



WORDS TO  
LIVE BY

THE SERMON ON THE MOUNT

TO KNOW CHRIST  
AND TO  
MAKE CHRIST KNOWN



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# WELCOME TO GRACE CHURCH!

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## VISITING GRACE?

It's great to have you here today, and we'd love to connect with you! Visit [graceinracine.com](http://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.

Need a Bible? Stop by the Welcome Table outside the sanctuary, we'd love to get one to you and also 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.

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## TODAY'S WORSHIP SERVICE

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### PRE-SERVICE

["Center My Life"](#)

Welcome

Pastor Chris Amundson

### PRAISE

Call To Worship

Psalm 16:11

["House Of The Lord"](#)

["Christ Is Enough"](#)

### RENEWAL

Prayer of Renewal

Pastor Matthew Lautz

["The Wonderful Cross"](#)

### PROCLAMATION

Reading of the Word

[Matthew 5:1-3, 17-20; 7:12, 24-29](#)

Prayer of Illumination

Preaching of the Word

Pastor Mike Matheson

### RESPONSE

Silent Reflection

["The Lord's Prayer \(It's Yours\)"](#)

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.*

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# CARE MINISTRY

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## PRAYER FOR HEALING & RECOVERY

Please pray for healing and recovery for those hospitalized or recently discharged: Caren Larsen

Congratulations to Jake & Juli Jossart who welcomed their third child, a girl, Janie, on December 30.

*Our heartfelt love, sympathy, and prayers to missionaries Lisa & Matt Kirby and daughters Allison, Katelyn, Juliana, on the passing of Lisa's father, Dave Zimmerman.*

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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](mailto:celebraterecovery@graceinracine.com)

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## FAMILY MINISTRY

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Children are welcome in our worship service and we highly encourage their participation throughout the entire service. However, we do offer the following for kids birth - 4th grade:

### 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).

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## ATTENDANCE & GIVING

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### LAST WEEK

Attendance: 711

Giving: \$90,340

### 2024 GIVING

Year to Date: \$90,340

+/- Budget: \$59,547

## 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.

This week is unique, instead of the usual short scripture passage, we are studying the entire three chapters of the Sermon on the Mount this Sunday. While we will be taking time to examine it in more bite-size pieces in future Sundays, it is important to first look at it as a whole. What we discover, is the level of authority that Jesus holds and the heart of God in what he commands of His people.

### Discussion Questions

1. What have you learned about Jesus over these last few months as we've gone through the beginning of Matthew together? Has your perspective on the Lord changed at all during this time? How so?
2. In verses 5:3-12, Jesus begins with the Beatitudes. What is it about these statements that makes them so stunning? What do they tell us about Jesus?
3. Read verses 5:17-18. What is Jesus making clear before he presses further into the sermon? Why is this especially important given what he teaches throughout the rest of chapter 5?
4. If you had to sum up in a sentence what Jesus teaches throughout chapter 6, what would that sentence be? In the things he speaks of in this chapter, where have you seen growth since becoming a Christian?
5. Jesus concludes this sermon in chapter 7 by differentiating between those who teach and follow his word and those who don't. What are the differences that you see? Does any one of these passages ever give you pause?
6. How is the Sermon on the Mount good news for those who love and follow Christ? Why is it important to not make the common mistake of seeing this sermon as a series of impossible commands that we are not actually intended to follow?

## SERMON NOTES

SUNDAY, JANUARY 14

Matthew [5:1-7:28](#)

Pastor Mike Matheson

THE GREATEST  
SERMON EVER

***Memorize The Beatitudes together.  
This week: Matthew 5:2  
And he opened his mouth and taught them, saying:***

About the series art: The mosaic of Sermon on the Mount in church kostel Svatého Václava by artwork of S. G. Rudl in workroom of Albert Neuhauser, 1928.

Next Week: [Matthew 5:3](#)

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## CLASSES

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We are excited to offer classes that will help you to grow in your pursuit to know Christ in an ever-growing, ever-increasing way. These classes are aimed to help you grow regardless of where you are in your walk with Christ. Below are the descriptions of the classes we're offering.

Scan the QR code for complete class descriptions and to register. Childcare is available.

**Classes begin Sunday, February 4 and meet after service.**

### **Family Discipleship: What is the Church?**

**Teachers: Chris Amundson and Rachel Menke**

The class is designed for families to attend together and not only learn about God's design for what the church is, but to also get some guided practical experience in walking through these things together as a household.

### **Seeing Jesus in All the Scriptures // Teacher: Ryan Boyer**

In this six week class, you will be equipped to see Christ in both the Old and New Testaments, exploring the different types of literature found in each.

### **We Behold His Glory: Science and Faith // Teacher: Dave Jansson**

We will look at science and faith in a way that everyone can understand, and marvel at the ways in which the Living God is revealing more of Himself to mankind — those He has made in His own image.

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## MISSIONS

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### ***Pray for the unreached.***

Recently, 3 men from Grace Church travelled to Azerbaijan in Central Asia with our Grace missionary partner serving in this predominantly Muslim country. Of the 30 million Azerbaijanis in the world today, most live in Azerbaijan and to the south in Iran. Out of the 60,000 living in the U.S., there are only a few hundred known followers of Jesus. With only one percent Evangelical Christians among this people group, most Azerbaijanis will live and die without ever hearing the good news of salvation in Jesus Christ. But there is hope! In the last five years, thanks to God's sovereignty, the church in Azerbaijan has been multiplying through local believers and indigenous pastors.

- Pray for Azerbaijani believers to be bold in their faith and share the good news with other Azerbaijanis.
- Pray for more missionaries to go to these hard areas and proclaim the gospel, make disciples, plant churches and mentor new pastors.
- Pray for Azerbaijanis in the U.S. to meet devoted Christians who will share their faith and lead them to Jesus.
- Pray for Jesus to reveal Himself to Azerbaijanis through dreams and visions.

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## GRACE HAPPENINGS

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### **MISSION PRAYER HOUR**

**January 15, 7-8pm // Room A29**

*"There is power in prayer. When men work, they work, but when men pray, God works."* –Agnus Buchan.

Join us in praying for God to work! We will pray for the Azerbaijani people, Grace sent Missionaries Craig & Brenda Rebro serving in S. Africa, and Grace Girls/Guys. Scan the QR code for more info.

### **ANNUAL MEMBER MEETING**

**Sunday, January 28th // 11am**

All members are encouraged to attend. While only members can vote, all are welcome to join in and recap 2023 and what will be coming up at Grace Church in 2024. You must be present to vote.

### **BIG CHILL STUDENT RETREAT**

**March 8 - 10, 2024 // Registration is open now through January 17.**

Look for Ellie or Michelle at the information desk on Sunday mornings to hand in your registration or scan the QR code to register online.

### **AT THE BOOKSTALL**

To accompany our study of The Beatitudes, we recommend: *The Upside Down Kingdom: Wisdom For Life From The Beatitudes* by Chris Castaldo.

\$11 at the BookStall

### **WOMEN'S GATHERING**

**Sat., February 3 // 9am - 11am**

Speaker: Erin Fleming

Topic: "Do You Feel Invisible?"

Extend an invitation to ladies in your circle of life to come and connect with other ladies from Grace. We will lift our hearts in songs of worship, prayer, and discussion around God's Word. Scan the QR code to register.

### **RESCHEDULED:**

### **PARENTING WORKSHOP**

**Topic: Talking To Your Kids About Sex**

**NEW DATE:**

**Sat., February 10 // 9am - 11am**

The aim of this seminar is to help you think about these conversations and how you can have them in a way that demonstrates grace and hope with your kids and points them to our compassionate Savior. This workshop is for parents of young children, elementary kids, teens, and college students.

*Childcare is available at a limited capacity and will be available on a first registered basis.*

Scan the QR learn more and register.



Scan here for all of the Worship Guide links!