



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

["Life Defined"](#)

Welcome

Pastor Chris Amundson

PRAISE

Call To Worship

[Psalm 36:7-9](#)

["God So Loved"](#)

["How Great Thou Art"](#)

RENEWAL

Prayer of Renewal

Pastor Chris Amundson

["Help Us See Christ"](#)

PROCLAMATION

Reading of the Word

[Matthew 14:13-36](#)

Prayer of Illumination

Preaching of the Word

Pastor Mike Matheson

RESPONSE

Silent Reflection

["In Christ Alone"](#)

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: Joe Romano

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

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.
- Email prayer@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: 759

Giving: \$60,840

2025 GIVING

Year to Date: \$416,788

+/- Budget: \$-15,402

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.

In the text this week, we look at some of the most famous miracles of our Lord. These miracles are familiar to many of us who have walked with Jesus for some time, their familiarity sometimes causes us to overlook what they are saying about the Lord and what it means for how we serve him.

Discussion Questions

1. Review: What do the two stories from last week teach us about the human response to God's messengers? How do we sometimes fall into the same error as the people of Jesus' hometown and Herod?
2. The passage begins with the feeding of the 5,000. Given the nature of this miracle and Israel's history of their wandering in the wilderness, what does this tell us about who Jesus is? Why does Matthew make a point to include the detail that there was so much left over?
3. What was Jesus demonstrating about himself by his walking on water? Why is it easy for us to often relate to Peter in this story?
4. When Jesus goes to Gennesaret and heals, people were asking just to touch the fringe of his garment. Why? What does this teach us about the nature of faith in Christ?
5. How do these stories form our understanding of who Jesus is? How do we sometimes view him as less than he really is?
6. Do you ever avoid talking about his miracles when sharing Christ with others? Why might that be tempting for us to do?

SERMON NOTES

SUNDAY, MARCH 23

[Matthew 14:13-36](#)

Pastor Mike Matheson

BELIEVE IN MIRACLES?

Next Week: [Matthew 15:1-20](#)

LOCAL PARTNERSHIPS

SAFE FAMILIES FOR CHILDREN

Cornhole Fundraiser

Saturday, April 12 // 1-5pm // Grace Church

Help raise funds for Safe Families for Children in Racine and Kenosha while enjoying a day full of Recreational Cornhole. Scan the QR code to learn more!

PARENT LIFE AND CAMPUS LIFE ATHLETICS

Racine Youth For Christ Banquets

Thursday, April 10 & Friday, April 11 // Dinner at 6:15pm

You are invited to the Youth For Christ banquet! Come and hear about two Grace Church Local Partnerships – **Parent Life and Campus Life Athletics** – and other ways YFC is ministering to students in the Racine public schools. If you would like to attend the banquet (or host a table), scan the QR code for more information.

HOLY WEEK SERVICES & ACTIVITIES

Holy Week commemorates the final days of Jesus' earthly ministry and helps prepare our hearts to celebrate Jesus' triumph over sin & death on Easter Sunday.

April 13: Palm Sunday

9:30am Worship Service

April 16: Sense of Holy Week

5pm - 9pm Open House Style
Activity for families & groups

April 17: Maundy Thursday

6:30pm Communion Service,
followed by a meal (*no childcare*)

April 18: Good Friday

6:30pm Service (*no childcare*)

April 20: Easter Sunday

9:30am Worship Service

SHOW US YOUR ART!

We'd love to see what you've been drawing & creating as you reflect upon and study the Letters From The Cross. Drop off your art at the Info Desk on Sundays or in the main office during the week. We're looking forward to displaying a gallery of Grace art during Holy Week!

LENTEN DEVOTION LETTERS

The end of each week features a letter writing prompt. Did you write a letter to our Global Partners? Drop your letter off in the marked basket at the Info Center or send via email to globalteam@graceinracine.com

GRACE HAPPENINGS

DISCIPLESHIP STRATEGY

WORKSHOP: ESTABLISH

TODAY! // After Service

We will be discussing what it means to be *established* in the faith and *how we work toward establishing others*. It is out of joy and faithfulness to the Lord's command that we press forward in spurring one another on to grow in Christ. This workshop serves as an occasion for us to do this together. Stop by the table to pick up your room assignment (or register if you haven't).

ENLIVEN: Senior Adult Bible

Study & Brunch

Thursday, March 27 // 10:30am

Those age 55+ are invited to come for Bible study & brunch.

FLOWERS FOR EASTER SUNDAY

Today is the last day to order!

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 Easter Sunday.

WOMEN'S GATHERING

Sat., April 5 // 9am - 11am

Come and connect with us as we worship God through song, fellowship, and study of His Word. This month: *"I Am the Way, the Truth, and the Life" (John 14:1-11)*. Scan the QR code to RSVP.

MEMBER MEETING

Sunday, April 13 // 11:15am

All members are encouraged to join us as we will be following up from the January meeting where Pastor Mike introduced congregationalism; specifically looking at the role for the church in adding and removing members.



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