

A dramatic, high-contrast landscape painting of a canyon. The scene is dominated by rugged, layered rock formations in shades of brown, orange, and red, suggesting a volcanic or desert environment. A river flows through the center of the canyon, its white water contrasting with the dark, shadowed banks. In the foreground, several figures are visible, some appearing to be in a state of distress or conflict, adding a narrative element to the scene. The overall atmosphere is one of awe and grandeur.

To Know Christ
and to
Make Christ Known

True and Just
Are Your Judgments



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Revelation 15-20

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 the QR code on the next page 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
Call To Worship
["This Is Amazing Grace"](#)
["King Of Kings"](#)

Andy Feliksiak, Executive Director
[Psalm 96](#)

RENEWAL

Prayer of Renewal
["Sovereign Over Us"](#)

Michelle Jenks

PROCLAMATION

Reading of the Word
Prayer of Illumination
Preaching of the Word

[Revelation 17](#)

Pastor Mike Matheson

RESPONSE

["Jesus Is Better"](#)
Benediction

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*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: Timothy Hoeffert, Debbie Kristopeit, Laverne Jorgensen

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.

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

FAMILY MINISTRY

NURSERY & PRESCHOOL

Childcare 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).

ATTENDANCE & GIVING

LAST WEEK

Attendance: 543
Giving: \$30,897

2023 GIVING

Year to Date: \$543,013
+/- Budget: -\$62,713

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.

As we continue in John's vision in [chapter 17](#), his attention is now drawn to a woman. But this woman is very different from the one in chapter 12. This is a fantastically repulsive picture that actually causes John to marvel for a moment. Though this part of Revelation is, again, chock-full of difficult imagery it is important for us to understand what is being said here since it helps us further understand the world we live in.

Discussion Questions

1. The Day of Judgment is on full display in the chapters we are currently walking through together (15-20). How has this focus affected your view of God? How has it contributed to your worship of him?
2. In this chapter, John is given a vision of the great prostitute who rides on a scarlet beast. What is it that she represents? What does she have to do with us in the here and now?
3. Notice how she is describes in vs. 3-6. What do these descriptions tell us about her nature and what she values?
4. In vs. 6, John marvels at her and is corrected. What does it look like when *we* marvel at the great prostitute?
5. Compare the great prostitute of chapter 17 with the woman from chapter 12 (God's chosen people). List how the descriptions of the two women differ from one another
6. What comfort can we, as God's people, derive from this passage? How can a text like this point a non-believer to the gospel of Jesus?

SUNDAY, MAY 14

[Revelation 17](#)

Pastor Mike Matheson

SERMON
NOTES

NOT A MOTHER'S DAY
SERMON

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

JUNE 26 - 30, 2023

9AM - NOON



JOIN THE ADVENTURE!

Kids who have just completed a year of Kdg-5th grade are welcome to join us on a great adventure this summer as we seek out the “Treasure Beyond Measure”. Each day we will use songs, crafts, snacks, games, interactive lessons, and more to explore ancient parables from the Bible as we discover that it’s not an “X” but a cross that marks the way to the greatest treasure of all time: being a friend of Jesus!

Scan the QR code to register!

VBS SUPPLY NEEDS

Our annual supply list will be published next week! In the meantime, we need **49 more hinged shoeboxes & 24 more throw pillows!** Drop them off in the main office!

VOLUNTEER WITH VBS

Craft Helpers, Games Volunteers, Small Group Leaders, Greeters, and more!

If you are older than 18 years old, fill out our online form on the website by scanning the QR code or log onto Church Center!

For those teens who are wishing to serve, you can pick up an application from Pastor Chris Amundson or Rachel Menke. **These are due May 17th.**

GRACE HAPPENINGS

MISSION PRAYER HOUR

May 15 // 7pm // Room A29

All are welcome to come pray for our global field workers and the nations where they serve.

BLAZE END-OF-YEAR COOKOUT!

Wednesday, May 17

6:30pm Jr High // 7pm Sr. High

Grace Backyard

All Blaze (Jr & Sr High) Students are invited to join us for our end of the year cookout!

LOG-ON TO CHURCH CENTER

(just scan the QR code to get the app)

Access through the app or website to:

- Register for events or sign-up for activities
- Connect with your Life Group
- Give
- ...and more!

Questions? Call or email Laura in the office: 262-632-2111

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SUPPORT THE GRACE SOFTBALL TEAM!

Games are Mondays at Cliffside Park!

May 15th // 6:00pm // NW Field
Trinity Lutheran (H) vs. Grace Church

May 22nd // 8:00 // NW Field
Community Church Nazarene (H) vs. Grace Church

June 5th // 7:00pm // SW Field
Grace Church (H) vs.
Racine Bible II

June 12th // 6:00pm // NW Field
Grace Church (H) vs. Hope City I

June 19th // 7:00pm // SW Field
Grace Church (H) vs. Community Church Nazarene

June 26th // 6:00pm // NW Field
Faithbridge (H) vs. Grace Church

July 10th // 6:00pm // SE Field
Grace Church (H) vs. Trinity Lutheran

7:00pm // SE Field
Grace Church (H) vs. Harbor Rock Tabernacle

July 17th // 8:00pm // NE Field
Grace Church (H) vs. Zion Lutheran

July 24th // 9:00pm // NW Field
St. John's Lutheran (H) vs. Grace Church

