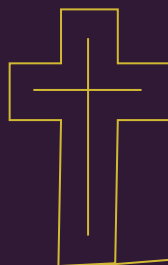


KNOW the STORY



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.



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

PRAISE

Welcome Rachel Menke, Children's Ministry Director
Call To Worship Matthew Lautz, Director of Worship Arts
["God So Loved"](#)
["In Christ Alone"](#)

RENEWAL

Prayer of Renewal Matthew Lautz, Director of Worship Arts
["Before the Throne of God Above"](#)

PROCLAMATION

Reading of the Word Mark 1:1-15 Pastor Mike Matheson
Prayer of Illumination Pastor Mike Matheson
Preaching of the Word Pastor Mike Matheson

RESPONSE

["This I Believe"](#)
Benediction Matthew Lautz, Director of Worship Arts

CARE MINISTRY

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.

GRACE HAPPENINGS

JOURNEY GROUPS FOR WOMEN

Begins September 8th

Meets every other Thursday for 12 weeks at 6:30pm

Journey Groups are communities of care where stories of pain and abuse can be spoken, heard, and redeemed. Journey groups provide opportunities to open your soul to a deeper understanding of your past, to have courage and integrity in current relationships, and to grow in connection with the Author of your story.

Scan the QR code or contact Gayle Manske gaylemanske@att.net for more information.



SOUTH AFRICA TRIP PRESENTATION

TODAY | Aug 21 after service in the Commons

Come hear all about the recent trip a team from Grace took to South Africa. Coffee & donuts will be served.

INTERNATIONAL COMMUNITY CENTER - INFO SESSION

Saturday, August 27 / 10am-Noon

International Community Center // 4208 S Howell Avenue, Milwaukee
(less than 30 mins. from Grace)

Learn more about volunteering with immigrants and refugees on Milwaukee's south side. (ESL, Citizenship, tutoring, classroom childcare).
Contact: Joe Kobriger – jobrigger@gmail.com (262) 939-5152

ATTENDANCE & GIVING

LAST WEEK

Sanctuary Attendance: 441
Livestream Attendance: 62
Giving: \$18,102

2022 GIVING

Year to Date: \$981,287
+/- Budget: \$1,015

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.

Last week, we learned that God is doing a new thing. He is making a new covenant that is based on His grace and that will take a radical heart replacement. Although our relationship with God has been broken, God makes a way to fix that relationship through Jesus. This week, this Jesus whom the Bible has been pointing toward all along enters the scene. And in the first chapter of his Gospel, Mark paints a powerful picture of who Jesus is: The Son of God. As John the Baptist prepares the way for Him, as the heavens are torn open and the Spirit descends on Him, as the Father powerfully endorses Him, as He is victorious over temptation, we cannot help but ask ourselves: Who do I say that Jesus is? Do I know Him? Do I believe in Him?

Discussion Questions

1. If you were asked to introduce your best friend or someone you admire to an audience, what would you say about him or her? If you were given one minute to speak, what stories would you tell to illustrate his or her character? What would you most want the audience to know?
2. Read Mark 1:2-3, and then read Exodus 23:20, Malachi 3:1, and Isaiah 40:3. What do the contexts of these verses reveal about Mark 1:2-3? What do they teach us about the Lord's messenger and the One whom the messenger is preparing the way for?
3. In Mark 1:9-11, Jesus is baptized by John. Why did He do this? Who is Jesus identifying with when He is baptized? When Jesus comes up out of the water, the heavens are torn open, God the Holy Spirit descends on Him, and the voice of God the Father speaks. Who is the Father identifying Himself with?
4. In Mark 1:12-13, the Spirit drives Jesus into the wilderness to be tempted by Satan. Why did Mark include this in his Gospel? Read Numbers 14:26-35. Who else wandered in the wilderness? Why is it so significant that in the same place they failed, Jesus was victorious?
5. Take a look at Mark 1:4-5 and 14-15. What is Jesus' message? What did He come to do? In chapter 1 of Mark's Gospel, he has succinctly and powerfully introduced us to Jesus as the Son of God—the One who identifies with us, the One whom the Father and the Spirit endorse, the One who is victorious where we fail. Is this how you see Jesus? How might this passage help you see Him differently?

SERMON NOTES

SUNDAY, AUGUST 21

Mark 1:1-15

Pastor Mike Matheson

**AN ARGUMENT
WITH EVIDENCE**

NEXT WEEK

Romans 3:21-26

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 is something you heard about Jesus in today's passage that makes you say "Wow!"?
- 2) How can you show you awe (or "wow!") at who Jesus is through your actions and living this week?