

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.

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.

TODAY'S WORSHIP SERVICE

PRE-SERVICE

"Your Grace Is Enough"

Welcome Pastor Chris Amundson

PRAISE

Call To Worship Psalm 63:1-4

"All Creatures Of Our God And King"

"Jesus Is Better"

RENEWAL

Prayer Of Renewal Philippians 3:7-8a

"I Want To Know You"

PROCLAMATION

Reading of the Word <u>Matthew 5:3-10</u>

Prayer of Illumination

Preaching of the Word Pastor Mike Matheson

RESPONSE

Silent Reflection

"My Worth Is Not In What I Own"

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: Kim Boscha, Al Boscha, Barb Toeppe

Our heartfelt love, sympathy, and prayers to Jeanna Thompson on the passing of her father, William A. Brady.

On the passing of Tim Hoeffert, our heartfelt love, sympathy, and prayers to his wife, Linda.

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

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 "Worshipers in Training" which meets during the second half of our worship service (children are dismissed after the scripture reading).



2024 GIVING

Year to Date: \$179,052 +/- Budget: \$13,356

LAST WEEK

Attendance: 769 Giving: \$20,607

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 verse 6, we learn that it is those who hunger and thirst for righteousness who will be satisfied. While this is something that Christians would almost certainly nod their heads in agreement with, it may be an idea that we don't often meditate on personally. Our approach to righteousness is fundamental to who God's people are to be.

Discussion Questions

- 1. Of the three beatitudes that we have looked at before this week, what have you learned that you possibly overlooked before? How is God working in you through this series?
- 2. This beatitude tells us that it is those who hunger and thirst for righteousness who are blessed. Why are the terms, hunger and thirst, used to describe the type of approach we are to have toward righteousness? How might someone from the first century understand this even better?
- 3. What does Jesus mean when talking about righteousness in this verse? How is it used differently in other places in the New Testament? Why does it matter that we understand the difference?
- 4. The Lord tells us that those who hunger and thirst in this way will be satisfied. What kind of satisfaction is he talking about? Where else do we look and what kind of things do we do to search for satisfaction elsewhere?
- 5. Do you believe that you hunger and thirst for righteousness? If so, is this hunger stronger or weaker than it used to be? How can we hold each other accountable to these things?
- 6. How is this beatitude a part of the gospel? Why do you think that the transformation of our desires and wants often gets overlooked when thinking about the good news of what Jesus has done for us?



SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 11

Matthew 5:6

Pastor Mike Matheson

YOU ARE WHAT YOU HUNGER FOR

Memorize the Beatitudes together.

This week: Matthew 5:6

"Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness,
for they shall be satisfied."

Next Week: Matthew 5:7

MISSIONS

Guatemala Healthcare Team Short Term Trip

On February 10th, 15 members from Grace along with many other healthcare professions travelled to Guatemala. They will return on February 18th. Below are ways you can be praying for this team:

- Safe travels through airports and customs.
- Safety and good health for the team while in Guatemala.
- Prepare the hearts of the team to share the Gospel with humility, love and kindness.
- For divine appointments and hearts prepared to receive the Good News
- Preparations of the Word of Life missionaries to receive the team.
- WOL missionaries to be encouraged by the team.
- God uses the gifts of the team to give physical healing to many Guatemalans.
- For God to be glorified by many coming to know Jesus as their savior and make decisions to follow Christ into eternity.

ALLIANCE FAMILY SERVICES BENEFIT

March 1 // 5pm // Grace Church

Alliance Family Services is an organization that exists to support women and families and is committed to meeting very real needs.

Join the Alliance Family Services team for an evening to remember! Arrive any time between 5-6pm to enjoy fabulous food, silent auction and educational booths before hearing a presentation full of stories of God's goodness. The program will be from 7pm-8pm, followed by optional dessert, coffee and an opportunity to make connections with other LIFE-minded individuals from 8pm-9pm. Purchase a 4-pack and bring someone with you who would like to hear about the work Alliance Family Services is doing in and around Racine. Scan the QR code for tickets and more information.

LENTEN DEVOTIONAL

Copies of *Songs For The Lenten Season: A Lenten Devotional* are available as you exit the sanctuary and at the Information Center. This devotional was written by 34 members of Grace Church and is meant to lead you and/or your family into deeper knowledge and love of Christ as you prepare your heart(s) to celebrate the resurrection of Jesus Christ with the church on Resurrection Sunday. Each day features a psalm, devotional reading, and reflection questions. These are free, so please pick up a copy for yourself and take one to share with someone you know.

Lent begins this Wednesday, February 14th.

GRACE HAPPENINGS

NEWCOMER GATHERING

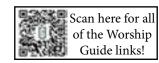
TODAY! // 11am // Room A18
If you are new to Grace Church
and would like to know a little bit
more about us, we invite you to
the Newcomer Gathering after the
service today. This will be a time
for you and your family to grab a
bite to eat, meet a few of the staff,
and hear a little about the vision of
Grace Church.

SINGLE SENIOR WOMEN'S GROUP

Tues., February 13 // 1pm // B74 All single women over age 50 are welcome to come for a time of fellowship and learning.

MEMBERSHIP CLASS

Saturday, February 17 // 9 - Noon If you are interested in becoming a member, this is the first step in the process. At Grace Church, membership is the way we root ourselves in the local body of Christ, like becoming part of a family. Join us for this three hour class to learn about the beliefs, vision, and organization of the church. Register in Church Center or by scanning the QR code.



ROYAL FAMILY KIDS GALA

Saturday, March 2 // 4:30pm Roma Lodge, Racine

Local Partner, Royal Family
Kids, serves foster care children,
traumatized by abuse, neglect,
and abandonment, through a
special camp and mentoring club.
Come and hear heartfelt messages
from former campers, current
counselors, and mentors. For more
information stop by the Mission
table or email Local Partnership
leader Angel Pflatzer:
platzma@yahoo.com.

2024 MEN'S RETREAT

Register Now! April 19–20, 2024 Grand Geneva Resort & Spa

Men of all ages are invited to gather in Lake Geneva and discuss what it looks like to depend on the Lord and walk confidently in our God given mission as his sons.

Stop by the table or scan the QR code to register.

EASTER FLOWERS

We'd love to use some fresh flowers to help decorate the sanctuary on Resurrection Sunday and make this celebration day feel special. Please consider purchasing one of the options that we have: Easter lilies, daffodils, hyacinths or tulips. They'll be delivered in time to decorate, and then you can take them home with you following the service on Resurrection Sunday.