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MATTHEW 26 - 28

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



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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

["This Is Amazing Grace"](#)

Welcome

Pastor Matthew Lautz

PRAISE

Call To Worship

[Psalm 103:1-2](#)

["This Is Amazing Grace"](#)

["Yet Not I But Through Christ In Me"](#)

RENEWAL

Prayer of Renewal

Pastor Matthew Lautz

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

PROCLAMATION

Reading of the Word

[Matthew 26:30-56](#)

Prayer of Illumination

Preaching of the Word

Pastor Mike Matheson

RESPONSE

["Hallelujah What A Savior"](#)

The Lord's Supper

Craig Vaughn, Elder

["In Christ Alone"](#)

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: Jennifer Morin

GRIEFSHARE

Begins Saturday, March 14 // Meets from 9am - 11am

GriefShare is a 13 week grief support group program that brings together those walking through one of life's most difficult experiences, and helps them process the loss of a loved one in a friendly, caring environment. You don't have to go through the grieving process alone. Join us as we look to the Lord for healing, care, and comfort. Space is limited so scan the QR code and register today.

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.*

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.

Our entire journey through Matthew over the last two and a half years has been all about the anticipation of God's plan to establish his kingdom through Jesus. In this week's passage, we clearly see that plan get put into motion with his betrayal and arrest. Though it may seem unlikely to us, Jesus' abandonment and His being taken into custody by human authorities were necessary for fulfillment of this kingdom.

Discussion Questions

1. Review: How does the Lord's Supper represent the ultimate fulfillment of the Jewish Passover meal?
2. In foretelling his disciples' abandonment of him, Jesus quotes from Zechariah 13. Read Zechariah 13:7-9 together. What will ultimately come of the sheep who are scattered?
3. Why do you suppose Peter was so confident in his own sense of faithfulness to Jesus after he was told that he would deny him? How do we sometimes get caught up into the same error as Peter?
4. Was Jesus considering not following through with his mission as he struggled in Gethsemane? What was Jesus actually asking of the Father in his prayer?
5. At the end of this passage (26:56), all of the disciples flee and abandon Jesus. Why was it necessary for Jesus to face his death alone?
6. How does the reality of Jesus' abandonment aid us in sharing the gospel with others? How does this passage speak to non-believers who feel that God is too distant from them?

SERMON NOTES

SUNDAY, MARCH 1

[Matthew 26:30-56](#)

Pastor Mike Matheson

CHRIST, ALONE

Next Week: [Matthew 26:57-75](#)

ATTENDANCE & GIVING

LAST WEEK

Attendance: 775
Giving: \$66,247

2026 GIVING

Year to Date: \$270,207
+/- Budget: \$-54,113

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 worshiping 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

PRAY FOR THE STUDENT MINISTRY BIG CHILL RETREAT

On March 6th, 111 students and leaders will spend the weekend at Lake Geneva Youth Camp.

Please pray for:

- Students to connect with one another
- Health and safety of all
- Removed distractions
- Open hearts to hear the Word

GRACE HAPPENINGS

AUGUST 2026 SOUTH AFRICA

MISSION TRIP

Informational Meeting

Today // 11am // Room A36

Come learn more about being part of a short term mission trip to South Africa to work with Craig & Brenda Rebro and Tom Maurer.

Questions: contact Jo Pedrazoli
jopedrazoli@gmail.com
(608) 385-6495.

SAFE FAMILIES INFO SESSION

Today // 11:00-12:00 room A18

Come and hear more about the faith-based Safe Families ministry and how you can get involved in this Grace Local Partnership. Scan the QR code for more info or contact Jen Welter: jennybhull@gmail.com.

ONE-TO-ONE BIBLE READING

Learn how you can begin One-to-one Bible reading. Stop by the table where we will provide you with more information and get you started. One-to-one Bible reading is reading through and discussing a book of the Bible with another person on a regular basis for a specific determined length of time.

MISSION PRAYER HOUR

Monday, March 2nd // Room A29

New Time! 6:30pm

All are welcome to join us as we pray for our local & global partners and the lost people they reach with the gospel.

EASTER CHOIR

Love to sing? Join our Easter Choir as we celebrate the resurrection of Christ on April 5th.

Individuals age 10 and older are welcome. Ages 10-14 must be accompanied by a parent.

Rehearsal details:

Weekly beginning March 2nd
6:30pm - 8pm

You do not have to have choir experience or be an amazing singer. Scan the QR code to sign up!

FLOWERS FOR EASTER SUNDAY

Help decorate the sanctuary for Easter by purchasing Easter lilies, daffodils, hyacinths, or tulips. They'll be delivered in time to decorate the church, and then you can take them home with you following the service on Resurrection Sunday. The last day to order is Sunday, March 8th.

THE BOOKSTALL

Stop by to see the featured books on Prayer. Sometimes the hardest part of prayer is simply knowing where to start. Whether you're a seasoned prayer warrior or just beginning your journey, we have resources to help you connect more deeply with the Lord.



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