

FOLLOWING THE  
*Master*



MATTHEW 8 - 10

# 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](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.

## TODAY'S WORSHIP SERVICE

### PRE-SERVICE

["You've Already Won"](#)

Welcome

Evan Petras, Student Ministry Director

### PRAISE

Call To Worship

[Psalm 30:11-12](#)

["Sing"](#)

["Doxology"](#)

### RENEWAL

Prayer of Renewal

Patrick Tetzlaff, Elder

["My Worth Is Not In What I Own"](#)

### PROCLAMATION

Reading of the Word

[Matthew 8:18-22](#)

Prayer of Illumination

Preaching of the Word

Pastor Mike Matheson

### RESPONSE

Silent Reflection

["I Surrender All"](#)

The Lord's Supper

["Christ Is Mine Forevermore"](#)

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: Jean Ganrud

*On the passing of Ken Cotes, our love, sympathy, and prayers to his family and loved ones.*

### GRIEFSHARE

**Begins Saturday, September 21 // Meets from 9am - 11am**

GriefShare is a friendly, caring group of people who will walk alongside you through the loss of a loved one. You don't have to go through the grieving process alone. Join us as we look to the Lord for healing, care, and comfort. To learn more and register, scan the QR code at the back of your worship guide.

**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)

## CHILDREN'S MINISTRY

Children are welcome in our worship service, and we highly encourage their participation throughout the entire service. Stop by the Info Center for a follow-along sheet! We also 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 before the teaching portion of worship).

## ATTENDANCE & GIVING

### LAST WEEK

Attendance: 835

Giving: \$35,978

### 2024 GIVING

Year to Date: \$1,227,429

+/- Budget: \$-55,904

## 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.

Last week's passage gave us a glimpse of the authority that Jesus has from his healings and miracles. This week, we get a look at what it really means to follow him. From the response that he gives to two different people, Jesus bluntly describes the nature of discipleship.

### Discussion Questions

1. Review: What do the healings and miracles of 8:1-17 teach us about who Jesus is? What is particularly significant about him healing a leper and the centurion's servant?
2. This passage starts with Jesus looking to get away from the crowd in verse 8:18. Why would Jesus do this given that he would be recognized as a person starting a messianic movement?
3. What is the meaning of Jesus' response to the scribe in 8:19-20? Why is the phrase "the Son of Man has nowhere to lay his head" such an attention grabbing statement?
4. Is Jesus being harsh in what he says to the second disciple who approached him in 8:21-22? What is he saying about the commitment of a true disciple?
5. What things in your life compete with the priority of following Jesus? What does it look like when even good things, like commitment to family and friends, become more important to us than obeying the Lord?
6. How does counting the cost of following Jesus factor in when sharing the gospel with others? Why is it necessary that we don't leave it out?

## CLASSES

We are excited to offer classes that will help you to grow in your pursuit to know Christ in an ever-growing, ever-increasing way. These classes are aimed to help you grow regardless of where you are in your walk with Christ. Read about them below and then scan the QR code to register.

**Classes begin Sunday, October 6 // 11:15am**

### **Making Sense of the Bible: A Walk Through the Books of Scripture**

**Teacher: Pastor Chris Amundson**

The Word of God is our foundation and is essential to our Christian growth. But oftentimes, we find ourselves intimidated to dive into it for ourselves. This is a four week class with the goal of showing that not only is the Bible one big story, but also a guide in how to walk through the books of scripture and see how they each contribute to that story.

### **Everyday Evangelism // Teacher: Guy Ladd**

The Lord has called all Christians to “*Go therefore and make disciples...*”. This means that sharing the gospel is a vital part of a life lived faithfully. But the barriers of fear and not being sure on how to start these conversations often prevent us from fulfilling our calling to evangelize. This four week class will be a space to address those fears as well as give practical tools to aid us in this work.

### **Exploring Christianity (Part 1) // Teacher: Clint Klepp**

Are you new to Christianity and want to understand the basics better with simple to understand applications? Are you considering the Christian faith and need a safe place to ask questions without judgment and get real-life practical answers? Exploring Christianity is a class designed to address these questions to aid in gaining confidence in the foundations of the faith.

## **DISCIPLESHIP STRATEGY SUNDAY**

**Sunday, September 29 // After Service**

Join us at the first of 4 workshops where we will teach our local body how to disciple others toward growing in the knowledge and enjoyment of the Lord. The focus of this workshop is on what it looks like to **Engage** non-believers. With our vision of *To Know Christ and Make Christ Known*, we believe that disciple-making is every Christian’s calling. Limited childcare available. Register for the workshop by scanning the QR code.

Save the dates for the upcoming workshops:

**Explore:** November 10, 2024

**Establish:** January 12, 2025

**Equip:** March 23, 2025

## GRACE HAPPENINGS

### **MISSION PRAYER HOUR**

**Sept. 16, 7-8pm, Room A29**

Join us Monday night as we pray for the "J" Family in Central Asia, Chris Mainland serving with Torchbearers International, and Youth for Christ Campus Life Athletics right here in Southeastern Wisconsin.

### **NEWCOMER GATHERING**

**September 22 // 11:10 am // B60**

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.

### **THE MOMCO**

*(Formerly known as MOPS/Mothers of Preschoolers)*

**Begins September 19 // 9:15am**

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. MomCo is for moms with children of any age and is for moms all around the community. Scan the QR code for more info.

### **SERVE AT HALO**

**Today // Meet at HALO at 4pm**

Join the team to prepare and serve a meal at our Local Partner, HALO (*Homeless Assistance Leadership Organization*). Afterward we have a time of music, a gospel presentation, prayer, and fun! Contact Paul Durbin: pdurbin1@wi.rr.com 262.672.0686

### **HALO SPECIAL COLLECTION**

**Today is the last day to donate!**

**Donate Financially:**

We are donating \$10,000 from our benevolence fund to HALO and we would love for you to add on to this. You can do this in Church Center by choosing HALO, or if writing a check, please make the check to Grace Church and write HALO in the memo. If using an envelope, please write HALO on the envelope. Contact Paul Durbin at 262-672-0686 or email pdurbin1@wi.rr.com with any questions or how to get involved with serving at HALO.

