

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

"This Is The Day"

Welcome Evan Petras, Student Ministry Director

PRAISE

Call To Worship

Psalm 48:9-10

"God So Loved"

RENEWAL

Missions Moment: Aaron & Bethany Gloss "In Christ Alone"

PROCLAMATION

Reading of the Word
Prayer of Illumination

Matthew 5:43-47

Preaching of the Word Pastor Isaac Miller

RESPONSE

Silent Reflection

"Amazing Grace"

The Lord's Supper

"Jesus, Thank 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.

CARE MINISTRY

PRAYER FOR HEALING & RECOVERY

Please pray for healing and recovery for those hospitalized or recently discharged: Roger Blair, Lani Squires, Steve Hesse

On the passing of John Hessenthaler, our heartfelt love, sympathy, and prayers to his wife, Phylis.

Service information for John Hessenthaler:

Wednesday, May 29th // Grace Church

Visitation: 10am - 11:30am

Service: 11:30am with a reception to follow

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

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).

REMINDER: WIT does NOT meet from Memorial Day Weekend through Labor Day weekend. Parents of 1st-4th graders please be advised that there will be no WIT for the summer. WIT will resume on Sept 8, 2024.

ATTENDANCE &GIVING

2024 GIVING

Year to Date: \$657,340 +/- Budget: \$-46,499

LAST WEEK

Attendance: 767 Giving: \$28,331

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 final paragraph of Matthew 5, Jesus gives a teaching that is truly emblematic of the high calling of being a citizen of the kingdom of heaven. We are called to love our enemies. While this certainly would have been radical in Jesus' day, it's still radical when it is truly lived out today and confounds a world that is watching.

Discussion Questions

- 1. In thinking of last week's text (5:38-42), why is it so natural for us to retaliate when we are wronged? How does the gospel inform our response to personal insults?
- 2. Look at verse 43 and then read Leviticus 19:17-18. How is the teaching that Jesus is addressing different from the actual Old Testament law that it is supposed to be based in? Why is it important to understand that there is a difference?
- 3. Define the words *love* and *enemy* based on this passage. What does it mean to love your enemies (vs. 44)? How is this command to love your enemies different from the command to do good to those who wrong you from last week's sermon (5:38-42)?
- 4. How does loving your enemies make you *sons of your Father* (vs. 45)? How does God treat his enemies according to this passage?
- 5. Who are the enemies in your life that you need to love? What does it look like for you to love them as Jesus has instructed? What are the obstacles that need to be overcome to obey this command?

SERMON NOTES

TRUE LOVE

SUNDAY, MAY 19 Matthew 5:43-47

Pastor Isaac Miller

Next Week: Matthew 5:48

MISSIONS

MAKING CHRIST KNOWN IN CAMBODIA AARON & BETHANY GLOSS FAMILY - VISITING GRACE TODAY!

In 2020 Aaron & Bethany
Gloss and their 5 children were
sent by Grace Church to go
to the mission field to make
Christ known in Cambodia.
Late last summer they
returned to the U.S. for "home
assignment" to get their 3
oldest kids settled into school.
Aaron, Bethany and their 2
youngest boys are returning to
Cambodia in July to continue
to make Christ known among
the Cham people.



Stop by the Mission table today

to give them a loving Grace send off. Email globalteam@graceinracine.com for more info.

Prayer for the Gloss Family:

- Final preparations over the next few months and to be well equipped to go again
- Quality time as a family with all 5 kids. Older 3 will stay in the US for college, younger 2 go to Cambodia. Difficult for the kids to be separated and older ones not be with parents.
- New prayer & financial partners to help them reach the Cham people (need \$100/month more)
- For housing and a Cham tutor in the Ratanakiri area to continue language learning and retention as they go back and assimilate into Cambodian society.
- God to prepare hearts among the Cham people to hear the truth of salvation in Christ

YOU'RE INVITED!

<u>To the "Do It Anyway" Community Cookout & Family Movie Night</u> <u>Event! Saturday, June 8 // 4pm - 8pm // Grace Church</u>

This event is being held to highlight Racine County foster care and how you might want to help out. Learn how several Grace Local Partners minister to some of our most vulnerable people.

Free community cookout event. Food and drinks provided.

GRACE HAPPENINGS

SUPPORT GRACE SOFTBALL

May 20th // 7:00pm

Cliffside Park NW Field
First Evangelical Free (H) vs.
Grace Church

SENIOR ADULT BIBLE BRUNCH

Thursday, May 23 // 10:30am

Those age 55+ are invited to come for brunch & Bible study. Senior Adult Bible Study is a great opportunity to experience fellowship, study the Bible, and connect with other seniors.

SALE AT THE BOOKSTALL

Stop by The BookStall to see what's on sale before it's gone!

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

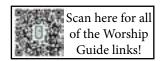
June 24 - 28 // 9am - Noon

VBS is open to any child who has completed at least one year of kindergarten-fifth grade, so invite your friends. Scan the QR code to register today!

NEWCOMER GATHERING

Sunday, June 2 // 11:10 am Room A-18

If you are new to Grace Church and would like to know more about us, we invite you to our next Newcomer Gathering. This will be a time for you and your family to grab a bite to eat, meet a few of the staff, ask questions, and hear about the vision of Grace Church. Let us know you'll be joining us by stopping by the Welcome Table or scanning the QR code to RSVP.





VBS ADULT VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!

- Small Group Leaders 12 openings (your choice of age group)
- Preschool Team Helper
- Nursery Helper
- Games Leader

Scan the QR code to fill out the appropriate form.

VBS SUPPLY NEEDS

Stop by the table outside the sanctuary to pick up your assignment or scan the QR code to shop the Amazon list!

Additionally we need: **250 empty paper towel tubes** Drop them off in the main office!