

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 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

["Sing"](#)

Welcome

Pastor Isaac Miller

PRAISE

Call To Worship

[Psalm 30:4-5](#)

["O For A Thousand Tongues To Sing"](#)

["Living Hope"](#)

RENEWAL

Prayer of Renewal

Pastor Chris Amundson

["Christ Our Hope In Life And Death"](#)

PROCLAMATION

Reading of the Word

[Matthew 8:1-17](#)

Prayer of Illumination

Preaching of the Word

Pastor Mike Matheson

RESPONSE

Silent Reflection

["I Will Wait For 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

JOURNEY GROUPS FOR WOMEN

Begins Tuesday, September 10 // 6:30pm

Meets on Tuesdays for 12 weeks (*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 for more information.

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

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.

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

ATTENDANCE & GIVING

LAST WEEK

Attendance: 658

Giving: \$20,737

2024 GIVING

Year to Date: \$1,191,451

+/- Budget: \$-66,075

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 turn the page from the Sermon on the Mount, we are immediately confronted with three different stories of Jesus' miraculous healing work. But the reason for the recording of these healings goes far beyond Jesus being kind to the people around him. The people who he serves and the way he does it tells us a great deal about the nature of our Lord.

Discussion Questions

1. Review: Do you ever find yourself, merely admiring the teachings of Jesus, but failing to obey them? Why is this so dangerous?
2. When Jesus heals the leper in 8:1-4, he gives him some very specific instructions. What is the significance of the instructions? Why does he insist that the healed leper not say anything to anyone?
3. What makes the Roman centurion's response so impressive to Jesus in 8:9-10? Why is it a big deal that this is coming from a Roman centurion?
4. After healing Peter's mother-in-law in 8:14-15, Jesus cast out demons from people who were brought to him. What does all of this say about who Jesus is? How does it all fit with what the crowds were saying about him when he finished teaching in 7:28-29?
5. In what ways do we make Jesus smaller in our lives and in our thinking than how the word of God actually presents him? What steps should we be taking in order to not fall into this error?
6. What effect should this week's passage have on how and with whom we share the gospel with in our lives?

SERMON NOTES

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 8

[Matthew 8:1-17](#)

Pastor Mike Matheson

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Next Week: [Matthew 8:18-22](#)

MISSIONS

GUATEMALA MEDICAL/DENTAL SHORT TERM MISSION TRIP

Informational Meeting // TODAY / 12:30pm - 3:00pm / Room B74

This meeting is for anyone interested (first time as well as veterans). in joining the February 8-16, 2025 Medical/Dental Mission Trip to Guatemala. Medical/Dental experience not required.

Contact Vicki Albert at valbert46@gmail.com for more information.

HALO SPECIAL COLLECTION

The last day of collections will be Sunday, September 15.

HALO is our local homeless shelter in Racine and is one of our Local Partners. There is a major need for supplies and monetary donations. Donations are way down over the past couple years and the needs are great.

Bring items to Grace to the Mission table by the map wall.

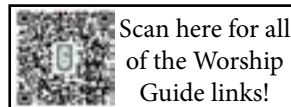
Donate Supplies:

- Fresh produce (bring on Sunday mornings only)
- Toilet paper
- Paper towels
- Powder laundry detergent
- Dry pasta, sauce
- Fans
- Disposable silverware
- Canned pantry items
- Feminine products

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.



GRACE HAPPENINGS

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.

CHILDREN'S MINISTRY

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.

ENLIVEN: Senior Adult Bible Study & Brunch

Thursday, September 12 // 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!

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.

FAMILY 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).

DISCIPLESHIP

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.

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