

The background is a rich, textured painting in an impressionistic style, likely by J.M.W. Turner's 'Rain, Steam, and Great Bridge' or a similar work. It depicts a lush green vineyard with people working among the vines. Some figures are holding red umbrellas, suggesting a rainy or overcast day. The sky is a deep, swirling blue with white highlights, and the overall brushwork is thick and expressive. The text is overlaid on the right side of the image.

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

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

Welcome

Pastor Matthew Lautz

PRAISE

Call To Worship

["Sing"](#)

[Psalm 13:6](#)

["My Worth Is Not In What I Own"](#)

RENEWAL

Transportation Ministry Highlight

["Blessed Assurance"](#)

PROCLAMATION

Reading of the Word

[Matthew 19:16-30](#)

Prayer of Illumination

Preaching of the Word

Pastor Mike Matheson

RESPONSE

The Lord's Supper

Dave Jansson, Elder

["All I Have Is Christ"](#)

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: Nicole Lizotte

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.
- Come down front after service Sunday morning and we will pray with you.
- Email prayer@graceinracine.com

We have a dedicated prayer team that prays over each request.

Additionally, our staff meets each week to pray over all of the needs of our congregation.

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.

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)

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 the latter half of Matthew 19, we come across the familiar story of the rich young man who asks Jesus what he needs to do to get eternal life. It's a unique interaction in the Gospel because it's one of the few places where someone approaches Jesus in full sincerity and yet walks away in sorrow. This is a story that cuts right to the heart of what it really looks like to follow Christ and one that often brings conviction when we dig into it.

Discussion Questions

1. Review: What did last week's passage (19:1-15) have to say about the nature of Jesus' authority and what it looks like to truly follow him?
2. When Jesus initially responds to the rich young man and points out that "*There is only one who is good*" in verse 17; what is the point he is making?
3. When Jesus commands the rich young man to sell everything and follow him, why couldn't he do it and why did it cause him sorrow? How might we identify with the rich young man when we consider what we must give up to follow Jesus faithfully?
4. Why were the disciples astonished (vs. 25) when they heard what Jesus had to say about how difficult it is for a rich person to enter the kingdom of heaven? Why was this teaching so counter-cultural?
5. Is Jesus telling all of us to neglect our families and responsibilities in order to properly follow him? How should we understand what verse 29 means for us?
6. How often do you include the cost of following Christ alongside the reward when sharing the gospel with others? Why is it so important to not neglect either?

ATTENDANCE & GIVING

LAST WEEK

Attendance: 762

Giving: \$47,061

2025 GIVING

Year to Date: \$1,363,615

+/- Budget: \$-128,989

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

CLASSES

Our classes are designed to help you know and follow Christ more faithfully by developing a deeper understanding of God and his Word. These classes are aimed to help you grow regardless of where you are in your walk with Christ. Read about them below and then scan the QR code to register.

The following classes meet Sunday mornings for 4 weeks

Begin: Sunday, October 5 // 11:15am

Reading the Psalms and Prophets // Teacher: Ryan Boyer

Reading Scripture can be a challenge and reading biblical poetry and prophecy even more so. This class will provide tools and strategies to make reading these books more rewarding.

Landmarks of Faith: Knowing Where the Bible Happened

Teacher: Pastor Chris Amundson

One of the reasons that we know we can trust the Bible is because it records events that happened in real time and in real places. But if we are not familiar with the landmarks, regions, and cities that are consistently referred to, our desire to read the Scriptures can be easily frustrated. This class walks through the basic geography of the Bible in order to develop another tool for more confident reading.

GRACE HAPPENINGS

MEMBER MEETING

TODAY // 11:15am

All members are encouraged to attend. Stop by the table outside the sanctuary to check in and to pick up a packet that contains proposed changes to the constitution and church covenant. Voting will not be held at this meeting. This meeting is informational as we continue the conversation about congregationalism.

TRANSPORTATION MINISTRY

Stop by the table outside the sanctuary or scan the QR code to learn how you can be part of the Transportation Ministry and provide rides to services and events at Grace.

ENLIVEN: Senior Adult Bible Study & Brunch

Thursday, Sept. 25 // 10:30am

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

JOIN A LIFE GROUP!

Looking to get connected? Building community within Grace Church Connection with other people of the church is vital to our growth as Christians. This is the reason that we established Life Groups at Grace Church. Scan the QR code to get connected to a group.



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

GUATEMALA FUNDRAISER

Sun., October 5 // 12:30-4:30pm

7930 Botting Rd, Caledonia
All are invited to the FUNdraiser to support the 2026 Guatemala healthcare trip.
Music, food, horse rides, bouncy castle, crafts & more!

LOCAL PARTNERSHIPS:

Grace Girls and Guys

Do you have two hours a week to spare to point children to Christ? Grace Guys and Grace Girls is in need of adults and teenagers who love Jesus and want to *Make Him Known* to volunteer to be the hands and feet of Christ.

Grace Girls and Guys is an after school program held at Julian Thomas Elementary school every Wednesday from 3:30pm to 5pm.

With more than 50 students registered in our program we need you to help these students know Christ! Please prayerfully consider how you can serve in this local partnership.

Stop by the Local Partnership table for more information or email Local Partnership Leader
juliana.toutant@gmail.com or
Local Partnership Coordinator
Karen Sytsma
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