



PROMISE

The Story of Abraham

**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! Visit graceinracine.com or scan this QR code to let us know you visited, ask questions, submit prayer requests, or indicate an area of Grace Church that is of interest to you.



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TODAY'S WORSHIP SERVICE

PRAISE

Welcome
Call To Worship
["O Praise The Name \(Anastasis\)"](#)
["Banner"](#)

Pastor Chris Amundson

RENEWAL

Prayer of Renewal
["How Deep The Father's Love For Us"](#)

Dave Kehrl

PROCLAMATION

Reading of the Word: [Genesis 22:1-24](#)
Prayer of Illumination
Preaching of the Word

Amos Beernink
Pastor Mike Matheson
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RESPONSE

["The Stand"](#)
Benediction

Matthew Lautz

CARE MINISTRY

PRAYER FOR HEALING & RECOVERY

Please pray for healing and recovery for those hospitalized or recently discharged: Dorene Esch, Toby Mueller, Laverne Jorgensen, Rose Saladar

Due to the size of our church, we're not always aware of every need. Please help us by sending life updates to care@graceinracine.com.

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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

LIVING OUT OUR CORE VALUES...COMPASSION

A fire in Racine destroyed a 16-family apartment building on February 25th leaving families without housing or belongings. Grace Church has "adopted" two of those families in an effort to help them re-establish their homes. A big thank you to all of you who have already met many of the needs! There are a few items still left on the lists. To view and sign up to meet remaining needs visit graceinracine.com/maples



ATTENDANCE & GIVING

SUNDAY, MARCH 20

Sanctuary Attendance: 451
Livestream Attendance: 86
Giving: \$51,079

2022 GIVING

Year to Date: \$347,463
+/- Budget: \$3,923

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 passage this week, God puts Abraham's faith to the test. Everything we've seen Abraham go through, all his failures and successes, have finally brought him to this point. His son Isaac, the child of promise, has been born. And in a dramatic twist, God tells Abraham to take the son that he loves up to the mountain and sacrifice him. It's a horrifying request, one that none of us could imagine hearing from God, let alone obeying. But Abraham, in perfect faith, responds to God with the simple phrase, "Here I am," and does what God asks of him. While this might seem surprising, if we consider everything that Abraham has been through with God in the last ten chapters, we understand that Abraham has complete faith that God will provide the sacrifice. God is always faithful to provide for his people. And nowhere is that made more clear to us than in the atoning sacrifice of the provisional Lamb of God, his only begotten son, Jesus.

Discussion Questions

1. Was there ever a time in your life when God provided you with something you needed in an extraordinary way?
2. How would you describe Abraham's state of mind as God tells him to take his only son Isaac and sacrifice him? Is there any indication in the text that he's stressed out or worried about it? What do you make of that?
3. Try forming a working definition of faith based on this passage. Consider the way God was testing Abraham and how Abraham responded.
4. How does God expand the promise in verses 16-18? Consider previous iterations of the promise (12:1-3; 15:1-5; 17:1-8; 17:15-19). Specifically, consider when God says, "your offspring shall possess the gate of his enemies." What might this mean for the future of God's people?
5. This story ultimately points us to the perfect sacrifice that God has provided for our sins. 1 John 4:10 tells us that, "In this is love, not that we have loved God but that he loved us and sent his Son to be the propitiation for our sins." If you believe this to be true, that Christ was the substitution for your sin, how does it change the way you live your life? Consider [Romans 12:1](#).

SERMON NOTES

SUNDAY MARCH 27

[Genesis 22:1-24](#)

Pastor Mike Matheson

IS THERE ANYTHING HE
CANNOT ASK?

WORSHIPPERS IN TRAINING QUESTIONS

Parents – here are two questions to ask your child this week about their time in Worshippers in Training! Remember – they will be receiving a question to ask you too!

1. What characteristic did Abraham know about God that provided him the strength to obey God even when it was really difficult?
2. What is something that God has asked you to do that seems really difficult? What is something that you know to be true about God that can help you to obey even when it is hard?

NEXT WEEK

[Genesis 23:1-20](#)

HOLY WEEK

Holy Week commemorates the final days of Jesus' earthly ministry and helps prepare our hearts to celebrate Jesus' resurrection on Easter Sunday.

Soon you will receive a devotional booklet in the mail.

We invite you to use this guide in your personal and family devotions to prepare your hearts for Easter. Inside this booklet, you'll find a devotion for each day of Holy Week.

Turn to the back of the booklet for daily reflection questions. Additional copies are available at the Info Center.

SERVICES & TIMES



Palm Sunday: April 10, 9:30am // Worship Service



A Sense of Holy Week: April 13, 5-9pm
Open House Style Interactive Activity



Maundy Thursday: April 14, 6:30pm // Communion Service



Good Friday: April 15, 6:30pm // Worship Service



Easter Sunday: April 17, 8:30am & 10am // Worship Services

EASTER LILY MEMORIAL FLOWERS

Easter Lilies are a beautiful celebration of the resurrection. If you would like to purchase an Easter Lily in memory of a loved one please contact Janine Carls at 262-977-6537. The Lilies will create a beautiful display on Easter Sunday Morning and you can take yours home after the Easter service. Your memorial will be included in the Worship Guide on Easter Sunday.

Available this year:

- 6" White Easter Lily - \$11.00
- 7" Blue Hyacinth - \$12.00
- 10" White Easter Lily - \$25.00
- 7" Pink Hyacinth - \$12.00
- 7" Daffodil - \$12.00

GRACE HAPPENINGS

PRAYER GATHERING

TONIGHT at 5:00pm

Prayer is essential if we want to thrive as individuals and as a church. Not only are we commanded by God to pray in his word, Christ himself demonstrated and teaches us how to pray. We pray to worship God, declaring our devotion, expressing our dependence, confessing our sins, thanking our Father, and voicing our concerns. Our prayer gatherings provide us with focused opportunities to grow in our prayer lives together. Join us as we give ourselves to becoming an even more prayerful church, all for our good and God's glory!

THE SONGS WE SING

In our worship podcast this week, we discuss "O Praise The Name" from Hillsong. This is a powerful song that fixes our eyes on Jesus and the redemptive plan of God through the cross, resurrection, ascension, and eventual return. And as we fix our eyes on God's purposes we can't help but praise His holy name. So join us as we look at how this song serves scripture and how it can serve us as the church.

Click the QR code to listen or find it wherever you listen to podcasts.



WOMEN'S GATHERING

Saturday, April 2, 9-11am

Speaker: Mary Andrews
Topic: "Does A Loving God Really Allow Suffering?"

This question is the focus of our upcoming Women's Gathering where Mary Andrews will walk us through what the Bible says about suffering. Please join us and invite someone to come along; maybe someone who is suffering and needs a friend.

RSVP by scanning the QR code, or visit graceinracine.com



WOMEN'S CLASS:

ONE-TO-ONE BIBLE READING

Meets: April 3, 10, 24 and May 1 at 11:00am

Teacher: Erin Fleming
Ladies, have you ever wanted to join a Bible study but felt intimidated? Concerned about the time commitment... amount of prep and homework? Ever wanted to lead a small group study but didn't know where to start? Then this 4 week class is for you!

Register by scanning the QR code or at graceinracine.com/classes

