



To Know Christ and
To Make Christ Known



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Worthy is the Lamb

Advent 2022
Revelation 4-7

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. Stop by the Welcome Table outside the sanctuary, we'd love to meet 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 Matthew Lautz, Director of Worship Arts
Call To Worship [Psalm 132:13-18](#)
["Hark The Herald Angels Sing/King Of Heaven"](#)
["O Holy Night"](#)

RENEWAL

Advent Reading: [Psalm 2](#) Stu & Sherrie Erdenberg and
Dave & Libby Jansson
Prayer of Renewal
["O Come O Come Emmanuel"](#)

PROCLAMATION

Reading of the Word [Revelation 5:1-14](#) Hallie Charbogian
Prayer of Illumination
Preaching of the Word Pastor Mike Matheson

RESPONSE

Communion
["Is He Worthy"](#)
Benediction

*The sanctuary will continue to be used for prayer and reflection following the service. We invite you to come down front if you have a prayer need.
Head to the Commons for fellowship after service.*

CARE MINISTRY

PRAYER FOR HEALING & RECOVERY

Please pray for healing and recovery for those hospitalized or recently discharged: Nancy Ganzel

*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.*

GRACE HAPPENINGS

CHRISTMAS EVE SERVICE

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 24, 3PM

Join us as we celebrate the coming of Christ to the Earth with "Lessons & Carols" and sing "Silent Night" by candle light.

Postcards are available at the information center to pass along to invite others.

Please bring a dozen a cookies and after service, stay for a while and enjoy fellowship with your Grace family along with cookies & cocoa!

CHRISTMAS MORNING SERVICE

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 25, 9:30AM

Join us Christmas morning as we gather for our weekly worship service.

SENIOR ADULT BIBLE BRUNCH

December 8 // 10:30am - 12pm

Those age 55+ are invited to Bible study & brunch!

MEN'S BREAKFAST

December 10 // 8am-9:30am

All guys are invited to join us! Mike Zimmer will continue through the study in 1 John. Come for breakfast, fellowship, and God's word!

THANKSGIVING OFFERING

This year's Thanksgiving offering was split between our Field Workers, the Caballeros to help with Gimy's medical bills and to The Charles Simeon Trust preacher training in Iraq. You donated a total of \$14,132! \$3000 will go to help the Cabelleros and the balance to Charles Simeon Trust.

NEED CHRISTMAS GIFT IDEAS?

Stop by the BookStall and browse the books and journals offered or pick up a gift certificate!

ATTENDANCE & GIVING

LAST WEEK

Sanctuary Attendance: 521
Livestream Attendance: 94
Giving: \$27,683

2022 GIVING

Year to Date: \$1,416,023
+/- Budget: -\$17,974

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.

The Revelation of Jesus Christ is meant to motivate and equip us to be mature disciples of Jesus. It also gives us a glorious portrait of Jesus that is meant to encourage us. Last week, through John's vision of the throne in heaven, we learned that God is sovereign over all the cosmos. He is seated on His throne, in control, forever. This week, we find ourselves in the same scene. However, the worship and glory only intensifies as we direct our focus on the One who is worthy to take the scroll. As the four living creatures and the elders and the myriads of angels and every creature in heaven and on earth and under the earth and in the sea and all that is in them raise their voices to declare Him worthy, we cannot help but ask ourselves: What could we lose by following the Lamb? What could we gain by following the Lamb? He who is worthy to take the scroll and to receive power and wealth and wisdom and might and honor and glory and blessing is worthy of our allegiance. He is worthy of our worship. He is worthy of our very all.

Discussion Questions

1. How does this week's passage connect to Christmas? What aspects of the passage make you think of Christmas? Why?
2. Read Revelation 4-5 out loud. How does the worship get bigger from chapter 4 to chapter 5? Who all worships the One on the throne (see 4:8-11)? Who all worships the Lamb (see 5:8-14)? What do they say about the One on the throne (see 4:8, 11)? What do they say about the Lamb (see 5:9-10, 12-13)? Why is this significant? What does this teach us about the Lamb?
3. In this chapter, there are three titles that describe Jesus: The Lion of the tribe of Judah, the Root of David, and the Lamb who was slain. Why are these titles significant? Consider Genesis 49:8-12, Isaiah 11:1-10, and Isaiah 52:13-53:12 as you reflect. How do these passages enhance your understanding of how Jesus is described in Revelation 5?
4. When John hears about a conquering Lion, he sees a Lamb as though it had been slain. How is this ironic? How did the Lion of Judah conquer? What happened as a result (see vv. 9-10)?
5. Remembering the promises to those who conquer in Revelation 2-3, we find everything we need to conquer in 4-5. How might this passage have motivated and inspired the seven churches to conquer? How might it motivate and inspire you? Read 4:9-10, 12, 13b. What is Jesus worthy of? What most often takes your focus away from His worthiness? What are some practical ways you can ascribe to Him the allegiance and worship He deserves in this Advent season and always?

SERMON
NOTES

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 4

[Revelation 5:1-14](#)

Pastor Mike Matheson

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NEXT WEEK

[Revelation 6:1-17](#)