

An impressionistic landscape painting featuring a dense forest of green trees in the foreground and middle ground. The sky is filled with soft, blended colors of blue, white, and yellow, suggesting a bright, hazy day. The overall style is painterly and atmospheric.

To Know Christ  
and to  
Make Christ Known

Everything Matters  
*Wisdom from Ecclesiastes*



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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! Visit [graceinracine.com](http://graceinracine.com) or scan the QR code on the next page to let us know you visited, ask questions, submit prayer requests, or indicate an area of Grace Church that is of interest to you.

Stop by the Welcome Table outside the sanctuary, we'd love to meet you!

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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### PRELUDE

["Drenched In Love"](#)

### PRAISE

Welcome

Call To Worship

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

["King Of Kings"](#)

Pastor Matthew Lutz

[Matthew 6:9-13](#)

### RENEWAL

Baptism of Robert Lizotte

["Man Of Sorrows"](#)

Pastor Chris Amundson

### PROCLAMATION

Reading of the Word

Prayer of Illumination

Preaching of the Word

[Ecclesiastes 9:13-10:20](#)

Pastor Mike Matheson

### RESPONSE

Silent Reflection

["Psalm 90 \(Satisfy Us With Your Love\)"](#)

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.*

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## CARE MINISTRY

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### PRAYER FOR HEALING & RECOVERY

Please pray for healing and recovery for those hospitalized or recently discharged: Lani Squires

*We're not always aware of every need. Please help us by sending life updates to [care@graceinracine.com](mailto:care@graceinracine.com).*

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### 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)

### 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](mailto:prayer@graceinracine.com).

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## FAMILY MINISTRY

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### NURSERY & PRESCHOOL

Childcare 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).

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## ATTENDANCE & GIVING

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### LAST WEEK

Attendance: 506

Giving: \$18,452

### 2023 GIVING

Year to Date: \$1,266,734

+/- Budget: -\$69,973

## 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 week's text, the Preacher walks through the complex relationship between wisdom and folly. While wisdom is far better than the strength and shouting of fools even a little folly can also do so much damage to what is good. This is advice that people of all stages of life would do well to heed.

### Discussion Questions

1. Last week, the Preacher spoke about the inevitably and unpredictability of death for all. How are we to live in light of these things?
2. In 9:13-16, the Preacher tells a story as an illustration. What is the lesson that he is giving? What are some examples of how this advice plays out in real life?
3. In 9:18 he tells us that "Wisdom is better than weapons of war, but one sinner destroys much good? Where have you experienced this truth in your own life? How do we walk with care, knowing that one act of foolishness can destroy so much?
4. Verses 10:16-19 talks about how the way a king composes himself has an effect on the land he rules. How have we seen this through history? How ought this affect the way that we pray for our leadership?
5. In 10:20, we are further instructed on how we should act (and even think) as it pertains to civic leadership. How does this challenge you personally?
6. How does knowing and following Jesus give us the freedom to live in accordance with the wisdom presented here in this passage?

## SERMON NOTES

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 8

[Ecclesiastes 9:13-10:20](#)

Pastor Mike Matheson

WISDOM > FOLLY

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## MISSIONS

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### JULIAN THOMAS'S HISPANIC HERITAGE CELEBRATION

Thursday, October 19 from 5:00-7:15pm

Julian Thomas Elementary School will be having a Program & Cultural Celebration Dinner. In order to make this possible for the students & families, they would appreciate our support through a raffle basket item donation & volunteer help.

**Basket Themes:** movie night, sports (ball, equipment, ect.), boardgames, self-care (lotions, candles, fluffy socks, ect.), tools/home-repair items, baking, arts/crafts, SC Johnson or other cleaning products.

**Serving Opportunities:** serving food, crowd control, stage helpers, classroom helpers, set up (4pm), clean up (could be until 8pm)

Juli Toutant will be available at the Mission table 10/08 and 10/15 for volunteer sign-up and item collections.

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### 2023 FALL & HOLIDAY DRIVES

#### Food Drive for Harvest Outreach Food Pantry

Collection Date: Sunday, October 29th

Next Sunday - Stop by the table outside the sanctuary to pick up a paper bag to fill with non-perishable food items to benefit Harvest Outreach Food Pantry, and then return it to Grace on October 29th!

Suggested non-perishables (no glass containers) include:

- Vegetables
- Cereal
- Peanut Butter
- Jelly
- Rice
- Soup
- Tuna
- Boxed Potatoes
- Stuffing
- Applesauce
- Dry Pasta
- Pasta Sauce
- Crackers
- Macaroni & Cheese (*the shells & cheese type*)

#### Operation Christmas Child Boxes

Boxes will be collected on November 12th

Start adding items for an Operation Christmas Child Box to your shopping list! We'll have boxes available soon.

Some suggested items to include:

- A "Wow" Item
- Personal Care Items
- Clothing & Accessories
- Crafts & Activities
- Toys
- A Personal Note

Scan the QR code for OCCs Amazon storefront, list of items to NOT include and more!

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## GRACE HAPPENINGS

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### WOMEN'S RETREAT

November 3 - 5, 2023

Osthoff Resort, Elkhart Lake, WI

Today (10/8) is the last day to register!

The Women's Retreat is a perfect time to remove yourself from the distractions of daily life and connect with other ladies in fellowship and studying God's Word together. Stop by the table outside the sanctuary to register!

### SENIOR ADULT BIBLE BRUNCH

Thursday, Oct. 12 // 10:30am

This ministry is a great opportunity to experience fellowship, study the Bible, and connect with other seniors. Anyone age 55 and up is welcome.

### MEN'S BREAKFAST

Saturday, October 14 // 8am

Speaker: *Pastor Chris Amundson*  
Topic: *The Problem With Your Job*  
Guys, join us for a hot breakfast, fellowship, & God's word.

### BOARD GAME DAY

Saturday, Oct. 14 // 12pm - 6pm

Anyone is welcome to join us for one game or several as we get together to play games of all sorts - from beginner games to advanced game playing, party games to strategy games, and everything in between! This is an open house style event - come and go as you please.

### CHILD DEDICATION

Sunday, October 29th

Required class: Sunday, October 15th, after service

Child dedication is a commitment you make before God, as parents, to give thanks to God and raise your children according to God's purpose. The dedication service is designed to help you commit to raising your child to find and follow God. Scan the QR code to learn more and register.

### MEMBERSHIP CLASS

Saturday, October 21st // 9 - Noon

If you are interested in becoming a member, this is the first step in the process. At Grace Church, membership is the way we root ourselves in the local body of Christ, like becoming part of a family. Join us for this three hour class to learn about the beliefs, vision, and organization of the church. Register at [graceinracine.com](http://graceinracine.com) or scan the QR code at the back of the Worship Guide.



Scan here for all of the Worship Guide links!