

The background is a rich, textured impressionistic painting of a vineyard. In the foreground, there are dense, dark green grapevines with clusters of small, dark grapes. In the middle ground, several figures are visible: two women in the left foreground, one holding a red parasol, and other figures further back in the vineyard. The sky is a bright, swirling blue with white highlights, suggesting a bright, sunny day. The overall style is reminiscent of J.M.W. Turner's 'Rain, Steam, and Great Bridges' or similar Impressionist works.

# THE KING

& HIS AUTHORITY

MATTHEW 19 - 23

TO KNOW CHRIST AND  
TO MAKE CHRIST KNOWN



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## WELCOME TO GRACE CHURCH

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### 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](http://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.

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## TODAY'S WORSHIP SERVICE

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### PRE-SERVICE

["You've Already Won"](#)

Welcome

Pastor Mike Matheson

### PRAISE

Call To Worship

["The Lion And The Lamb"](#)

["How Great Thou Art"](#)

[1 Chronicles 29:10-11](#)

### RENEWAL

Prayer Of Renewal

["Psalm 46 \(Lord Of Hosts\)"](#)

Pastor Mike Matheson

### PROCLAMATION

Reading of the Word

Prayer of Illumination

Preaching of the Word

[Matthew 21:18-46](#)

Pastor Isaac Miller

### RESPONSE

Silent Reflection

["What A Beautiful Name/Agnes Dei"](#)

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.*

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## CARE MINISTRY

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### PRAYER FOR HEALING & RECOVERY

Please pray for healing and recovery for those hospitalized or recently discharged: Guy Ladd, Laverne Jorgensen, Ann Johnson-Lorenzini

**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](mailto:celebraterecovery@graceinracine.com)

### 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](mailto: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.

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## CHILDREN'S MINISTRY

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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.

After the events of Jesus entering into Jerusalem and overturning tables in the temple, Matthew includes an interesting, and slightly odd, story of Jesus cursing a fig tree that doesn't bear fruit. The broader point that is being made by the Lord is with the religious leaders over his authority and where they stand in regards to the kingdom.

### Discussion Questions

1. Review: What does Jesus' entrance into Jerusalem and the temple in 21:1-17 teach us concerning the nature of his rule and authority?
2. Why would Matthew include this odd story of Jesus taking the time to curse a tree? What broader point is being illustrated by it?
3. Looking at the parable of the two sons in verses 28-32, what is Jesus teaching in regards to what true belief looks like? How might a passage like this be convicting to us?
4. What is Jesus specifically telling the elders and the chief priests about themselves through the parable of the tenants? What is he saying about himself?
5. Read Psalm 118. What is this Psalm about and why would Jesus quote from it in his response to the religious leaders (21:42)?
6. Why is this passage such good news for the unbeliever who is exploring the gospel? How does Jesus' teaching here shape our approach to evangelism?

## SERMON NOTES

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 26

[Matthew 21:18-46](#)

Pastor Isaac Miller

KINGDOM AUTHORITY

Next Week: [Matthew 22:1-14](#)

## ATTENDANCE & GIVING

### LAST WEEK

Attendance: 866

Giving: \$62,117

### 2025 GIVING

Year to Date: \$1,579,816

+/- Budget: \$-117,014

## MISSION

### 2025 FALL & HOLIDAY COLLECTIONS

**All items due back to Grace on Sunday, November 9th**

#### Food Drive for Harvest Outreach Food Pantry

Stop by the table outside the sanctuary to pick up a paper bag to fill with non-perishable food items to benefit Harvest Outreach Food Pantry.

#### Operation Christmas Child Boxes

Fill an Operation Christmas Child Box. This is a great activity to do as a family or even as a Life Group. Boxes are available outside the sanctuary. Scan the QR code for shoebox packing tips.

### NEEDS FOR THE 2026 GUATEMALA HEALTHCARE TRIP

**Help the team bless those they serve in Guatemala.**

#### Needs:

- Extra large suitcases; 27 to 29 inch size. They don't need to be pretty; just need to have functional zippers and wheels, please.
- Gifts for our patients: Items do not need to be new; but clean, lightweight and gently used, please. Scan the QR code for full list of items.

## LOCAL PARTNERSHIPS

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.

#### HALO Special Event: Roaring 20's Jazz-Age Gala

**Saturday, November 15 // 7-10pm**

The Branch, 1501 Washington Avenue, Racine

For two decades Grace Local partner HALO (Homeless Assistance Leadership Organization) has provided shelter, support, and a pathway for a brighter future to homeless individuals and families in Racine County. To celebrate 20 years of service, HALO is hosting a Roaring 20's Jazz-Age Gala. Scan the QR code for tickets.

## GRACE HAPPENINGS

### MEMBERSHIP CLASS

**11:15am // Nov. 9 and Nov. 16**

If you are interested in becoming a member, this is the first step in the process. At Grace Church, membership is the way we root ourselves in the local body of Christ, like becoming part of a family. Join us for this two class series to learn about the beliefs, vision, and organization of the church.

Attendance at both classes is necessary. A light lunch of sandwiches will be provided. Scan the QR code to register.

### CHILD DEDICATION CLASS

**Sunday, November 9 // 11am**

**Ceremony: Sunday, Nov. 23**

At Grace Church we believe that your child is a gift from God. Therefore we believe that it is important for parents to intentionally think through the steps they will take to raise their child in the fear and love of the Lord. We also want to affirm that our local church plays a role in coming alongside parents to accomplish that goal.

If you'd like to have your child dedicated on November 23rd, please scan the QR code to register for the required class.

### MEN'S GATHERING

**Saturday, November 8 // 8am**

Guys, join us at the third gathering of the season as we continue our series entitled: *"Christian Misunderstood."* The misunderstood phrase that will be discussed is *"Christianity is Not a Religion, It's a Relationship."* Guys of all ages are invited for a hot breakfast, worship time, and a message. No RSVP needed.

### **SAVE THE DATE:**

### THANKSGIVING SERVICE

**& Member Meeting!**

**Sunday, November 23rd // 4pm**

You're all invited to join us at our annual Thanksgiving Service on Sunday, November 23rd at 4pm. We'll have a time of worship, hearing from the Word, and an opportunity to praise God together for all he's done in the past year. A small portion of our time together will also be a member meeting. After the service, we will enjoy a Thanksgiving meal together (food provided.)

### ASSIST WITH OUR ANNUAL THANKSGIVING MEAL

We need many hands for this meal! We need people to help assemble centerpieces during the week before, help with prep after morning service on November 23rd (decorating tables, food prep, and other tasks), busing tables, dishes/clean-up, & tear down. Scan the QR code to let us know if you're able to help!



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