

The background is a rich, textured impressionistic painting of a vineyard. In the foreground, there are dense, dark green and brown vine branches with some yellow leaves. In the middle ground, several figures are visible: two women on the left, one holding a red parasol, and other figures further back in the field. The sky is a bright, swirling blue with white highlights. 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

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

Welcome

Pastor Matthew Lautz

PRAISE

Call To Worship

Psalm 68:1-4

["All Creatures Of Our God And King"](#)

["What A Beautiful Name"](#)

RENEWAL

Baptism

Pastor Chris Amundson

["Jesus, Our Judge And Savior"](#)

PROCLAMATION

Reading of the Word

Matthew 22:15-46

Prayer of Illumination

Preaching of the Word

Pastor Mike Matheson

RESPONSE

Silent Reflection

["Behold Our God"](#)

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: Angela Wolf, John Albert, Angie Wier

On the passing of Jeanette Lenart, our love, sympathy, and prayers to her daughter, Judy Lenart and son, Richard (Lori) Lenart.

SNAP BENEFITS

If you're a member, or if someone in your family is a member who is currently receiving SNAP benefits or WIC and will be losing these as of November 1 due to the government shutdown, please reach out to Pam Nichols here at church or scan the QR code. We'd love to help you through this time.

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 portion of Matthew 22, we witness an assault by the religious leaders on Jesus through a series of questions. Even though they were asking him the “impossible” questions of their day, our Lord answers each one of them directly and leaves everyone speechless with his responses. This week's passage gives us another example of an attempt by Jesus' enemies to destroy him without success.

Discussion Questions

1. Review: What does the Parable of the Wedding Feast (22:1-14) teach us about the nature of the Kingdom and the type of people who get to take part in it?
2. Why was the question about paying taxes to Caesar so controversial? How can we apply Jesus' response to this question to how we think about and interact with civil authorities today?
3. Who were the Sadducees and why were they asking Jesus a question about the resurrection? What was their true motivation?
4. Consider Jesus' response to the religious leaders after being asked what the greatest commandment is (22:37-40). What did he mean by saying that all the Law and the Prophets depend on the two commandments he cited?
5. Read all of Psalm 110. What was Jesus claiming about himself by drawing the Pharisees' attention to this Psalm in Matthew 22:44?
6. In what ways should this passage give us confidence in our pursuit to make Christ known to a skeptical and unbelieving world?

SERMON NOTES

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 9

[Matthew 22:15-46](#)

Pastor Mike Matheson

ARE YOU SMARTER
THAN A RELIGIOUS
LEADER?

Next Week: [Matthew 23:1-39](#)

ATTENDANCE & GIVING

LAST WEEK

Attendance: 811

Giving: \$30,041

2025 GIVING

Year to Date: \$1,640,408

+/- Budget: \$-138,111

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

MISSION

NOVEMBER FOCUS: PRAYING FOR THE PERSECUTED CHURCH

Throughout the month of November, we turn our hearts and prayers toward the global body of Christ. Remember the persecuted—those who suffer for the Gospel's sake.

Their courage is an inspiration, and our prayers are a vital lifeline. Join us in committing to pray daily for the protection, strength, and comfort of persecuted Christians.

Scan the QR code for a prayer guide and to learn more.

NEEDS FOR THE 2026 GUATEMALA HEALTHCARE TRIP

Help the team bless those who serve in Guatemala.

Needs:

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

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).

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.

ENLIVEN: Senior Adult Bible Study & Brunch

Thursday, Nov. 13 // 10:30am

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

LOCAL PARTNER

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.

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.



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