

WORDS TO  
LIVE BY

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! 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](http://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.

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## TODAY'S WORSHIP SERVICE

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### PRE-SERVICE

["God So Loved"](#)

Welcome

Pastor Chris Amundson

### PRAISE

Call To Worship

[Psalm 68:32-35](#)

["The Lord's Prayer \(It's Yours\)"](#)

["All Sufficient Merit"](#)

### RENEWAL

Prayer of Renewal

Pastor Chris Amundson

["I Need Thee Every Hour"](#)

### PROCLAMATION

Reading of the Word

[Matthew 7:7-11](#)

Prayer of Illumination

Preaching of the Word

Pastor Matthew Lantz

### RESPONSE

Silent Reflection

["How Deep The Father's Love For Us"](#)

Benediction

[Ephesians 3:20-21](#)

*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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Congratulations to Evan & Charity Petras on the birth of their son, Asher Boldly Petras, born July 27th!

Congratulations to Alex and Carly Picchiatti on the birth of Naomi Sue Picchiatti on August 5th!

*On the passing of Kay (Wanda) Cooper, our love, sympathy, and prayers to her friends and loved ones.*

## 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.
- 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)

## JOURNEY GROUPS FOR WOMEN

**Begins Tuesday, September 10 // 6:30pm**

Meets on Tuesdays for 12 weeks at 6:30pm (*you will receive a schedule after your application is submitted*)

Journey Groups are communities of care where stories of pain and abuse can be spoken, heard, and redeemed. Journey groups provide opportunities to open your soul to a deeper understanding of your past, to have courage and integrity in current relationships, and to grow in connection with the Author of your story.

Scan the QR code or contact [care@graceinracine.com](mailto:care@graceinracine.com) for more information.

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## ATTENDANCE & GIVING

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### LAST WEEK

Attendance: 655

Giving: \$23,592

### 2024 GIVING

Year to Date: \$1,059,513

+/- Budget: \$-76,892

## 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 start to wrap up Jesus' teaching on how we treat others in the Sermon on the Mount, we come to another passage about prayer. But instead of teaching us how to pray, our Lord gives us a word about the confidence we ought to have when we pray. It is an encouraging word about the level of access we have to our loving father in heaven.

### Discussion Questions

1. Review: According to last week's passage (7:1-6), what does it look like to judge/discern righteously? Is this passage teaching that we are not to judge at all?
2. Jesus commands us in 7:7 to ask, seek, and knock. What is it that he is telling us to freely ask for?
3. Verse 8 tells us that *everyone who asks receives*. Is Jesus making an absolute statement about God's answering us when we pray in this way? Explain.
4. Why is it so important to understand this passage about prayer within the context of everything Jesus has taught up to this point in the Sermon on the Mount? Why is it so easy for people to take a passage like this out of context?
5. In 7:9-11, Jesus makes the case for God's willingness to answer us as a loving father. Do you come to the Lord in prayer with a confidence that he loves you and is willing to give you what you are asking for? What gets in the way of having this confidence?
6. Why is this teaching on prayer good news for the unbeliever?

## SERMON NOTES

SUNDAY, AUGUST 11

[Matthew 7:7-11](#)

Pastor Matthew Lautz

THE GOD WHO GIVES  
GOOD GIFTS

Next Week: [Matthew 7:12](#)

## GRACE HAPPENINGS

### COMING THIS FALL

September 2..... Young Adult Gathering  
September 4.....Blaze & IG-Nite Leader Training  
September 8.....Worshippers In Training (WIT) Begins  
September 8.....Life Group Fair  
September 10..... Journey Groups for Women Begins  
September 11.....Blaze & IG-Nite Begin  
September 12.....Senior Adult Bible Brunch  
September 14..... GriefShare Begins  
September 19..... MomCo Begins  
September 29..... Discipleship Strategy Event: Engage

### THE MOMCO

(Formerly known as MOPS/Mothers of Preschoolers)  
MomCo, short for The Mom Community, encourages and equips moms to realize their potential as mothers, women and leaders, in relationship with Jesus, and in partnership with the local church.



#### **Who is The MomCo for?**

MomCo is for moms with children of any age.

#### **So, can I invite my friend who doesn't attend church?**

You do not need to be an attender of Grace Church to come– It's for moms all around the community!

#### **What happens at a MomCo meeting?**

In our meetings, we enjoy a wonderful time of fellowship through sharing breakfast, watching a short video (or hearing a guest speaker) on relevant topics in motherhood, spending time in discussion, and even completing some fun crafts and activities.

#### **Is there childcare?**

Childcare is provided for children ages 12 months and up (under 12 months old are welcome to stay in the meetings with their moms).

#### **How can I help?**

If you are interested in volunteering as a childcare helper, please let us know! You may contact [momco@graceinracine.com](mailto:momco@graceinracine.com).

We hope you can join us at the first MomCo meeting on September 19th at 9:15! Register by scanning the QR code.

## GRACE HAPPENINGS

### SOFTBALL PLAYOFF SCHEDULE

**Week 2 August 12 // 6pm**  
Cliffside Park SW Field  
Harbor Rock Tabernacle (H) vs.  
Grace Church

### SUMMER WOMEN'S GATHERING

**Saturday, August 24 // 10am**  
Kristen Wetherell, is returning to share Biblical wisdom from her book, *Fight Your Fears: Trusting God's Character and Promises When You are Afraid*. This will be a wonderful time of connection, worship, eating, and learning! Invite family and friends! Scan the QR code to RSVP.

### IG-NITE

(Intentional Growth Nite)  
Registration for the 2024-25 IG-Nite year is now open. IG-Nite is for any child in the community who is at least 3 years of age and fully potty trained through children in fifth grade. IG-Nite begins on Wednesday, September 11 at 6:15 pm.

### MAGAZINES NEEDED

Don't toss those magazines! Children's Ministry is looking for any kind of magazine with pictures of things God created (flowers, animals, trees, rocks, shells, birds, fish, etc). Bring any magazines you have to donate to Rachel Menke or to the main office.

### SAFE FAMILIES FAMILY

#### REUNION

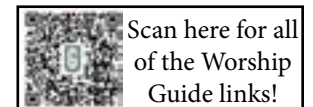
**Aug. 18 // 3-6pm at Grace Church**  
All past and present families and volunteers as well as anyone interested in learning more about Safe Families are invited to join us. Scan the QR code to RSVP.

- Free tacos & treats
- Face Painting
- Bouncy Houses
- Balloon Animals
- Professional Photographer
- Resource Tables
- Giveaways and More!

### STUDENT MINISTRIES

#### Burning Questions

**Wed. August 28 // 7pm**  
This is a Q&A night for middle and high school students to dig deeper into living for Christ in a broken world. Students should meet on the west lawn at 7pm as we kick off with games and time to connect with each other. We ask that middle schoolers are picked up by 9pm while high schoolers can stay until 10pm.



Scan here for all of the Worship Guide links!