

# THE STORY

READ THE STORY. EXPERIENCE THE BIBLE.

## CHAPTER 28: New Beginnings



# THE STORY

FINDING YOUR STORY IN GOD'S STORY.

## GRACE LUTHERAN CHURCH

30 July 2023, 10:13am

### PRE-SERVICE MUSIC and CANDLE LIGHTING

### WELCOME and ANNOUNCEMENTS

*Please stand as you are able.*

### OPENING SONGS

***Did You Feel the Mountains Tremble***

Martin Smith

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***Good Good Father***

Anthony Brown and Pat Barrett

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### INVOCATION and OPENING PRAYER

### THE STORY: CHAPTER 28

*New Beginnings*

Abbie Crist

### THE STORY VIDEO

### SONG OF THE DAY

***Grace Greater Than Our Sin***

Julia Johnstone and D.B. Towner

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### CHILDREN'S CHURCH

Kelly Shanle

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

### SCRIPTURE READINGS

Acts 1:1-11 -- *Jesus Taken Up into Heaven*

David Cink

Luke 24:44-53 - *The Ascension of Jesus*

Karen Sanders

### THE STORY CONTINUES

**The Upper Story (God's Story) - "Yes! You!"**

Bob Cochran

**The Lower Story (*Our Story*) - “Feeding God’s Sheep”**  
**SERMON NOTES**

*Abbie Crist*

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, via VANCO Online 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 Offer My Life***

*Claire Cloninger and Don Moen*

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### **WHAT WE BELIEVE**

*The Apostle's Creed*

Together, we confess and affirm what we believe, reciting in unison the words of the ancient baptismal creed, the 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, and 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.**

## REPENTENCE AND RENEWAL

*Let us then confess our sins to God our Father.*

**Most merciful God, we confess that we are by nature sinful and unclean. We have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone.**

**We have not loved you with our whole heart.**

**We have not loved our neighbors as ourselves.**

**We justly deserve your present and eternal punishment.**

**For the sake of your son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us.**

**Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways to the glory of your holy name. Amen.**

Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die for you and for His sake forgives you all your sins. I therefore announce to you that all your sins are forgiven 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

René Hutzell

*Please stand.*

### BLESSING TO DEPART

Let us pray.

We adore You, gracious God, for Your love seen most powerfully in the self-sacrifice of Jesus on the cross.

**Thousand thousand thanks are due, dearest Jesus unto You.**

Guide us by Your Holy Spirit to let our lives be shaped by the cross of Jesus,

**so that we willingly give of ourselves in service to others;**

by the power of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

**Amen.**

### CLOSING SONG

***Walk By Faith***

Jeremy Camp

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*Thank you for worshiping with us today.*

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

### ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

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## THIS WEEK AT GRACE

### July 30-August 5, 2023

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

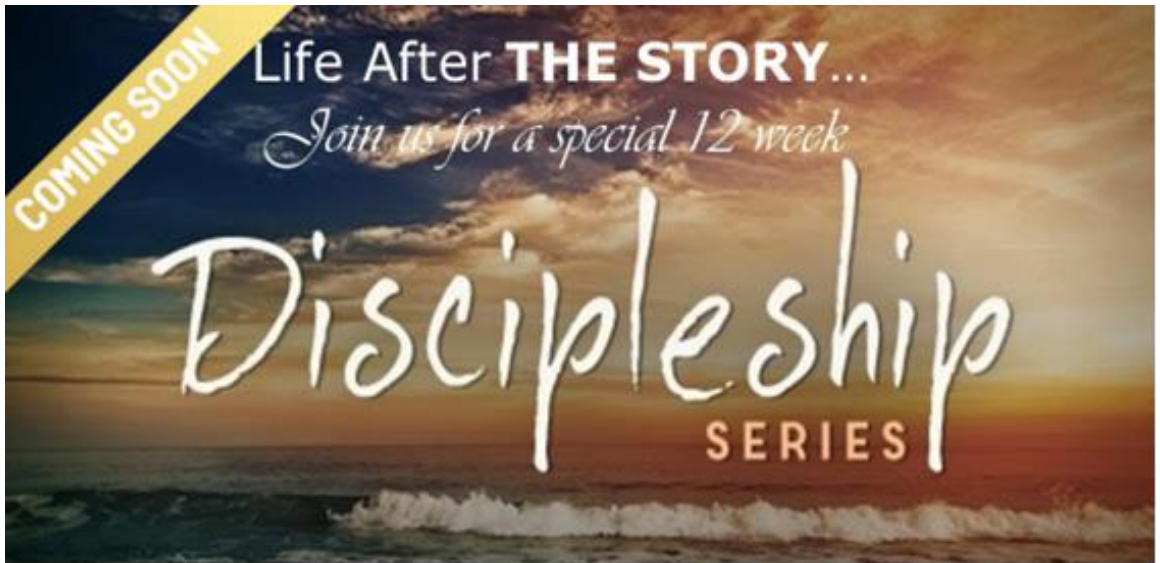
#### **\* Pastor traveling July 24 - August 7 for Conference & Vacation**

<b>Sunday:</b>	9:00am	The Story: Chapter 27 Review
	10:13am	<b>Sunday Worship–The Story: Chapter 28</b>
		Nursery & Children's Church–The Story for Kids
	11:13am	Fellowship Time
	1pm-4pm	Family River Day & Potluck, Jed Smith Park.
<b>Monday:</b>		<b>OFFICE CLOSED</b>
	2pm-4pm	Food Pantry
<b>Tuesday:</b>	10:00am	Admin. Meeting
	5:00pm	Fellowship Meeting
	6:00pm	Council Meeting
<b>Wednesday:</b>	11:00am	The Story Bible Study "The Heart of God's Story"
	5:30pm	Supper
	6:00pm	The Story Bible Study
<b>Thursday:</b>	10:00am	LWML Quilters
	5:00pm	Worship Team Practice
<b>Saturday:</b>	10:00am	Women's Small Group, The Story

For additional information about events and ministries, check the church calendar online at [www.GraceLutheranCC.com](http://www.GraceLutheranCC.com).

***Tuesday and Thursday Small Groups and Thursday and Friday Home Visits will resume the week of August 6-12.***

*If your email or phone number has changed recently, please call Karla at the church office at 707-464-4712 with the updated information.*



## AED TRAINING



The defibrillator has been installed in the Fellowship Hall next to the church office door. We encourage all church leaders and those interested to join us for Red Cross training scheduled for Tuesday, August 15 at 5:30 pm. For more information or to register for the training, please contact Karla in the church office at 707-464-4712.

Grace's Food Pantry is always in need of food donations or financial contributions. This ministry offers help to those who are facing nutritional insecurity. We can always use canned meats, bread, low-sugar cereal, peanut butter, pasta and canned soups and vegetables.