



VBS SUNDAY!



THE WAY
THE TRUTH
THE LIFE



WELCOME TO GRACE CHURCH

VISITING GRACE?

It's great to have you here today, and we'd love to connect with you! Stop by the Welcome Table outside the sanctuary where you can receive a Bible if you need one, ask any questions about Grace, and take home a gift. Visit graceinracine.com or scan the QR code on the next page to fill out a Connect Card online.

If you have something that is weighing you down today, please come down front after service and we will pray with you. You can also share your request on the connection card and our prayer team will lift your need up to the Lord.

TODAY'S WORSHIP SERVICE

PRE-SERVICE

["Every Move I Make"](#)

Welcome

Pastor Mike Matheson

PRAISE

Call To Worship

[Psalm 135:1-3](#)

["God So Loved"](#)

RENEWAL

Missions Moment

Pastor Chris Amundson

Vacation Bible School Recap

Rachel Menke

Children's Ministry Director

["Home"](#)

PROCLAMATION

Reading of the Word

[John 13:36-14:14](#)

Prayer of Illumination

Preaching of the Word

Pastor Mike Matheson

RESPONSE

Silent Reflection

["The Way \(New Horizon\)"](#)

Benediction

*We invite you to stay after the service for fellowship.
Refreshments are available in The Commons.
Our Prayer Team is available in the front of the sanctuary.*

CARE MINISTRY

PRAYER FOR HEALING & RECOVERY

Please pray for healing and recovery for those hospitalized or recently discharged: Debbie Hilker, Angela Wolf

CELEBRATE RECOVERY (CR) Meets Tuesdays at 6:30pm in the Loft.

CR is a safe place to find support if you are struggling with a difficult season of life. CR is not just for addicts; it is for all of us who need to go deeper in Christ when life gets hard. Don't struggle alone - please join us for hope and encouragement every Tuesday evening.

Contact Gabe Stalker at celebraterecovery@graceinracine.com

PRAYER REQUESTS

We want to uphold you in prayer during times of need:

- Fill out a connect card online or from the seatback in front of you.
- Come down front after service Sunday morning and we will pray with you.
- Email prayer@graceinracine.com

CARE RESOURCES

Stop by the Care Group wall for a variety of resources on topics such as:

- When Bad Things Happen
- Counseling Children Through Grief
- Broken Relationships
- Anxiety

We are here to walk alongside you in all seasons in life. Scan the QR code to share your care needs with us.

[JOURNEY GROUPS FOR WOMEN](#)

Begins Tuesday, September 9 // 6:30pm

Meets on Tuesdays for 12 weeks

- September 9, 16, 23, 30
- October 14, 21, 28
- November 4, 18, 25
- December 2, 9

Journey Groups are communities of care where stories of pain and abuse can be spoken, heard, and redeemed. Journey groups provide opportunities to open your soul to a deeper understanding of your past, to have courage and integrity in current relationships, and to grow in connection with the Author of your story.

Scan the QR code or contact care@graceinracine.com for more information.

SERMON REVIEW DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

These questions are for *after* the sermon and can be used for Life Group discussion, one-to-one discipleship, or personal reflection and application.

As we focus this week on a passage that has been an integral part of our VBS this year, we see one of the most familiar verses in the Bible. In spite of its familiarity, let's look again at it together and see what the Holy Spirit may use regarding this "I Am" statement of Jesus to help us grow in our love and worship of him this week.

Discussion Questions

1. What does Peter say in classic Peter fashion as Jesus meets with his disciples for this last meal?
2. What hard truth does Jesus bring to bear on Peter's claim of self-sacrifice and heroism?
3. What element of knowledge does Jesus assume about the disciples in John 14:4?
4. How would you describe the place you most want to be? How do various worldly things distract you from desiring the ultimate home, the ultimate finish line?
5. What portion of John 14:6 may be counterintuitive as we consider the words Jesus chose to use when speaking of himself and his relationship to salvation?
6. What is a challenge we face from the world when declaring this unilateral, decisive declaration from Jesus? Who in your life struggles to accept this claim of sole method of salvation and how can you pray for them in the weeks ahead?

SERMON NOTES

SUNDAY, AUGUST 3

[John 13:36-14:14](#)

Pastor Mike Matheson

THE WAY, THE TRUTH,
AND THE LIFE

Next Week: [Genesis 30:25-31:55](#)

ATTENDANCE & GIVING

LAST WEEK

Attendance: 687
Giving: \$29,047

2025 GIVING

Year to Date: \$1,078,488
+/- Budget: \$-128,202

WAYS TO GIVE

The gospel is good news because it is a message of God's generous heart to give us everything we need for redemption in Christ. As we are good stewards of what he's blessed us with, we are worshipping him together. The giving of our finances to the local church to accomplish the vision of knowing Christ and making Christ known is one way to invest and utilize the financial resources he's blessed us with.

There are several ways to give:

Give Online: Scan the QR code and give through Church Center

At Grace: Offering Boxes can be found in the balcony and outside the sanctuary on the main level

By Mail: Grace Church // 3626 Hwy 31, Racine, WI 53405

MISSIONS

VISITING FIELD WORKERS

The "W" Family // TODAY // 11am

Meet and encourage Grace supported field workers the "W" family who serve in a country closed to the gospel. Hear an update on their ministry, the people they serve and what life is like in the country where they live. They are also serving at VBS and will share with the kids each day.

LOCAL PARTNERSHIPS

Grace Girls and Guys meets after school hours at Julian Thomas Elementary school from September to May. Be part of the team to help these students know Christ. Stop by the Local Partnership table for more information or scan the QR code for more information.

International Community Center Informational Meeting

Saturday, August 16, 10:00am - Noon

The International Community Center (ICC) provides a safe learning space for refugees coming into Milwaukee. Come and learn more about what it looks like to volunteer and share the love of Christ as the ICC. Scan the QR code or contact Joe Kobriger for more information (262) 939-5152.

GRACE HAPPENINGS

GRACE SOFTBALL

Congratulations to the Grace Softball Team - winners of the championship!

MISSIONS PRAYER HOUR

Monday, August 4 // 7pm // Loft

Join us as we pray for our field workers and the lost people they seek to reach with the gospel. Scan the QR code for more information.

2025 WOMEN'S RETREAT

October 17 - 19

Blue Harbor Resort, Sheboygan
Scan the QR code or stop by the info center for more info!

NEW TO GRACE?

We'd love to meet you!

Stop by the Welcome Table outside the sanctuary and say hello.

And save the date for our next

Newcomers Gathering:

Sunday, September 21 // 11:10am.

STUDENT MINISTRY

BECOME A POD LEADER!

Invest in the lives of students on a weekly basis, volunteering as a Pod Leader, guiding students through this pivotal time in their lives. Scan the QR code to contact Evan & Miah.

COMING UP AT VILLAGE CREEK

BIBLE CAMP:

Moms & Sons Retreat

September 19-21, 2025

Speaker: Michelle Jenks

Moms and boys of all ages will enjoy this incredible opportunity to hear God's Word and encounter Jesus Christ. Consider bringing your son, a nephew, or a friend!

Dad & Daughter Retreat

November 14 - 16, 2025

Dads and daughters of all ages will enjoy this incredible opportunity to hear God's Word and encounter Jesus Christ.

Scan the QR code for more information on these and other retreats at Village Creek Bible Camp.

YOUNG ADULT MINISTRY

For 18 - 29 year olds

Get connected to the gospel and others at Grace Church.

Coming up this summer:

- Theology in the Park
- Devils Lake Trip
- Summer Showdown
- ...and more!

Scan the QR code to learn more about the Young Adult Ministry.



Scan here for sign-ups, and more info on items listed in the Worship Guide.

A huge heartfelt **THANK YOU** to all of you who made our 2025 VBS “Route 14:6” a success. Grace Church, you really came together *To Make Christ Known*, whether it was through giving of your time in volunteering, decorating, or helping with other preparations’ giving of your resources through helping us fulfill our donation wishlists and suitcase requests; or giving of your “trash” through collecting milk jug lids and TP rolls.

Not only did you give generously but you also invited passionately. We loved seeing and meeting so many new faces that came through our doors for this gospel-saturated week. From sports teams to neighbors to extended family members and more - you did a great job inviting kids from all over our community to hear about who Jesus is!

VBS in numbers:

- Over **200** kids came through our doors this week to hear about who Jesus is.
- Over **120** of those kids were not from Grace.
- Of that **120**, over **50** listed no church home.
- A team of **144** volunteers poured out 20 hours of energy over 5 mornings.
- **1200** water balloons were used.
- **1552** M&Ms were eaten.
- **1296** pieces of bubble gum were chewed.
- **210** skeins of embroidery floss were used.
- **200** toilet paper rolls and over **1000** milk jug lids were used.

Most importantly we learned that:

- Jesus is the Great I AM who we were designed to worship.
- Jesus is the Resurrection and the Life who makes us spiritually alive.
- Jesus is the Light of the World who gives us hope and guides us through a dark and sinful world.
- Jesus is the Way, the Truth, and the Life - the only way we can be truly saved from sin and its consequences.
- Jesus is the Vine whom we must cling to daily.
- Jesus is the Good Shepherd whom the faithful can trust even in the most challenging and confusing circumstances.
- Our home is the City of Eternal Joy where we will spend forever celebrating the greatness and worth of God.
- Please continue to pray for all who came through our doors this past week. May the seeds that were planted through this week take strong root and produce fruit 30, 60, and 100 fold. To God be the Glory!

To Know Christ And To Make Christ Known

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