

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

["House Of The Lord"](#)

Welcome

Pastor Chris Amundson

### PRAISE

Call To Worship

["Sing"](#)

["Only A Holy God"](#)

[1 Chronicles 16:23-27](#)

### RENEWAL

Baptisms

["All Sufficient Merit"](#)

Craig Vaughn, Elder

### PROCLAMATION

Reading of the Word

Prayer of Illumination

Preaching of the Word

[Matthew 8:23-9:8](#)

Pastor Mike Matheson

### RESPONSE

Silent Reflection

["Behold Our God"](#)

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: Bryan Luitze, Cathi Higgins

### 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).

About the series art: *The Storm on the Sea of Galilee* by Rembrandt, 1633  
The Storm on the Sea of Galilee is the only seascape ever painted by Rembrandt. It depicts Jesus calming the waves of the sea, saving the lives of the fourteen men aboard the vessel. Of these fourteen men, it is said Rembrandt included a self portrait of himself in the boat, next to Jesus and his twelve disciples. On March 18, 1990, the painting was stolen by thieves disguised as police officers. They broke into the Isabella Stewart Gardner Museum in Boston, Massachusetts, and stole this painting, along with twelve other works. The paintings have never been recovered, and it is considered the biggest art theft in history. The empty frames of the paintings still hang in their original location, waiting to be recovered.

## ATTENDANCE & GIVING

### LAST WEEK

Attendance: 773

Giving: \$53,372

### 2024 GIVING

Year to Date: \$1,280,801

+/- Budget: \$-28,339

## 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 last week's passage, we were given a taste of what it costs to follow Christ. This week, Matthew gives us a fuller view of who we are following. Through the three stories presented to us in this text, we see a display of power that separates Jesus from anyone or anything before him.

### Discussion Questions

1. Review: What does genuine discipleship entail according to Jesus in Matthew 8:18-22?
2. Why does Jesus comment on the disciples "little faith" in 8:26? Didn't they do the right thing by going to Jesus about the storm?
3. What does the fear of the demons in 8:29-31 tell us about who Jesus is? Does the reaction of the demons surprise you at all?
4. How is the story in 9:1-8 different from every other story of miracles and healings that we have heard up to this point? What is the claim that Jesus is making and why is it so astonishingly unique?
5. Would you say that your view of Jesus is as high as what scriptures presents him? Does the way you follow him daily reflect this high view?
6. When we share the gospel with others, it's easy to only focus on the meek and mild Jesus. Why is it necessary that we also present his power to the world? How do we do that?

## SERMON NOTES

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 22

[Matthew 8:23-9:8](#)

Pastor Mike Matheson

THE MOST  
POWERFUL THING  
IN THE WORLD

Next Week: [Matthew 9:9-17](#)

## 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

### **NEWCOMER GATHERING**

**Today! // 11:10 am // B60**

If you are new to Grace Church and would like to know more about us, we invite you to our Newcomer Gathering after the service today, even if you haven't RSVP'd. 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.

### **WOMEN'S GATHERING**

**Sat., October 5 // 9am - 11am**

Speaker: Tricia Amundson

Topic: "I Am the Bread of Life"

This season will focus on Jesus' "I Am" statements from the Gospel of John. All attendees will be given a Gospel of John scripture journal which we will use and reference at each gathering. Come and connect with us, worshiping God in song, fellowship, and study of his word! Scan the QR code to RSVP!

### **ENLIVEN: Senior Adult Bible**

**Study & Brunch**

**Thurs., September 26 // 10:30am**

Those age 55+ are invited to come for Bible study & brunch. This is a great opportunity to experience fellowship, study the Bible, and enjoy brunch!

### **HALO SPECIAL COLLECTION**

Thank you to all of you who responded so generously to the recent HALO collection. We have been blown away by the generosity, love, and compassion that has been demonstrated during this collection. We asked for material donations and you provided an ample supply of requested items.

We asked you for financial donations and we have collected **over \$38,000** with more coming in! This is in addition to the \$10,000 donation already given to HALO from our benevolence fund.

The HALO leadership, staff, and most importantly, the residents, are so thankful for your generosity. It has led to further conversations about how good God is. It has allowed us to carry out our church mission of *To Know Christ and To Make Christ Known*. The HALO local partnership has allowed Grace Church to shine the light of Christ on some of the most vulnerable people in our community. Thank you so much for your participation in this partnership. Continue to pray that God would provide more opportunities for Grace Church to minister to this population.

Sincerely,  
Paul Durbin  
Leader of HALO local partnership



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