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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

["I Want To Know You"](#)

Welcome

Pastor Matthew Lautz

### PRAISE

Call To Worship

[Psalm 32:1-2, 10-11](#)

["This Is The Day"](#)

["Christ Is Enough"](#)

### RENEWAL

Prayer of Renewal: Local Partnership Highlight: Campus Life Athletics

["Rock Of Ages"](#)

### PROCLAMATION

Reading of the Word

[Matthew 5:3-10](#)

Prayer of Illumination

Preaching of the Word

Pastor Chris Amundson

### RESPONSE

Silent Reflection

["I Want To Know You"](#)

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: Jean Gandrud

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## 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](mailto: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](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 after the scripture reading).

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## ATTENDANCE & GIVING

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### LAST WEEK

Attendance: 727

Giving: \$35,562

### 2024 GIVING

Year to Date: \$323,945

+/- Budget: \$3,306

## 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 Sunday concludes our time together in the Beatitudes and it ends with a word on the world's response to the righteous. Hostility and persecution are not just a probability, they are to be expected. And even though this is the reality for God's people, we are to rejoice because of what we already have reserved for us in heaven.

### Discussion Questions

1. Reviewing last week's sermon, what does it mean to be a peacemaker? How can you personally grow in this?
2. Why does the world respond to righteousness with hostility? Why would the beatitudes be offensive to the world?
3. Both the *poor in spirit* and *those persecuted for righteousness sake* will inherit *the kingdom of heaven*. Why does Jesus connect these? What do they have to do with one another?
4. In verse 11, Jesus begins to address the crowds directly. Is he saying the same thing as in verse 10 or is he doing something different? Explain.
5. Why does Jesus bring up the prophets? What is he saying about himself by doing so? What is he saying about those who are persecuted by comparing them to the prophets?
6. How does our response to persecution reflect the gospel message? How does our ability to be joyful in persecution affect our witness?

## SERMON NOTES

SUNDAY, MARCH 10

[Matthew 5:10-12](#)

Pastor Chris Amundson

BLESSING AND  
PERSECUTION

***Memorize the Beatitudes together.***

***This week: Matthew 5:10***

***"Blessed are those who are persecuted for righteousness sake,  
for theirs is the kingdom of heaven"***

Next Week: [Matthew 5:13-16](#)

## Holy Week Services & Activities

Holy Week commemorates the final days of Jesus' earthly ministry and helps prepare our hearts to celebrate Jesus' triumph over sin & death on Resurrection Sunday.

**March 24: Palm Sunday**  
9:30am Worship Service

**March 27: Sense of Holy Week**  
5pm - 9pm Open House Style  
Activity for families & groups

**March 28: Maundy Thursday**  
6:30pm Communion Service,  
followed by a meal (*no childcare*)

**March 29: Good Friday**  
6:30pm Service (*no childcare*)

**March 31: Resurrection Sunday**  
9:30am Worship Service

### MAUNDY THURSDAY MEAL

**Thursday, March 28th // 6:30pm**  
Following our communion service on Maundy Thursday, we'll enjoy a meal together. Bring a crock-pot of soup or a dessert to share. Scan the QR code to let us know what you'll be bringing.

### SHOW US YOUR ART!

We'd love to see what you've been drawing & creating as you reflect upon and study the Psalms. Drop off your art to Rachel at the Info Desk on Sundays or into the main office during the week. We're looking forward to displaying a gallery of Grace art during Holy Week!

### LOCAL PARTNERSHIP:

#### Youth for Christ Campus Life Athletics

As a ministry to student athletes we provide the guidance necessary to build life skills and godly character to help students make good choices so that they are transformed into the future role models in their schools and communities. At the same time teaching them skills that will make them into leaders who lead with integrity and passion. We build these relationships through devotional chapels with high school sports teams on a regular basis and also through summer sports clinics. To find out how you can impact the lives of student athletes through relationships and the word of God, stop by the Missions table in the commons after service for more info. or contact Rob Blascoe at: [rblascoe@wi.rr.com](mailto:rblascoe@wi.rr.com) or 262-994-0096. Scan the QR code for more info about the banquet!



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THE STORY**  
YOUTH FOR CHRIST - RACINE BANQUET  
Two nights to choose from!  
Thursday April 25th  
Friday April 26th  
YFC Headquarters  
3001 Carpenter Ave, Racine, WI 53403  
YOUTH FOR CHRIST

## GRACE HAPPENINGS

### SAFE FAMILIES INFO SESSION

**Today, March 10 // 11am // A18**

Learn more about the different roles you can fill and the process of supporting families.

Can't make it? Contact Amy Wolfe at [amywolfe84@gmail.com](mailto:amywolfe84@gmail.com).

### 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.

### SINGLE SENIOR WOMEN'S GROUP MONTHLY MEETING

**Tuesday, March 12 // 1pm // B74**

Single ladies 55+ are invited to join us for a luncheon. After lunch decorate Easter cookies together. This is a great opportunity to get to know others at Grace!

### AT THE BOOKSTALL

Give the gift of books! Stop by the bookstall to see the selection of books we've curated for children.

### 2024 MEN'S RETREAT

**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.

### SENIOR ADULT BIBLE BRUNCH

Resumes on Thursday, April 11 at 10:30am. A March start date was planned, but was changed to April due to scheduling conflicts.

### SUMMER CAMPS AT VILLAGE

#### CREEK BIBLE CAMP:

**Register by March 14th for the best price on youth camps!**

Stop by the Info Center for brochures on everything coming up at Village Creek this summer.

