# 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**

"Life Defined" Welcome

Pastor Matthew Lautz

## PRAISE

Call To Worship "O For A Thousand Tongues To Sing" "Only A Holy God"

#### RENEWAL

Prayer of Renewal "Turn Your Eyes"

## PROCLAMATION

Reading of the Word Prayer of Illumination Preaching of the Word

## RESPONSE

Silent Reflection Communion "Christ Is Enough" Benediction

Matthew 5:27-30

Pastor Mike Matheson

Clint Klepp, Elder

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: Kay Cooper

Our heartfelt love, sympathy, and prayers to Joan Kolton on the passing of her sister, Catherine McCaffrey.

On the passing of Dick Novak, our sympathy to his daughter Nancy (Greg) Bloom.

## CARE NEEDS

We are here to walk alongside you in all seasons in life. If you need to speak to the Care Pastor, would like a hospital or home visit or are in need of prayer, we're here for you. Scan the QR code to let us know your needs.

**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 ageappropriate 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).

ATTENDANCE

& GIVING



**2024 GIVING** Year to Date: \$550.367 +/- Budget: \$18,578

LAST WEEK Attendance: 864 Giving: \$53,446

Psalm 145:5-7

# 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 this week's passage, Jesus talks about the sin of lust. Just like anger, it is a far deeper issue than what we see on the surface. For citizens of His kingdom, it is not only a matter of how we outwardly act, but also of what we entertain inwardly. Jesus is calling us to a fuller righteousness.

**Discussion Questions** 

- 1. Last week, Jesus began a series of teachings starting with the phrase: "You have heard that it was said...". What is the main idea that he is driving at by teaching this way? Is he contradicting the Old Testament?
- 2. What would have been the view on and consequences for adultery according to the Old Testament? How would this have affected the way Jesus' listeners' reacted to this teaching?
- 3. What does Jesus mean by *everyone who looks at a woman with lustful intent*? How does this teaching fit with everything he has said so far in the Sermon on the Mount? What does this tell us about how God feels about how men and women relate to each other?
- 4. Does Jesus literally think we should cut off our body parts when we commit the sin of lust? How does what Jesus says in vv. 29-30 inform us about the seriousness of looking with lustful intent?
- 5. How does a passage like this lead a person to the good news of the gospel? Why is this teaching good for non-believers to hear?

### SUNDAY, APRIL 21

Matthew 5:27-30 Pastor Mike Matheson SERMON

NOTES

HARD TO HEAR

# MISSIONS

#### MISSIONARY "SNACK 'N CHAT": MEET THE MOUSSAS

Sunday, April 28 // 11am // Room B74

Please join us next after service to meet Grace supported field workers Joseph & Thana Moussa who are originally from Syria and are now planting churches among Arabic speaking communities in Pennsylvania. Hear how thousands of Muslims are hearing the gospel through their media ministry, and hear updates on churches in Syria that they visit each year. Light snacks will be served. Stop by the Mission table or email globalteam@graceinracine.com for more info.



#### SAVE THE DATES FOR VBS! JUNE 24 - 28 // 9AM - NOON!

Volunteer applications available now! Just scan the QR code!



# **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. Parents must be members and attend the class to participate. 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.

#### **VBS HELP NEEDED!**

**Needed: VBS Decorating Director** Responsibilities include creating a list of needed supplies and coordinating volunteers to execute the decorating vision throughout the building. Contact Rachel Menke for more info!

## **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.

### **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. Stop by the Info Center to pick up the elder candidate bio for Luke Greenwald.

#### **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. Scan the QR code to register.

#### **EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY**

#### Part-Time Receptionist

Mondays - Thursdays, 12pm - 4pm Greet visitors, answer phone calls, must be computer literate, able to perform office tasks, and provide general administrative support. Scan the QR code for more info.

