

TO KNOW  
CHRIST  
AND TO MAKE  
CHRIST  
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## WELCOME TO GRACE CHURCH

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### 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](http://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.

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## TODAY'S WORSHIP SERVICE

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### PRE-SERVICE

["You've Already Won"](#)

Welcome

Pastor Matthew Lautz

### PRAISE

Call To Worship

[Psalm 18:1-3](#)

["Come Thou Fount \(I Will Sing\)"](#)

### RENEWAL

Child Dedications

Pastor Mike Matheson

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

Baptism

Mike Zimmer, Elder

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

### PROCLAMATION

Reading of the Word

[1 John 5:11-13](#)

Prayer of Illumination

Preaching of the Word

Pastor Mike Matheson

### RESPONSE

Silent Reflection

["Christ Our Hope In Life And Death"](#)

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.*

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## CARE MINISTRY

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Please pray for healing and recovery for those hospitalized or recently discharged: Larry Scott, Mark Schaefer, Kyle Schoen

*Our heartfelt love, sympathy, and prayers to Lori Schultz on the passing of her father, Ralph Lewandowski.*

*Congratulations to Joel and Katie Harms on the birth of their daughter, Lily Grace Harms.*

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### 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](mailto: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](mailto:celebraterecovery@graceinracine.com)

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## CHILDREN'S MINISTRY

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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)

*Note: WIT will not meet on Sunday, November 30th due to the Thanksgiving Holiday.* 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.

This week we took a look at the topic of assurance of salvation. Whether we can be sure that we are truly saved is a question that almost all believers struggle with from time to time, but it is not a question that lacks an answer.

### Discussion Questions

1. Review: We just spent the last few months walking through another series in our journey through Matthew. What have you learned about the nature and magnitude of Jesus' authority?
2. Have you ever struggled with being assured of your own salvation? Why is this such a common struggle amongst believers in Christ?
3. Read 1 John 5:11-13. What is this passage teaching and how does it serve to bring comfort to those who are working through this issue for themselves?
4. What is false assurance of salvation? What makes it so dangerous?
5. Why is a person's relationship to the local church so important in regards to this issue? What part does the local church play for someone who is struggling with this?
6. How do unbelievers struggle with this question? How does a message like this bring hope to those who are exploring the gospel for themselves?

## SERMON NOTES

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 23  
[1 John 5:11-13](#)  
Pastor Mike Matheson

THAT YOU MAY KNOW

Next Week: Advent Week One // [1 Timothy 3:14-16](#)

## ATTENDANCE & GIVING

### LAST WEEK

Attendance: 893

Giving: \$68,795

### 2025 GIVING

Year to Date: \$1,735,299

+/- Budget: \$-124,910

### 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

Our Annual Thanksgiving Offering will be taken today. 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 toward 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

### HAPPY THANKSGIVING!

The church offices will be closed on Thursday, November 27 and Friday, November 28. We wish you and your family a blessed Thanksgiving as you remember and celebrate all of God's good gifts in your life!

### THANKSGIVING SERVICE

**& Member Meeting!**

**Today! // 4pm**

You're all invited to join us at our annual Thanksgiving Service this afternoon 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.



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

**Visit The Bookstall**

Looking for meaningful gifts for the children in your life? Stop by and browse our wide selection of children's books perfect for Christmas giving.

### 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 on November 30th.

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.