

THE STORY

READ THE STORY. EXPERIENCE THE BIBLE.

CHAPTER 29: Paul's Mission



GRACE LUTHERAN CHURCH

6 August 2023, 10:13am

PRE-SERVICE MUSIC and CANDLE LIGHTING

WELCOME and INVITATION

Please stand as you are able.

OPENING SONGS

I Am Not My Own

Martin J. Nystrom

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You Shall Love the Lord Your God

Hanneke Jacobs, Peter Jacobs

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INVOCATION and OPENING PRAYER

Please be seated.

CHAPTER 29: *Paul's Mission*

Introduction

Abbie Crist

THE STORY VIDEO

SONG OF THE DAY

If We Are the Body

Mark Hall

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CHILDREN'S CHURCH

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

SCRIPTURE READINGS

Acts 13:42-49

"Paul and Barnabas Sent to the Gentiles"

Roy Tedsen

Acts 17:16-34

"Paul In Athens"

Jim Ramsey

THE STORY CONTINUES . . .

Upper Story (God's Story)

"God's Story Is For All People"

Lower Story (Our Story)

"On a Mission From God"

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

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Please stand.

OFFERTORY SONG

Your Grace Is Sufficient

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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.**

Please be seated.

REPENTANCE and RENEWAL

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

If You, O Lord, kept a record of sins, O Lord, who could stand?

But with You there is forgiveness; therefore, You are feared.

Having heard God's Word, called upon Him in prayer and praise, and desiring to receive the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ in the fellowship of this altar, let us first consider our unworthiness and confess before God and one another that we have sinned in thought, word, and deed, and that we cannot free ourselves from our sinful condition. Together as His people let us take refuge in the infinite mercy of God, our heavenly Father, seeking His grace for the sake of Christ, and saying: God, be merciful to me, a sinner.

Almighty God, have mercy upon us, forgive us our sins, and lead us to everlasting life. Amen.

Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die for you and for His sake, forgives you all your sins. 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.

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.

Psalms 136

It is right to give Him thanks and praise.

It is truly our duty and delight to give You thanks and praise, almighty God, everlasting Father, through Your Son, Jesus Christ, whose great love is revealed in His sacrificial death and life-giving resurrection for all people, so that He might gather from all nations and all peoples a people who will praise Your glory now and forevermore. Therefore, with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and singing:

**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."*

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Mathew 6:9-14

Taught by our Lord and trusting in His promise, we are bold to pray:

**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.

John 20:19

Amen.

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

All That I Need

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It Is Well With My Soul

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Forever

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Please stand.

POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

BLESSING TO DEPART

THE STORY CHALLENGE

Karen Sanders

DEPARTING SONG

Go, Make Disciples

Handt Hanson

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

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