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TO KNOW CHRIST  
AND TO  
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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

["This Is The Day"](#)

Welcome

Pastor Chris Amundson

### PRAISE

Call To Worship

[Psalm 28:6-7](#)

["Holy Holy Holy"](#)

["King Of Kings"](#)

### RENEWAL

Safe Families Sunday

Sheri Kobriger & Amy Wolfe

["Lord Have Mercy \(For What We Have Done\)"](#)

### PROCLAMATION

Reading of the Word

[Matthew 5:3-10](#)

Prayer of Illumination

Preaching of the Word

Pastor Mike Matheson

### RESPONSE

Communion

["His Mercy Is More"](#)

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: Nick Omdahl, Joe Rast

*Our heartfelt love, sympathy, and prayers to John Brasfield and family on the passing of his mother, Janet Brasfield.*

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## CARE RESOURCES

Stop by the Care Group wall for a variety of resources on topics such as:

- When Bad Things Happen
- Counseling Children Through Grief
- Broken Relationships
- Anxiety and others

We are here to walk alongside you in all seasons in life. Scan the QR code to share your care needs with us or look for Pastor Isaac Miller by the Care Group wall.

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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 after the scripture reading).

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# ATTENDANCE & GIVING

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## LAST WEEK

Attendance: 769

Giving: \$58,880

## 2024 GIVING

Year to Date: \$204,932

+/- Budget: \$-3,288

## 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.

We have now reached the fifth beatitude which tells us that the merciful are the blessed ones. This is a unique beatitude amongst the list of others in that the outcome replicates the command. The merciful will be shown mercy. It is another insight into what citizens of the kingdom are to be like.

### Discussion Questions

1. The beatitudes describe what citizens of the kingdom are like. How do you see each of the beatitudes so far exemplified in the life and ministry of Christ (the King)?
2. What does it mean to be merciful? What does it look like to put that into action?
3. Jesus tells us that the merciful will be shown mercy. Take some time to skim ahead in the pages of Matthew. What other places do we see Jesus teaching this same thing?
4. In what ways is being merciful different from being meek? Why is it important to make this distinction?
5. Think about a time where you were shown mercy from another Christian. How did it affect your faith in Christ?
6. How does our knowledge and faith of what Christ has done for us in the gospel give fuel to living out this beatitude? How eager would you say you are to show mercy to all who struggle?

## SERMON NOTES

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 18

[Matthew 5:7](#)

Pastor Mike Matheson

MERCY

***Memorize the Beatitudes together.  
This week: Matthew 5:7  
"Blessed are the merciful, for they shall receive mercy."***

Next Week: [Matthew 5:8](#)

## MISSIONS

### GLOBAL PARTNER UPDATE: W Family in North Africa

Mr. & Mrs. W in North Africa have 2 young children and have been partnered with Grace Church for over 15 years. Serving in a North African country that is 99% Muslim creates many challenges to sharing the Gospel. Bibles are scarce and open evangelism is illegal. Social, family, and workplace persecution can turn violent. Yet, small churches are being planted and the Gospel continues to move forward.

#### Prayer requests:

- For unity in their marriage and parenting their children, one of whom has special needs and requires the need for a special education assistant.
- That the Lord will sustain them when sowing seeds on this very hard soil.
- That the Lord will protect the few small churches that exist from persecution.
- That the Lord will protect believers from persecution and use them to multiply disciples.
- That people of peace with open hearts will be willing to hear the good news of Jesus.

## SAFE FAMILIES FOR CHILDREN

### How will you join Grace Church's Circle of Support?

Safe Families is a Grace Local Partnership that mobilizes volunteers from our church family to support parents and children who are socially isolated and facing difficult circumstances. There is a place for each person to serve in this partnership by directly caring for families in our community, as well as supporting other Grace volunteers as they connect with families and care for their children. To find out more about how you and your family can serve, visit the Safe Families table after service or email Amy Wolfe at [amywolfe84@gmail.com](mailto:amywolfe84@gmail.com).



## GRACE HAPPENINGS

### MISSION PRAYER HOUR

**February 19 // 7-8pm // Room A29**  
Oswald Chambers says, "Prayer does not fit us for the greater work; prayer is the greater work." Join us in the greater work of prayer to Make Christ Known among the nations. We will pray for Frank & Karren Fosdahl in their new work among Somali refugees in Ethiopia, Julio & Olga Chiang in Peru, and Local Partnership, Safe Families. Email [globalteam@graceinracine.com](mailto:globalteam@graceinracine.com) for more info.

### 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 Pflutzer: [platzma@yahoo.com](mailto:platzma@yahoo.com).

### ALLIANCE FAMILY SERVICES

#### Stories of Hope 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. Scan the QR code to learn more about the upcoming benefit.

### GRIEFSHARE

**Begins Saturday, Mar 16, 2024**

**Meets from 9am - 11am**

GriefShare is a 13 week grief support group program that brings together those walking through one of life's most difficult experiences, and helps them process the loss of a loved one in a friendly, caring environment. You don't have to go through the grieving process alone. Join us as we look to the Lord for healing, care, and comfort. Space is limited so scan the QR code and register today.

### 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

Help decorate the sanctuary for Easter by purchasing Easter lilies, daffodils, hyacinths or tulips. They'll be delivered in time to decorate the church, and then you can take them home with you following the service on Resurrection Sunday. Last day to order: February 25



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