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TO KNOW CHRIST
AND TO
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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

["Drenched In Love"](#)

Welcome

Pastor Matthew Lautz

PRAISE

Call To Worship

["God So Loved"](#)

["Behold Our God"](#)

[Psalm 123:1-2](#)

RENEWAL

Prayer of Renewal

["Holy Spirit Living Breath of God"](#)

Pastor Chris Amundson

PROCLAMATION

Reading of the Word

Prayer of Illumination

Preaching of the Word

[Matthew 5:3-10](#)

Pastor Mike Matheson

RESPONSE

Silent Reflection

["On That Day"](#)

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: Dawn Wade

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.

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.

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

ATTENDANCE & GIVING

LAST WEEK

Attendance: 732

Giving: \$52,916

2024 GIVING

Year to Date: \$257,849

+/- Budget: \$7,105

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 are now into the latter half of our Lord's beatitudes in which we are getting a clearer picture of the type of people who are part of his kingdom. In verse 8, Jesus calls us to purity of heart and promises the gift of seeing God. It is a simple statement, but holds profound weight that gives us a hope beyond anything before.

Discussion Questions

1. How were you challenged last week on the call to be merciful? What does that look like in your life practically?
2. What do you think of when you hear the word, *purity*? What does Jesus mean when he speaks of it here?
3. In what way is being pure of heart a part of the good or *blessed* life?
4. What does it mean to see God? How is it related to purity of heart?
5. Is there an example of someone you know who you're comfortable describing as pure in heart? How does their life demonstrate this?
6. How does the gospel drive our desire toward purity? How does this message speak to non-believers?

SERMON NOTES

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 25

[Matthew 5:8](#)

Pastor Mike Matheson

WHOLE HEARTED
HAPPINESS

Memorize the Beatitudes together.
This week: Matthew 5:8
"Blessed are the pure in heart, for they shall see God."

Next Week: [Matthew 5:9](#)

MISSIONS

PRAY FOR THE UNREACHED IN NORTH AFRICA: TUNISIAN ARABS

Tunisia, in North Africa, has a population of about 12.5 million. It is 99% Muslim and 0.03% Evangelical Christian (1 believer for every 3,100 persons!). Although the new constitution bans religious persecution, it also requires a Muslim president, and states that Islamic traditions and beliefs guide the government. Mosques and Imams (religious leaders) are paid by the government. Tunisian Christians can be highly persecuted by friends and family with physical violence and removal from the home and community. Evangelical churches are almost nonexistent with small house churches gathering mostly in secret. However, we know that just as in the days of early Jerusalem, our God is sovereign, and the gates of Hell shall not prevail against His church!

- Pray for Tunisian believers to be protected and be bold in their faith and share the good news.
- Pray for the Lord to raise up more missionaries to go to this land of hard soil.
- Pray for the 20,000 Tunisians 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 Tunisian Arabs through dreams and visions.
- Pray for the Tunisian president and members of the government to discover Jesus as their divine authority.

SAFE FAMILIES FOR CHILDREN

Last Sunday we learned about the Safe Families Circle of Support.

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

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. Next Sunday, March 3, visit the Safe Families table after service or email Amy Wolfe at amywolfe84@gmail.com.

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.

GRACE HAPPENINGS

SENIOR ADULT BIBLE BRUNCH

Resumes on Thursday, April 11 at 10:30am.

A March start date was planned, but needed to change it to April due to scheduling conflicts.

EASTER FLOWERS

Last day to order: February 25

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.

MEN'S BREAKFAST

Saturday, March 2 // 8am

Topic:

The Problem With Everyone Else
Guys, join us for a hot breakfast, fellowship, & God's word.

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.

GRIEFSHARE

**Begins Saturday, March 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.

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 .



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