



TO KNOW CHRIST AND
TO MAKE CHRIST KNOWN

THE KING

& HIS PEOPLE

MATTHEW 13 - 18



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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

["I Want To Know You"](#)

Welcome

Evan Petras, Student Ministry Director

PRAISE

Call To Worship

[Isaiah 55:1-3, 6-7](#)

["This Is The Day"](#)

["O Lord, My Rock And My Redeemer"](#)

RENEWAL

Prayer of Renewal

Pastor Chris Amundson

["Lord Have Mercy \(For What We Have Done\)"](#)

PROCLAMATION

Reading of the Word

[Matthew 17:14-23](#)

Prayer of Illumination

Preaching of the Word

Pastor Mike Matheson

RESPONSE

The Lord's Supper

Luke Greenwald, Elder

["It Was Finished Upon That Cross"](#)

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 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

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

CHILDREN'S MINISTRY

Children are welcome in our worship service and we highly encourage their participation throughout the entire service.

Follow-Along Sheets: Stop by the Info Center for an activity sheet for your child's use during the service.

Scribble Paper: Paper is available in the pews for doodling & coloring. *Please refrain from use of the Connect Cards for doodle purposes.*

We offer the following for kids birth - 4th grade:

NURSERY & PRESCHOOL

Sunday school is available during the entirety of the worship service for children aged birth – Kindergarten. Children ages 2 - Kindergarten will also have an age-appropriate Bible lesson each week.

WORSHIPERS IN TRAINING (WIT)

Children in 1st-4th grades are welcome to participate in "Worshippers in Training" which meets during the second half of our worship service (children are dismissed before the scripture reading).

REMINDER: WIT does NOT meet from Memorial Day weekend through Labor Day weekend. Parents of 1st-4th graders please be advised that there will be no WIT for the summer.

ATTENDANCE & GIVING

LAST WEEK

Attendance: 781

Giving: \$27,323

2025 GIVING

Year to Date: \$657,602

+/- Budget: \$-88,907

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.

After the disciples come down from the Mount of Transfiguration, they are met with a father whose son is in desperate need of healing. They come to find out that they are unable to help the man, much to the dismay of Jesus. This opens up an opportunity for the Lord to teach them about the nature of faith and what it means to walk by it.

Discussion Questions

1. Review: In regards to last week's sermon (17:1-13), whose voice tends to be the loudest in your life? In what situations do you struggle to listen to Jesus?
2. Why couldn't the disciples cast out the demon from the boy? Why was Jesus so seemingly harsh in his response to the disciples in verse 17?
3. Is Jesus contradicting himself by chastising them for their little faith while also calling them to faith even as small as a grain of mustard seed? What's the difference?
4. Given the events of 17:13-20, why were the disciples distressed when Jesus talked about his death and resurrection again in verses 22-23?
5. What does it look like for us to work unto the Lord in faith? Is he expecting us to miraculously move mountains?
6. How might a passage like this speak to someone who is exploring the gospel?

SERMON NOTES

SUNDAY, MAY 18

[Matthew 17:14-23](#)

Pastor Mike Matheson

A CRISIS OF FAITH

Next Week: [Matthew 17:24-27](#)

MISSIONS

MISSIONARY HOUSING NEEDED

July 16 - August 6

Grace has a visiting missionary family of four (4) in need of temporary housing from July 16 - August 6th. If you know of anything available, please contact: Sheri Kobriger by email at: globalteam@graceinracine.com.

PANCAKE BREAKFAST

Sunday, June 1st // After Service // Commons Area

Support Blaze Mission Trip to South Africa

Enjoy a hot breakfast and support the Blaze team heading to South Africa to serve with Craig & Brenda Rebro. The Rebros will be here and will give an update on their work in South Africa.

A free-will offering will be accepted to help support the team, or you can scan the QR code to give online.

LOCAL PARTNERS

One way that we engage our community is through our local partnerships that are designed to build relationships with people within our local community. Partnering with these organizations and groups offers us a way to be intentional about serving those outside the church with the hope that we can make Christ known through our neighborhoods, our communities and our city.

Local Partner: [HALO \(Homeless Assistance Leadership Organization\)](#)

HALO provides food and shelter for individuals without a home.

Currently there is an immediate need for food and personal items.

Drop off items May 11-June 1 at the Mission Table in the Commons.

Items needed include:

Personal Care Items:

- Bar soap
- Shampoo
- Conditioner
- Disposable razors
- Shaving cream
- Baby lotion
- Toothbrushes
- Toothpaste
- Deodorant/antiperspirant

Food:

- Breakfast cereal
- Canned meats
 - Tuna
 - Chicken
 - Spam
 - Corned beef hash

Household Items:

- Twin pillow cases
- Twin sheet sets
- Oven mitts
- Serving utensils
- Silverware
- Paper towel
- Disposable styrofoam cups

GRACE HAPPENINGS

NEWCOMER GATHERING

Today // 11:10am

If you are new or newer to Grace Church, or simply would like to know more about us, join us after service today at the Newcomer Gathering (*even if you have not RSVP'd*). This will be a time for you and your family to grab a light lunch, meet a few of the pastors, ask questions, and hear about the vision of Grace Church.

EXPLORING CHRISTIANITY

Begins Today // 11:10am

Meets Sundays through June 29

Taught by:

Clint Klepp & Patrick Tetzlaff

We want to continue to provide you with the necessary tools to move forward with the Discipleship Strategy. Exploring Christianity is a simple, no-pressure way to ask real questions and get practical, honest answers about what Christianity is really about.

Whether you're new to faith or just want to walk through it with someone you care about, this is a safe space to explore together.

ENLIVEN: Senior Adult Bible Study & Brunch

Thursday, May 22 // 10:30am

Those age 55+ are invited to come for Bible study & brunch. Join us as we study through the book of Genesis.

SUPPORT GRACE SOFTBALL

May 19th // 6:30pm

Cliffside Park SE Field

Grace Church (H) vs

Faith Community

STUDENT MINISTRY: BLAZE

End of Year Cookout!

Wednesday, May 21 // 6:00pm

Meets outside

Our end of the year cookout for middle school and high school students is a time for celebration and community. Dinner will be provided. Please bring a sweatshirt!

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

Save the dates!

July 28 - August 1 // 9am - Noon

Registration will open May 26th.

STOP BY THE BOOKSTALL

Have you visited the Bookstall recently? New titles are frequently being added. Stop by to see what's new!



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