

THE STORY

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CHAPTER 31: The End of Time



GRACE LUTHERAN CHURCH

20 August 2023, 10:13am

PRE-SERVICE MUSIC and CANDLE LIGHTING

WELCOME and INVITATION

Please stand as you are able.

OPENING SONGS

Sing To The King

Billy Foote, Charles Horne

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The Lion And The Lamb

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INVOCATION and OPENING PRAYER

Please be seated.

CHAPTER 31: *The End of Time*

Introduction

Rene' Hutzell

THE STORY VIDEO

SONG OF THE DAY

Blessed Assurance

Fanny J Crosby and Phoebe P Knapp

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CHILDREN'S CHURCH

Jane Goss

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

SCRIPTURE READINGS

Revelation 22:6-21

"Invitation and Warnings"

Karen Sanders

Matthew 19:28-30

"Entering the Kingdom of God"

Jim Ramsey

THE STORY CONTINUES . . .

Upper Story (God's Story)

"The Lord is Coming!"

Lower Story (Our Story)

"The New Heaven and New Earth"

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

Take My Life And Let It Be

LSB 784:1, 4 & 6

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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

In our lives, we often ask ourselves, “Who am I?” We seek to define ourselves by our jobs, relationships, finances, skills, and most devastatingly of all, our failures. Yet ultimately, who we are resides in none of these things. Our identity is in Jesus and what He has done for us. As we come before our heavenly Father, we confess everything we have elevated above Jesus, and we ask for forgiveness.

A moment of silence to reflect on our sin and our need for the Lord’s mercy and forgiveness.

Heavenly Father,

we have sinned against You in thoughts, words, and deeds. Forgive us, renew us, and point us back to Jesus. Amen.

Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die and rise for you. By His cross, Jesus makes peace and delivers you from all your sins to live as His new creation. 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.

OPENING RESPONSES

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.

PROPER RESPONSE

It is truly good, right, and proper that . . . 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

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 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

Draw Near and Take the Body of the Lord

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Even Now

Rick Pounds, Bill Batstone

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God So Loved

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Please stand.

SONG OF THANKS

Thank the Lord and sing His praise;
Tell ev'ryone what He has done.
Let all who seek the Lord rejoice
And proudly bear His name.
He recalls His promises
And leads His people forth in joy
With shouts of thanksgiving.
Alleluia, alleluia.

POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

BLESSING TO DEPART

THE STORY CHALLENGE

Joanne Runnels

DEPARTING SONG

Revelation Song

Jennie Lee Riddle

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Thank you for worshiping with us today.

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

The Story Personal Reflection:

Read what John says in Revelation about Jesus Coming Back

Revelation 22:1-21

And prayerfully ask...

1. Am I Ready For Jesus' Return?

2. Is there someone in my life who needs to know Jesus?



THE STORY



Stewardship Challenge:

We Are The Church! It's our mission to **SHARE**

The Story with those who don't know Jesus!

*Books/Study Guides are in the Fellowship Hall for you to **SHARE**

*We will keep **THE STORY** link on our website for the audio chapters and Worship recap

TODAY: SIGN UP for the NEW Small Groups coming
AFTER 'The Story'



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