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MATTHEW 26 - 28

**To Know Christ &
To Make Christ Known**



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WELCOME TO GRACE CHURCH

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. Fill out a Connect Card found in the pewback to let us know you were here.

Join us at the next Newcomer Gathering

April 19 // 11:10 am // B60

If you are new to Grace Church, Newcomer Gatherings are a time for you and your family to meet a few of the staff, ask questions, and hear about the vision of Grace Church (we'll have snacks too!). RSVP at the Welcome Table or by scanning the QR code.

TODAY'S WORSHIP SERVICE

PRE-SERVICE

["Hosanna \(Praise Is Rising\)"](#)

Welcome

Pastor Matthew Lautz

PRAISE

Call To Worship

[Psalm 118](#)

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

["King Of Kings"](#)

RENEWAL

Baptism

Mike Zimmer, Elder

Grace Kids Sing: "God So Loved"

PROCLAMATION

Reading of the Word

[Matthew 27:27-61](#)

Prayer of Illumination

Preaching of the Word

Pastor Mike Matheson

RESPONSE

Silent Reflection

["The Power Of The Cross"](#)

["How Deep The Father's Love For Us"](#)

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

Please pray for healing and recovery for those hospitalized or recently discharged: Sharisue Tenney

Our heartfelt love, sympathy, and prayers to Jeff Gordon on the passing of his father, George.

PRAYER REQUESTS

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 requests on the connection card and our prayer team will lift your needs up to the Lord. We have a dedicated prayer team that prays over each request. Additionally, our staff meets each week to pray over all of the needs of our congregation.

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

Please note: Next Sunday, Easter Sunday, there will only be childcare for children age 3 and under. WIT will not meet.

Children age 3+ attending the service will receive an Easter blessing bag.

Children are always 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.*

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 teaching portion of worship).

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.

On this Palm Sunday, we have arrived at the point to which the Gospel of Matthew has been guiding us over the last two and half years: the crucifixion and death of our Lord Jesus Christ. In this account of the events of that day, the author doesn't spare the details of the utter humiliation our Lord faced. Yet, at the moment Jesus yielded his spirit, we get a glimpse of the Lord's victory through the responses of some of the witnesses, including creation itself.

Discussion Questions

1. Review: In Matthew 27:11-26, why was it so ironic that Barrabas was set free in exchange for Jesus?
2. How many different ways do we see Jesus mocked and humiliated in 27:27-44? How often do you take time to really consider the depth of shame that our Lord endured at the cross?
3. In 27:46, Jesus cries out to God by quoting a portion of Psalm 22. What is that Psalm about and what is Jesus saying about himself by citing it at this moment?
4. What is the significance of the temple curtain tearing in half after Jesus died in 27:51?
5. Why do you think it was notable for Matthew to include that the first person out of the crowd to proclaim Jesus as the Son of God (not mockingly) was a Roman centurion (27:54)?
6. Why does the message of the cross seem foolish to those who don't believe? Why must we continue to preach it to a lost world?

SERMON NOTES

SUNDAY, MARCH 29

[Matthew 27:27-61](#)

Pastor Mike Matheson

THE CRUCIFIED KING

Next Week: [Matthew 27:62-28:1-20](#)

ATTENDANCE & GIVING

LAST WEEK

Attendance: 856
Giving: \$40,807

2026 GIVING

Year to Date: \$437,543
+/- Budget: \$-48,936

HOLY WEEK SERVICES & ACTIVITIES

Holy Week commemorates the final days of Jesus' earthly ministry and helps prepare our hearts to celebrate Jesus' triumph over sin & death on Easter Sunday.

March 29: Palm Sunday
9:30am Worship Service

April 2: Maundy Thursday
6:30pm Communion Service,
followed by a meal (*no childcare*)

April 1: Sense of Holy Week
5:30pm - 8pm Open-House Style
Activity for families & groups

April 3: Good Friday
6:30pm Service (*no childcare*)

April 5: Easter Sunday
9:30am Worship Service

MAUNDY THURSDAY MEAL

Thursday, April 2 // 6:30pm

Following our communion service on Maundy Thursday, we'll enjoy a meal together. Bring a crock-pot of soup or a dessert to share. Scan the QR code to let us know what you'll be bringing.

Please note: Please cut desserts in advance.

Please bring your soup hot or drop it off early in the day so we can heat it. We will be eating following the service.

SHOW US YOUR ART!

We'd love to see what you've been drawing & creating as you reflect upon and study through the Lenten Devotional. Drop off your art at the Info Desk on Sundays or in the main office during the week. We're looking forward to displaying a gallery of Grace art during Holy Week!

EASTER FLOWERS

Thank you to everyone that purchased flowers for Easter Sunday; we will have a beautiful display of flowers. We understand that some may be allergic to them. Please take any necessary precautions as you join us for worship on that morning.

GRACE HAPPENINGS

MEMBERSHIP PRAYER GUIDE

Members of Grace Church

We're putting together a Membership Prayer Guide. Why are we doing this? First, we want to be praying for each other and this guide will help us to remain faithful to do that. Second, it's easier to pray for someone if you know who they are! So, **after service between now and April 19th**, we'll have a photo booth set up in the commons where members can come, check-in and we'll snap a quick picture of you. We hope to distribute these prayer guides at our next member meeting. These photos will also be used in Church Center as your profile picture.

GRACE SOFTBALL TEAM

Looking for softball players, any talent level (12 inch ball).

When: Monday nights starting in May at Cliffside Park.

Why: Fellowship and fun. Goal is to have two teams this year! If you have ever considered playing, this is the year!

Contact: Ryan Traxinger
262-880-8723 call or text.

STUDENT MINISTRY: GAME NIGHT

Friday, April 24th, 6:30-8:30 pm
(Registration open now until Friday, April 17th)

Students grades 6-12, join us for a fun game & pizza night. We'll have games available, or bring your favorite board game. Scan the QR code to register.

AT THE BOOKSTALL

Give the gift of books! Stop by the bookstall to see the selection of books we've curated for children.

OPPORTUNITIES TO SERVE

Sense of Holy Week

This event takes many hands! Serve at one of the stations to bless the many guests we welcome in. Scan the QR to sign-up or contact Rachel/Mary at kids@graceinracine.com

Maundy Thursday Meal Team

We are looking for people to help in a variety of ways:

- Set up during the day (10am)
- Receive food before service
- Assist with tray clean-up during the meal.

Scan the QR code if you're able to be part of the team!

LOCAL PARTNER:

SAFE FAMILIES FOR CHILDREN

Cornhole Fundraiser

Sat., April 18 // 1-4pm at

Grace Church

Help raise funds for Safe Families for Children in Racine & Kenosha while enjoying a cornhole competition with prizes for the top teams, delicious food, and a kids' carnival with games and activities. Scan the QR code to learn more!



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