



TO KNOW CHRIST AND
TO MAKE CHRIST KNOWN

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& 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 99:1-5](#)

["Holy, Holy, Holy"](#)

["O Praise The Name \(Anàstasis\)"](#)

RENEWAL

Baptism

Luke Greenwald, Elder

["Yet Not I But Through Christ In Me"](#)

PROCLAMATION

Reading of the Word

[Matthew 16:13-28](#)

Prayer of Illumination

Preaching of the Word

Pastor Mike Matheson

RESPONSE

The Lord's Supper

["Christ Is Enough"](#)

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: Carrie Degroot, Greg Bloom

Congratulations to Matt and Elyse Cyr on the birth of Tobias Joel Cyr!

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

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. 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 before the scripture reading).

ATTENDANCE & GIVING

LAST WEEK

Attendance: 748

Giving: \$27,326

2025 GIVING

Year to Date: \$603,930

+/- Budget: \$-63,999

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.

We have reached a crucial part of the Gospel of Matthew where Peter confesses Jesus as the Christ, and the Lord is overjoyed with it. Jesus' identity is not only made plain, but we also gain a greater understanding of what life as his followers actually entails.

Discussion Questions

1. Review: Thinking back on last week's sermon on Matthew 16:1-12, in what ways are we prone to test Jesus? How are we sometimes like the Sadducees and Pharisees?
2. In looking at verses 13-20, what is so significant about Peter's confession of Jesus as the Christ? What does Jesus mean when he tells him that "*on this rock*" he will build his church?
3. What does it mean and how should we respond to the fact that the gates of hell (Hades) shall not prevail against his church?
4. Why did Peter respond with rebuke toward Jesus in verses 21-23? What ideas about the Kingdom did Peter have in mind?
5. How does the message about the suffering of his followers in verses 24-28 actually serve as an encouragement to us? Is Jesus teaching that salvation comes through our works in verse 27? If not, what is he saying?
6. How do we include the reality of suffering when we talk to others about Christ? Why is it important that we don't leave that part out?

SERMON NOTES

SUNDAY, MAY 4

[Matthew 16:13-28](#)

Pastor Mike Matheson

ON EARTH AS IN
HEAVEN

Next Week: [Matthew 17:1-13](#)

MISSIONS

LOCAL PARTNERS

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.

Local Partner: [Royal Family Kids](#) Volunteer Opportunities

Learn more: Sunday, May 4 after service

Next Sunday, stop by the Local Partner Table to learn how you can serve in the Grace Royal Family Kids Local Partner.

Royal Family Kids hosts a monthly mentoring program from September to May for foster kids, as well as a one-week residential camp for both foster and out-of-home placement children ages 7-11.

Immediate Needs:

- Male camp counselors
- Camp truck unloading and unpacking
- The camp "Birthday Party" wrapping and decorating

Stop by the table or email Local Partnership Leader Angel Platzter for more information at platzma@yahoo.com or scan the QR code for more info.

Local Partner: [HALO \(Homeless Assistance Leadership Organization\)](#)

HALO provides food and shelter for individuals without a home. Currently there is an immediate need for food and personal items. Drop off items May 11-June 1. Items needed include:

Personal Care Items:

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| • Twin pillow cases | • Shampoo | Food |
| • Twin sheet sets | • Conditioner | Breakfast cereal |
| • Oven mitts | • Disposable razors | Canned meats |
| • Serving utensils | • Shaving cream | • Tuna |
| • Silverware | • Baby lotion | • Chicken |
| • Paper towel | • Toothbrushes | • Spam |
| • Disposable styrofoam cups | • Toothpaste | • Corned beef hash |
| • Bar soap | • Deodorant/antiperspirant | |

GRACE HAPPENINGS

DISCIPLESHIP STRATEGY

WORKSHOP: EQUIP

TODAY! // After Service

Stop by the table for your room assignment or to register if you have not signed up yet. This workshop will focus on *equipping*.

MISSIONS PRAYER HOUR

Monday, May 5 // 7pm // A29

Join us as we pray for our field workers and the lost people they seek to reach with the gospel.

ENLIVEN: Senior Adult Bible Study & Brunch

Thursday, May 8 // 10:30am

Those age 55+ are invited to come for Bible study & brunch. Join us as we study through the book of Genesis.

EXPLORING CHRISTIANITY

Begins May 18 // 11am

Meets Sundays through June 29
Taught by Clint Klepp

We want to continue to provide you with the necessary tools to move forward with the Discipleship Strategy. Exploring Christianity is a simple, no-pressure way to ask real questions and get practical, honest answers about what Christianity is really about.

Whether you're new to faith or just want to walk through it with someone you care about, this is a safe space to explore together.

NEWCOMER GATHERING

Sunday, May 18 // 11:15am

Come if you're new, newer or simply want to learn more about Grace. This will be a time for you and your family to grab a bite to eat, meet a few of the staff, ask questions, and hear about the vision of Grace Church. Scan the QR code to RSVP.

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

Save the dates!

July 28 - August 1 // 9am - Noon
Registration will open May 26th.

GRACE SOFTBALL TEAM

Looking for softball players, any talent level (12 inch ball).
When: Monday nights starting in May at Cliffside Park.
Contact: Ryan Traxinger
262-880-8723 call or text.



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