



The Coming of the King

To Know Christ &
To Make Christ Known



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MATTHEW 24-25

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

["As For Me And My House"](#)

Welcome

Pastor Mike Matheson

PRAISE

Call To Worship

[Psalm 66:1-2](#)

["All Glory Be To Christ"](#)

["His Glory And My Good"](#)

RENEWAL

Baptism

Clint Klepp, Elder

["His Mercy Is More"](#)

PROCLAMATION

Reading of the Word

[Matthew 24:45-25:30](#)

Prayer of Illumination

Preaching of the Word

Pastor Mike Matheson

RESPONSE

Silent Reflection

["As For Me And My House"](#)

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: Dawn Wade, Isaac Miller

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.

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.

Last week's message walked us through Jesus' words to the disciples concerning what they (and we) ought to expect at the end of the age. In 24:45-25:30, Jesus presents three parables to teach us how to live in light of these realities. It is a message that is meant to both encourage and exhort his followers to faithfulness during the delay of his imminent return.

Discussion Questions

1. Review: What particularly stood out for you from last week's sermon? How have these last few weeks been helpful in your thinking about the last days?
2. Why does Jesus use such harsh language concerning the consequence for the wicked servant in 24:50-51? In what way are the master's actions toward him justified?
3. Why would it be a problem for maidens to not have enough oil for their lamps as they wait for the bridegroom to arrive (25:1-12)? Why would the bridegroom shut the door on them (25:10-12)?
4. In the Parable of the Talents (25:14-30), what is the meaning behind the master giving different amounts of money to each servant? What does the wicked and slothful servant's response to the master (25:24-25) tell us about the servant's heart?
5. What do these three parables teach us as Christians? In what ways are you tempted to live foolishly in light of Christ's delay in returning?
6. What application does this passage hold for the non-believer? How can we go about graciously sharing these things with those who are outside of the faith?

SERMON NOTES

SUNDAY, JANUARY 25

[Matthew 24:45-25:30](#)

Pastor Mike Matheson

THE WAITING IS THE
HARDEST PART

Next Week: [Matthew 25:31-46](#)

ATTENDANCE & GIVING

LAST WEEK

Attendance: 833

Giving: \$51,320

2025 GIVING

Year to Date: \$90,811

+/- Budget: \$-30,808

CLASSES

We are excited to offer classes that will help you to grow in your pursuit to know Christ in an ever-growing, ever-increasing way. These classes are aimed to help you grow regardless of where you are in your walk with Christ. Read about them below and then scan the QR code to register.

Classes begin Sunday, February 1 // 11:15am

One-to-One Bible Reading

Teachers: Patrick Tetzlaff and Erin Fleming

This is an easy, grassroots way to connect with others around God's Word! We will go through David Helm's book, *One-to-One Bible Reading*. The goal of this class is to give you the tools to start your own 1:1 Bible reading with a friend.

The Pillars of Our Faith and Practice

Teacher: Pastor Chris Amundson

Grace Church has existed for 171 years as a Baptist congregation. But what does it mean to be Baptist? In this four week class we are going to look at how Baptists have historically approached the ordinances (Baptism and the Lord's Supper), membership, and church governance. The goal is to not merely learn our history, but to discuss how these things shape the way we do church.

MEMBER MEETING: TODAY @ 11AM

Members of Grace Church are invited to our Member Meeting. All Grace attendees are welcome to attend, however, only members can participate in the meeting, and you need to be present to vote.

After service please:

- Check-in for the meeting. Stop by the table outside the sanctuary to sign-in and receive a voting card.
- Pick up an agenda, Annual Report, & supplemental documents.
- Grab a light snack and water from the check-in table.

GRACE HAPPENINGS

MEMBERSHIP CLASS

11:15am // Feb. 8 & March 1

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.

WOMEN'S GATHERING

Sat., February 7 // 9am - 11am

Come and connect with us as we worship God through song, fellowship, and study Psalm 103. Scan the QR code to RSVP.

STUDENT MINISTRY

BIG CHILL WINTER RETREAT

March 6-8, 2026 // Lake Geneva

Youth Camp // \$150 per student

Registration closes TODAY, 1/25/26.

Big Chill is a weekend retreat for students in 6th through 12th grade.

Scan the QR code to register.

Registration for Big Chill is not complete until payment has been made and all required forms have been printed, signed, and returned to Miah or Evan. This year, you have the option to pay cash or check in person, or you can pay online with debit/credit card (*additional \$5 fee*).

LOCAL PARTNER:

ROYAL FAMILY KIDS CAMP

June 14-19 // Lake Geneva

The Royal Family Kids Camp ministers to foster care children ages 7 to 11.

Contact Angel Platzer to learn more about serving at this camp: platzma@yahoo.com.

ROYAL FAMILY KIDS: GALA

March 7 // Roma Lodge

Silent Auction opens at 4:30pm

Dinner Seating 5:45pm

Come support the Royal Family Kids Camp and Mentoring Club Local Partnership by attending their fundraising Gala. The camp and club minister to foster children in our community. Tickets purchased through January 31 are \$50; tickets purchased February 1-15 are \$60. Attendees are also able to host a table of 8. Scan the QR code to register.

GIVING STATEMENTS

These will be *emailed* to you in January. Please take time to verify your email address in the Church Center app. If you need help, call us at 262-632-2111.



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