# TO KNOW CHRIST AND TO MAKE CHRIST KNOWN



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# WORDSTO HE SERMON ON THE MOUNT

# WELCOME TO GRACE CHURCH!

# **VISITING GRACE?**

It's great to have you here today, and we'd love to connect with you! Stop by the Welcome Table outside the sanctuary where you can receive a Bible if you need one, ask any questions about Grace, and take home a gift. Visit graceinracine.com or scan the QR code on the next page to let us know you visited.

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**

<u>"House Of The Lord"</u> Welcome

Pastor Mike Matheson

Psalm 5:11-12

# PRAISE

Call To Worship <u>"The Way (New Horizon)"</u> <u>"Come Thou Fount (I Will Sing)"</u>

## RENEWAL

Local Partnership Highlight: International Community Center "All I Have Is Christ"

## PROCLAMATION

Reading of the Word Prayer of Illumination Preaching of the Word Matthew 5:21-26

Pastor Matthew Lautz

# RESPONSE

Silent Reflection "Build My Life"

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: Chuck Snodgrass, Kay Cooper

## **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

**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 <u>celebraterecovery@graceinracine.com</u>

# **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 before the teaching portion of worship).



**2024 GIVING** Year to Date: \$496,921 +/- Budget: \$15,965

**LAST WEEK** Attendance: 733 Giving: \$30,440

# 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.

As we enter into the main body of Jesus' teaching, he begins with a word on anger and dissension amongst brothers. And while it may seem excessive at first glance, Jesus' instruction on these matters is a testimony to how serious God takes our relationships with one another.

#### **Discussion Questions**

- 1. Last week in Matthew 5:17-20, Jesus described the righteousness that people of the kingdom were called to. What does this righteousness look like and how does this teaching pave the way for how we understand the rest of the Sermon on the Mount?
- 2. This week's passage is the first of six "You heard it was said..." teachings of Jesus. Why is Jesus teaching this way? Is he contradicting the Old Testament or is he doing something else?
- 3. In reading vv. 21 & 22 together, what is the relationship between murder and anger and insulting someone? What does this say about the nature of relationships amongst God's people?
- 4. Looking at vv. 23-24, what is the relationship between being reconciled with your brother (or sister) and worship? How does this understanding affect how you consider your relationships within church?
- 5. In your own words, what is Jesus' warning in the last two verses? Why is making things right amongst brothers and sisters in Christ so important when it comes to kingdom living?
- 6. How does what God has done for us in Christ affect how we approach our relationships with one another? How does our obedience to this teaching bear on our ability to share the good news of Jesus with the world?

#### SUNDAY, APRIL 14 Matthew 5:21-26

Pastor Matthew Lautz

SERMON NOTES

OUR RELATIONAL Liability

# MISSIONS

## INTERNATIONAL COMMUNITY CENTER



The International Community Center in Milwaukee is a place where volunteers from area churches love and welcome

refugees. During daytime hours, English lessons and citizenship classes are offered for those with all levels of English language skills. In the evenings, homework help for the teenage children of our new neighbors is offered. Volunteer teachers and childcare workers are always needed. No special experience is required, just a love for people and desire to help them learn. Training is provided.

Pray for more volunteers and churches to get involved and pray for volunteers to have spiritual conversations that lead to sharing the gospel and students to find salvation in Christ.

For more information visit the mission table in the commons or contact Joe Kobriger at <u>globalteam@graceinracine.com</u> or (262) 939-5152.

## PRAY FOR THE UNREACHED IN OUR COMMUNITY

The Rohingya people are a displaced Muslim people group from the Buddhist country of Myanmar (Burma). There are between two and three million Rohingya in the world today and with only a handful following Jesus. They are considered 0% Christian according to the Joshua Project website. In recent years the Rohingya have been described by the United Nations as one of the most persecuted minorities in the world, with some accusing the Myanmar government of attempted genocide and ethnic cleansing. Today there are several thousand Rohingya refugees living in Milwaukee, and many attend the International Community Center for help assimilating into the U.S. The Rohingya are family oriented and very hospitable, often inviting new friends into their homes for meals. They are devoted to their Islam religion, and many of their children attend a Mosque school. Even after years of living here in the U.S., many Rohingya stay within their own community and have never met a true follower of Jesus or heard about the free gift of salvation that only comes through Christ.

- Pray for more churches and Christians to form lasting relationships with Rohingya people.
- Pray for people of peace from the Rohingya community to be open to hear the truth of the Gospel.
- Pray for the Holy Spirit to work in Rohingya people through dreams and visions of Jesus.
- Pray for peace in Myanmar and that God would change hearts in the Myanmar government.

# **GRACE HAPPENINGS**

#### **CHILD DEDICATION**

#### Sunday, May 12

Required class: April 28 // 11am Child dedication is a commitment you make before God, as parents, to give thanks to God and raise your children according to God's purpose. The dedication service is designed to help you commit to raising your child to find and follow God. Scan the QR code to learn more and register.

## YOUNG ADULT GATHERING

#### Sunday, April 28, 6pm

This is a night for anyone ages 18-29. We will eat together, build relationships, and discuss the future of the Young Adult Ministry at Grace Church. Come be a part of what God is doing in this generation.

### INTRODUCING...

Jared Brewer: Worship Arts Intern You'll see him playing drums on Sundays and when he's not drumming you'll find him behind the scenes in the sound booth, and assisting with planning services.

## HOLY WEEK ART

Did you contribute art to the Holy Week Art Gallery? Please stop by the Resource Room to pick your piece up. Anything left will be disposed.

## **MEMBER MEETING**

**Sunday, May 5** // **After Service** The members of Grace Church will gather together for a short meeting following the service to discuss matters regarding Grace Church. All are welcome to attend, but only members are invited to speak and are able to vote on items. Members please make it a priority to attend.

## **MEMBERSHIP CLASS**

**Saturday, May 11 // 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 at graceinracine.com or scan the QR code.

## **GRACE SOFTBALL TEAM**

Looking for softball players, any talent level (12 inch ball). When: Monday nights starting in May at Cliffside & Prichard Park Contact: Ryan Traxinger 262-880-8723 call or text.

