



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

["King Of Kings"](#)

Welcome

Luke Greenwald, Elder

PRAISE

Call To Worship

[1 John 1:1-3](#)

["Psalm 150 \(Praise The Lord\)"](#)

["'Tis So Sweet"](#)

RENEWAL

Missions Moment

Joe & Sheri Kobriger, Co-Missions Directors

["Help Us See Christ"](#)

PROCLAMATION

Reading of the Word

[Matthew 16:1-12](#)

Prayer of Illumination

Preaching of the Word

Patrick Tetzlaff

RESPONSE

Silent Reflection

["Turn Your Eyes"](#)

Benediction

*The sanctuary will continue to be used for prayer and reflection following the service. We invite you to come down front if you have a prayer need.
Head to the Commons for fellowship after service.*

CARE MINISTRY

PRAYER FOR HEALING & RECOVERY

Please pray for healing and recovery for those hospitalized or recently discharged: Sherry Udvardi

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. However, we do 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 after the scripture reading).

ATTENDANCE & GIVING

LAST WEEK

Attendance: 1,240

Giving: \$60,397

2025 GIVING

Year to Date: \$576,604

+/- Budget: \$-52,035

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 a wonderful Holy Week, we return back to our series in the gospel of Matthew where we are immediately met with another confrontation between Jesus and the religious leaders. They, again, demand a sign from the Lord and Jesus refuses to acquiesce. Jesus uses this as an opportunity to warn his disciples and show them that his ministry goes far deeper than meeting physical needs.

Discussion Questions

1. Miscommunications are common. Can you think of a time when you took someone literally when they were being figurative or looking to make a larger point? When reading or studying the Bible, why is the literary or historical context so important? What are some examples of passages or verses where we can misinterpret if we are overly literal?
2. Our current Sermon Series is all about the King and His People. From the last few chapters of Matthew, what are some things that have surprised you about Jesus and the people he gathers?
3. When the Pharisees and Sadducees test Jesus by asking him for a sign he tells them that no sign will be given except the sign of Jonah (Matthew 16:4). In a previous interaction (Matthew 12:38-42) Jesus connects to the sign of Jonah by saying “so will the Son of Man be three days and three nights in the heart of the earth.” How is Jesus’ death and resurrection similar to Jonah’s being swallowed by a fish and how is it different? Why does it say that the people of Nineveh will rise up in judgement at this generation?
4. How is the resurrection of Jesus Christ “a greater” if not the greatest sign of who Jesus is? Have you ever considered the historical evidence for the resurrection of Jesus Christ? If so, what evidence do you find most compelling? One argument skeptics make is that the resurrection of Jesus is merely symbolic. Read 1 Corinthians 15:3-9. How might this passage help validate the authenticity of the resurrection?
5. Jesus refers to the disciples as “you of little faith” (Matthew 16:8), because they are preoccupied with their need for bread. What situations or physical needs tend to make your faith feel little? How can focusing on the greater sign of the resurrection help to increase your faith?

SERMON NOTES

SUNDAY, APRIL 27

[Matthew 16:1-12](#)

Patrick Tetzlaff

DON'T TEST JESUS

Next Week: [Matthew 16:13-28](#)

MISSIONS

GLOBAL SNACK 'N CHAT

Today! // 11:15 - 12:00 // Commons Area

Meet Grace supported field workers Joseph & Thana Moussa who are originally from Syria and are now planting churches among Arabic speaking people in the U.S. Hear stories about their media ministry that reaches Muslims worldwide with the gospel.

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: Grace Girls & Guys

Thank you Grace Church for purchasing Bibles for Julian Thomas students! Your generosity will allow each of the 45 students to have their own Bible.

Local Partner: Royal Family Kids Volunteer Opportunities

Learn more: Sunday May 4 after service

Next Sunday stop by the Local Partnership to learn how you can serve in the Grace Royal Family Kids Local Partnership.

Royal Family Kids hosts a monthly mentoring program from September to May for Foster kids as well as a one-week residential camp for foster and out of home placement children ages 7-11.

Immediate Needs:

- Male camp counselors
- Camp truck unloading and unpacking
- The camp Birthday Party wrapping and decorating

Stop by the table or email Local Partnership Leader Angel Platzer for more information at platzma@yahoo.com or scan the QR code for more info.

GRACE HAPPENINGS

WOMEN'S GATHERING

Saturday, May 3 // 9am - 11am

Come and connect with us as we worship God through song, fellowship, and study of His Word. This month: *"I Am the True Vine"* (John 15:1-11)

Scan the QR code to RSVP.

DISCIPLESHIP STRATEGY

WORKSHOP: EQUIP

Sunday, May 4 // After Service

Join us at the last of our Discipleship Workshops where we will focus on *equipping*.

Register soon, limited childcare available. Scan the QR code to register.

EXPLORING CHRISTIANITY

Begins May 18 // 11am

Meets Sundays through June 29
Taught by Clint Klepp

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.

GRACE SOFTBALL TEAM

Looking for softball players, any talent level (12 inch ball).
When: Monday nights starting in May at Cliffside Park.
Contact: Ryan Traxinger
262-880-8723 call or text.

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

Save the dates!

July 28 - August 1 // 9am - Noon
Registration will open May 26th.

STAY CONNECTED - JOIN US ON CHURCH CENTER!

Church Center is a mobile app and web experience where you can explore, engage, and get involved throughout the week.

- Listen to or watch sermons
- Engage with your Life Group
- Manage giving
- Sign-up for events
- Need something posted in the Classifieds? Find the form for that on Church Center
- Check your serving schedule

Scan the QR code to download the app!



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