



I BELIEVE

The Apostles' Creed

I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.
He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit
and born of the Virgin Mary.

He suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried.

He descended to the dead.

On the third day he rose again.

He ascended into heaven,

and is seated at the right hand of the Father.

He will come again to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic Church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen.

*We're glad
you're here!*

NEW OR VISITING?

→ Stop by the Welcome Table outside the sanctuary, we'd love to meet you. Fill out a Connect Card and drop it in the offering box or scan the QR code to fill it out online.

→ Do you need a Bible? Stop by the Welcome Table for one to take home. Feel free to use one from the pew during service.

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

Nursery & Preschool classes are available the entire service.

→ A nursing mothers' room is available just outside the sanctuary on the north side of the building.

THIS WEEK AT GRACE

MON **August 17**
6:30pm Mission Prayer Hour

TUE **August 18**
6:30pm Celebrate Recovery
6:30pm Theology In The Park

SUN **August 23**
9:30am Worship Service
Member Prayer Guide
Photo Day

COMING UP

AUG 26 Summer Blaze

AUG 30 Global Mission Snack & Chat with the Martins

SEP 13 Member Meeting

SEP 14 Men's No Regrets Group Resumes

SEP 16 IG-Nite & Blaze resume

SEP 19 Medicare Seminar

SEP 20 Newcomer Gathering

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

TODAY'S WORSHIP SERVICE

PRE-SERVICE

[*Bless God*](#)

Welcome

Pastor Matthew Lautz

PRAISE

Call To Worship

[*Isaiah 28:16*](#)

[*The Church's One Foundation*](#)

[*Behold Him*](#)

RENEWAL

Prayer Of Renewal

Pastor Matthew Lautz

Holy Spirit, Living Breath Of God

PROCLAMATION

Reading of the Word

Prayer of Illumination

Preaching of the Word

Clint Klepp, Member of Grace Church

RESPONSE

Silent Reflection

The Lord's Supper

Dave Jansson, Elder

[*Song Of The Saints*](#)

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.

JESUS PART II: HEAVEN TO EARTH AND EARTH TO THE GRAVE

Sunday, August 16
Clint Klepp

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.

This week, we continue to explore what we are called to believe about Jesus. Whereas last week we focused on more general truths of who Jesus is, especially in relation to the Father, this week we are zooming in on his earthly life, specifically his birth and his death.

Discussion Questions

1. When life gets difficult, where do you instinctively run for comfort, security, and identity? What does that reveal about who or what you are trusting as your hero?
2. While the implications of Jesus' death are often front and center in sharing the good news of the Gospel, why does the fact that Jesus was born, and born of a virgin, matter for what we believe about salvation?
3. Matthew 1:23 tells us that Jesus is "*God with us*." When you consider that Jesus is God with us, what affections emerge? Where are you currently living as though God is absent, and what would change if your trust grew in the fact that Jesus is with you there?
4. Reflect on Philippians 2:5-8 and consider the suffering of Jesus in his incarnation. This passage calls us to be of the same mind when it comes to such humility. How does suffering and humility draw us closer to Jesus? How can you challenge yourself to grow in this kind of humility this week?
5. What does freedom from sin mean to you? How is that expressed practically? What habit, attitude, or destructive pattern may be influencing part of your identity? What might change if you truly believed that Jesus died not only to forgive it, but to break its power over your life?

UPCOMING SERMONS

August 23	I Believe: The Apostles' Creed <i>Descended, Rose, Ascended, Seated, Will Come Again</i>
August 30	I Believe: The Apostles' Creed <i>The Spirit & The Church</i>
September 6	I Believe: The Apostles' Creed <i>Resurrection & Life Everlasting</i>
September 13	Ephesians: All Things In Christ // Ephesians 1:1-2

2026 MEN'S RETREAT

September 25 - 27 // Village Creek Bible Camp

Men of all ages, join us for a time of fellowship in God's creation growing together in our walk with Christ!

Friday night through Sunday morning: \$125 per person

Fee includes: Meals, snacks, and accommodations (*bring your own towels & bedding*)

Scan the QR code or stop by the table outside the sanctuary for more information.

CARE MINISTRY

Please pray for healing and recovery for those hospitalized or recently discharged: Jeanne Ferraro, Heidi Beernink, Maxine Omdahl

JOURNEY GROUPS FOR WOMEN

Begins Tuesday, September 22 at 6:30pm

Meets on Tuesdays for 12 weeks.

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.

CELEBRATE RECOVERY Meets every Tuesday at 6:30pm in the Loft.

Celebrate Recovery (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.

Scan the QR code for more information.

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

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.

COMING UP

MEMBER MEETING

Sunday, September 13 // 11:15am

All members are encouraged to join us as we will be voting on congregationalism and discussing what's coming up at Grace Church.

MEMBER PRAYER GUIDE PHOTO DAYS

Today // After service

Dates: August 16, 23, & 30

Members: get your photo taken (or retaken) for the next Member Prayer Guide that will be distributed at our Member Meeting on September 13.

REGISTER FOR IG-NITE!

Begins September 16 // 6:15pm

IG-Nite (Intentional Growth Nite) is our mid-week ministry for kids age 3 through those in 5th grade. Scan the QR code to learn more and register.

MISSION PRAYER HOUR

Mon., August 17 // 6:30pm // A29

Join us as we pray for The Simmons (*in South America*), The Kirbys (*in Montana*) and our local partners as they seek to reach the lost with the gospel.

OFFERING & ATTENDANCE

Last week	\$40,646
YTD Giving	\$1,195,523
YTD Budgeted	\$-101,757

Last week's attendance	756
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GLOBAL MISSION

Snack & Chat with The Martins

Sun., August 30 // 11am // B30

Join us to hear an update from The Martins and the work they are doing.

DONATIONS NEEDED

**For the 2027 Guatemala
Healthcare Trip**

Help the team provide gifts to patients in Guatemala. Scan the QR code for full list of items.

LUNCH & LEARN

**Taking The Mystery Out of
Medicare**

Sat., September 19 // 9:30am

Speaker: Craig Vaughn

Whether you're just exploring the complicated minefield of Medicare or are ready for your annual review of plans and coverage (recommended for all Medicare recipients) this seminar will instruct and equip you for the year ahead.

This is beneficial for anyone approaching Medicare age (upper 40s and beyond).

Lunch provided. No cost, but registration required. Scan the QR code to register.

WAYS TO GIVE

**Give online
in Church Center**
Scan the QR code



At Grace

Offering boxes can be found in the balcony and outside the sanctuary on the main level

By Mail

We love to get mail!

OPPORTUNITIES TO SERVE

Children's Ministry on Wednesday evenings: 6:15pm - 8pm

For more information, scan the QR Code or talk to Rachel Menke or Many Andrews at the Info Center.

To fill one of these positions you must be out of high school and a member of Grace Church.

IG-Nite Games Co-Leader (need 1-2)

Work in tandem with another leader to lead games for elementary IG-Nite students.

IG-Nite Small Group Leaders

- 2nd/3rd Grade Girls - 3 needed
- 2nd/3rd Grade Boys - 2 needed
- 4th/5th Grade Boys - 2 needed

Work with two other co-leaders to build relationships and learn alongside a small group of 6-12 students.

IG-Nite Preschool Classroom Helper (need 1-2)

Assist preschoolers in crafts and games that go along with the lesson.

IG-Nite Greeter (need 1-2)

Greet students as they arrive to IG-Nite each week and assist them by making sure they have a nametag and know where to go next. Also assist in registering new attendants. (This position is needed from 5:45-6:45pm)



To Know Christ And To Make Christ Known

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