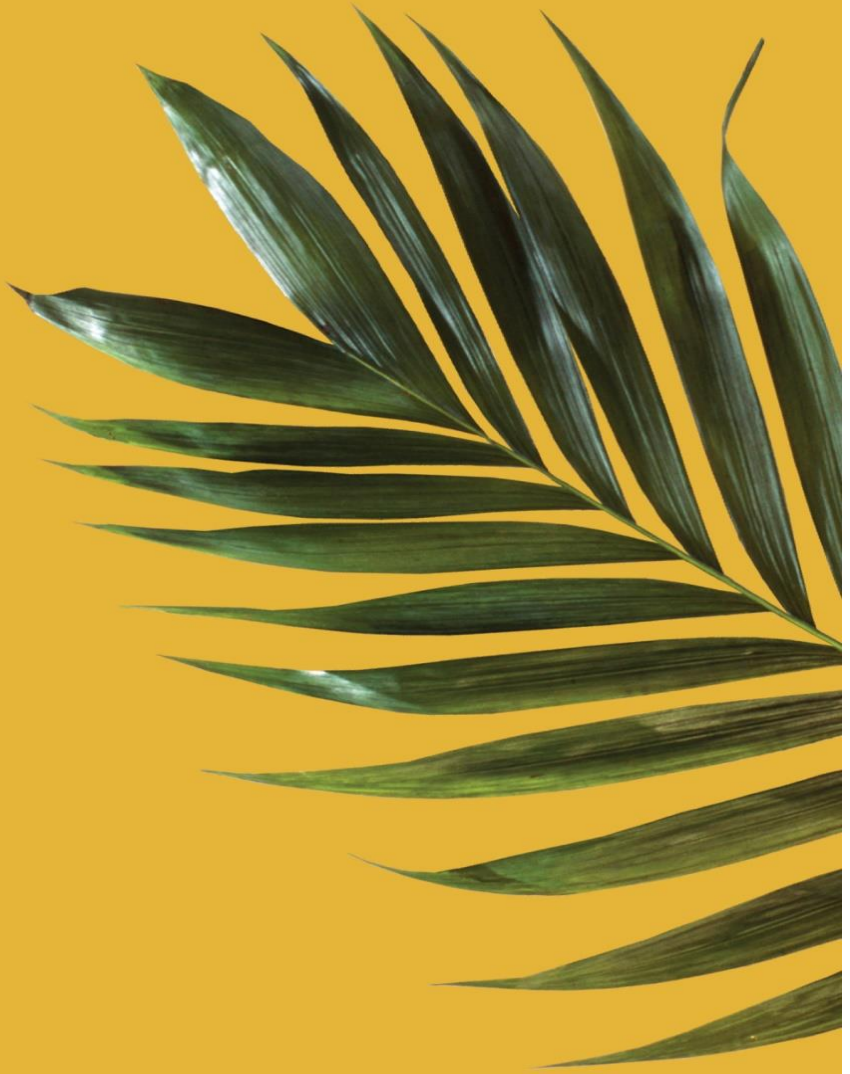


THE STORY

READ THE STORY. EXPERIENCE THE BIBLE.

CHAPTER 25: Jesus, The Son of God



THE STORY

FINDING YOUR STORY IN GOD'S STORY.

GRACE LUTHERAN CHURCH

9 July 2023, 10:13am

PRE-SERVICE MUSIC and CANDLE LIGHTING

WELCOME and ANNOUNCEMENTS

Please stand as you are able.

OPENING SONGS

Praise Him, Praise Him

Above All

Lenny LeBlanc and Paul Baloche

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INVOCATION and OPENING PRAYER

CHAPTER 25: *Jesus, The Son of God*

Introduction

René Hutzell

THE STORY VIDEO

SONG OF THE DAY

Turn your Eyes Upon Jesus

Helen Lemmel

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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

2 Peter 1:16-21 "The Prophecy of Scripture"

Steve Yearout

John 8:51-59 "Jesus' Claims About Himself"

Abbie Crist

THE STORY CONTINUES

Upper Story (God's Story)

"Who is Jesus"

Lower Story (Our Story)

"Who do you say Jesus is?"

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

Thank You Lord

Bob Cochran

REPENTANCE and RENEWAL

Let us consider our unworthiness to come before almighty God and confess our sins to Him in the presence of one another.

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

We confess, Creator Lord, that like Job, we become angry at times with what You have allowed in our lives, and we have wondered why.

Forgive our pride and turn us to humbly rely on Your gracious plans for us.

We confess, Savior Lord, that unlike Paul, we have neglected people around us who have not accepted Your sacrifice for them.

Forgive our self-centeredness and inaction and move us to tell them the Good News as You provide opportunity.

We confess, Spirit of truth, that like Peter, we have failed to trust You in all things and have been overwhelmed by the storms of life.

Forgive our weakness of faith and enable us to follow where You lead the way.

All things in heaven and earth are under God's rule. His almighty power was shown chiefly in sending His Son into this fallen world to destroy the powers of sin, death, and the devil. Your pride, self-centeredness, weakness of faith, and anything else that would separate you from His great love, are forgiven for Jesus' sake.

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.

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

Abbie Crist

Please stand.

BLESSING TO DEPART

CLOSING SONG O Great God

Bob Kauflin

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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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THIS WEEK AT GRACE

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

July 9-15, 2023

Pastor Marty will be out of the office Wednesday afternoon through Saturday.

Sunday: 9:00am The Story: Chapter 24 Review
10:13am **Sunday Worship–The Story: Chapter 25**
Nursery & Children’s Church–The Story for Kids
11:13am Fellowship Time
5:00pm Young Couples Small Group

Monday: OFFICE CLOSED
2pm-4pm Food Pantry

Tuesday: 10:00am Admin. Meeting
11:00am LWML Bible Study

Wednesday: 11:00am The Story Bible Study “The Heart of God’s Story”
5:30pm Supper
6:00pm Bible Study, The Story

Thursday: 10:00am LWML Quilters
12:00pm Culture & Christianity Small Group
3:00pm Book Club
5:00pm Worship Team Practice

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.

Grace Notes

July 9, 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

July--month to date: \$2,760

Designated Giving: \$100 (Pantry)

Building Fund: n/a

Sunday School/Mission: n/a

Food Pantry: -- people/-- bags

Worship Attendance: 56

Small Group Studies: 31

Altar Flowers

Provided by

Ray & Susie Melvin

In Memory of Susie's Dad

Flowers Needed for August 27

Quilt Tying in Ferndale Saturday, July 22

We will leave @ 8am sharp! Bring a sack lunch!

Contact Arlene at 707.464.4862 for details.

Prayer Requests

People who are traveling: Roy and Sharon Tedsen; Pastor Marty; Paul and Karen Sanders; Jayson Shanle.

Healing: Mary Rupprecht who is home recovering; Bob Cochran; Diana Tomasini who has lung cancer; 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; Patricia Waggoner (friend of Erik Hauan) awaiting gastral-intestinal surgery; Robin Chase who has cancer; Stephanie McDonald's son, Christopher, who is battling depression; prayers for the aging in our congregation and those recently diagnosed with cancer. **Encouragement:** Jayne Kettner as she prepares to move and is caring for her sister, Mary; Karma Robb, job interview; Joan Butler who is caring for her mother. **Mourning:** Jane (Lefina) Connors whose husband, Jerry passed recently; the family of Bob Shafer (Pam Meirndorf's step-son-in-law) who recently passed away.

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; 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.

REMEMBER TO PICK A NAME FROM THE BUCKET OF BLESSINGS ON THE USHER'S TABLE AND PRAY FOR THAT INDIVIDUAL THIS WEEK.