

The background is a rich, textured impressionistic painting of a vineyard. In the foreground, there are dense clusters of grapevines with green and yellowing leaves. In the middle ground, several figures are visible: two women on the left holding red umbrellas, and other people further back working in the vines. The sky is a swirling mix of blue and white, suggesting a bright, breezy day. The overall style is reminiscent of J.M.W. Turner or Vincent van Gogh.

THE KING

& HIS AUTHORITY

MATTHEW 19 - 23

TO KNOW CHRIST AND
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

["The Lord's Prayer \(It's Yours\)"](#)

Welcome

Pastor Isaac Miller

PRAISE

Call To Worship

[Psalm 116:16-19](#)

["Psalm 150 \(Praise The Lord\)"](#)

["Only A Holy God"](#)

RENEWAL

Prayer of Renewal

Pastor Matthew Lautz

["I Want To Know You"](#)

PROCLAMATION

Reading of the Word

[Matthew 23:1-39](#)

Prayer of Illumination

Preaching of the Word

Pastor Mike Matheson

RESPONSE

Silent Reflection

The Lord's Supper

Pastor Mike Matheson

["The Heart Of Worship"](#)

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

PRAYER FOR HEALING & RECOVERY

Please pray for healing and recovery for those hospitalized or recently discharged: Judy Lenart

CARING FOR GRACE FAMILIES

If your family is experiencing financial challenges and would be blessed by assistance with your Thanksgiving dinner, fill out a Connect Card, write "Thanksgiving" along with your name, address & phone number and drop it in the offering box.

Contact Pam: 262-632-2111 pnichols@graceinracine.com.

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.

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.

In this passage we see our Lord's last verbal confrontation with the Pharisees in the Gospel of Matthew. It proves to be the strongest indictment against the religious establishment yet. The nature of the Pharisees' hypocrisy is laid plainly before them and we get a glimpse of what is to come as a result of their sin.

Discussion Questions

1. Review: Think about the questions that the religious leaders confronted Jesus with in the last passage (22:15-46). What were the religious leaders trying to do by asking these specific questions?
2. What is Jesus warning his disciples (and us) of in 23:1-12?
3. Jesus repeatedly pronounces *woes* against the Pharisees in this passage. What is a *woe* and why is it so serious?
4. In what ways are the Pharisees hypocrites according to this passage? How are they connected to those who murdered all of the Old Testament martyrs (23:34-36)?
5. In Jesus' lament in 23:37-39, he pronounces a judgement against Jerusalem. What historical event just a few decades later will bring this to fulfillment?
6. What makes sharing a passage like this helpful when talking to someone who might be exploring the gospel?

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 16

[Matthew 23:1-39](#)

Pastor Mike Matheson

SERMON NOTES

HYPOCRISY
UNMASKED

ATTENDANCE & GIVING

LAST WEEK

Attendance: 820

Giving: \$26,095

2025 GIVING

Year to Date: \$1,666,504

+/- Budget: \$-152,861

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

THANKSGIVING OFFERING

Next Sunday, November 23rd, our Annual Thanksgiving Offering will be taken. This offering is taken in addition to our regular offering. Scan the QR code to give online or indicate "Thanksgiving" on your check/envelope.

This year's offering will be designated to:

Globally: The INN (International Neighborhood Network)

The INN's vision is to connect with Muslim and Arabic-speaking communities from places in the world with limited or no gospel presence. As The INN plants local churches in the US, a natural outreach of these churches is to reach INN workers' and new believers' homelands.

Funds will be used for two conferences in Egypt to train and encourage Egyptian Pastors and adult leaders.

Locally: Grace Local Partner HALO (The Homeless Assistance Leadership Organization)

HALO offers each person an opportunity to begin their journey from dependency towards self-sufficiency. Homelessness is a very real issue for Racine County. Racine continues to have the highest unemployment rate and second highest child homelessness rate among Wisconsin cities. Last year, HALO served 700 individuals including 138 children, 58% under the age of six. One of the most important ways we can help individuals is by providing shelter, food, hygiene items and case management. Your financial gifts enable us to continue to assist the individuals at HALO.

GRACE HAPPENINGS

THANKSGIVING SERVICE

& Member Meeting!

Sunday, November 23 // 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).

WOMEN'S GATHERING

Saturday, December 6 // 9am

Join us at our Holiday Women's Gathering! We'll continue our series through the Book of Psalms which began during the Women's Retreat where we focused on Psalm 139, sing Christmas carols, fellowship, and enjoy delicious food! Scan the QR code to RSVP.

HOLIDAY COLLECTION RESULTS

3,275 pounds of food donated to Harvest Outreach Food Pantry!

300 shoeboxes were taken to be filled! (*Due back today*)

Thank Blaze students for writing prayer/scripture cards that we will put in each box. Thank you to everyone for their generous spirit.



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

NEWCOMER GATHERING

December 7 // 11:10 am // B60

If you are new to Grace Church and would like to know more about us, we invite you to our next Newcomer Gathering. Let us know you'll be joining us by stopping by the Welcome Table or scanning the QR code to RSVP.

ADVENT SEASON

Prepare Your Heart This Advent

Advent begins on November 30th. Deepen your anticipation and reflection this season with our special selection of Advent books. Visit the Bookstall this week to find a variety of devotionals, study guides, and children's books for the season.

Poinsettias for Christmas Eve

Share in the decoration of our sanctuary for Christmas Eve by purchasing a poinsettia. At the conclusion of the service, grab your poinsettia from the stage and take it home to enjoy.

Sales close December 1st.

Scan the QR code for purchase options (colors, sizes, etc).

Payment due upon purchase.

SAVE THE DATE!

The G Family Commissioning Sunday, December 14

We will celebrate The G Family as they are called to serve and will depart at the end of December. More details to come.