

TO KNOW CHRIST  
AND TO  
MAKE CHRIST KNOWN

FAITHFUL  
&  
*Flourishing*

A STUDY IN 1 THESSALONIANS



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SUNDAY MORNING WORSHIP SERVICE, 9:30AM

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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 this QR code to let us know you visited, ask questions, submit prayer requests, or indicate an area of Grace Church that is of interest to 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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## PRAISE

Welcome  
Call To Worship  
["O Praise The Name \(Anástasis\)"](#)  
High School Senior Recognition  
["This I Believe"](#)

Pastor Chris Amundson  
[Psalm 115:16-18](#)

## RENEWAL

Prayer of Renewal  
["It Is Well"](#)

Matthew Lautz, Director of Worship Arts

## PROCLAMATION

Reading of the Word  
Prayer of Illumination  
Preaching of the Word

[1 Thessalonians 4:13-18](#)

Karen Sytsma  
Pastor Mike Matheson  
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## RESPONSE

["Christ Our Hope in Life and Death"](#)  
Benediction

Matthew Lautz

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# CARE MINISTRY

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*Due to the size of our church, 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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## 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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## GRACE KIDS

### 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). WIT follows along with the same passage of Scripture that is being taught by the pastor in the sanctuary, but at a more age-appropriate level.

**Parents** – here are two questions to ask your child this week about their time in WIT! Remember – they will be receiving a question to ask you too!

1. Why should this passage (1 Thess 4:13-18) give us hope if we are Christians?
2. Do you ever think about Jesus' return? What kinds of feelings do you have about Jesus' return?

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# ATTENDANCE & GIVING

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## LAST WEEK

Sanctuary Attendance: 437  
Livestream Attendance: 63  
Giving: \$21,113

## 2022 GIVING

Year to Date: \$681,112  
+/- Budget: -\$1,690

## 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 our passage this week, Paul turns to address the Thessalonians' concerns about their brothers and sisters in Christ who had died. Not wanting them to grieve as those who do not have hope, Paul holds up the Coming of the Lord as the source of that hope. And his message to them is the same as it is to us: As you grieve, encourage one another with the hope that the Lord is coming. Jesus will come from heaven with a cry of command and with the voice of an archangel. The trumpet will sound. The dead in Christ will rise. The living and the dead will meet the Lord in His procession. And we will always be with the Lord. As you read and reflect this week, consider the hope we have in His Coming and the ways in which we, like the Thessalonians, can encourage one another.

### Discussion Questions

1. Have you lost a loved one, or do you know someone who has lost a loved one? What did your grief process look like? Did you have reasons to grieve with hope? If so, what were they?
2. What was happening to the Thessalonians? Why might they have needed Paul to correct their theology, so that they could grieve with hope? See 1 Thessalonians 1:6-10, 2:14-16, and 3:1-5. See also Jesus' words in Matthew 24:34. If this generation would not pass away until Jesus came back, how might the Thessalonians have felt when this generation started to die?
3. Take a look at the end of verses 15 and 16. Why do you think Paul emphasizes that the dead in Christ will be risen first? Considering how the Thessalonians were concerned about those who had fallen asleep, how might this have encouraged them? Who might you encourage this week?
4. In verse 15, Paul writes that "this we declare to you by a word from the Lord." What word from the Lord might he be referring to? Read through Matthew 24 next to our passage for today. What similarities and differences do you see? How might one passage illuminate the other?
5. In verses 16-17, Paul holds up the Day of the Lord as the source of the Thessalonians' encouragement and hope. How do we know this passage is about the Day of the Lord? Take a look at the specific descriptions of this Day in verse 16. See also the word "meet" in verse 17, and its other two uses in Matthew 25:6 and Acts 28:15. How do these descriptions and passages inform our understanding of the Day of the Lord? Why is this Day our encouragement and hope?

## SERMON NOTES

SUNDAY JUNE 12

[1 Thessalonians 4:13-18](#)

Pastor Mike Matheson

THE COMING OF  
THE LORD

NEXT WEEK

[1 Thessalonians 5:1-11](#)



Children who are currently in Kindergarten - 5th grade are invited to celebrate the King of Kings at our 2022 VBS! For five days, we will explore the lives of various biblical kings as we compare them to the King of Kings and see how it is only King Jesus who is truly worthy of all our love, worship, and allegiance! It's a week of royal festival games, feasts (okay it's just snacks), crafts, music, and more!

Register at [graceinracine.com/vbs](http://graceinracine.com/vbs), scan the QR code, or stop by the VBS table in the commons!



## VBS Work Days

**TODAY After service - 11am**

Join us in classroom B60 after service. We have a variety of jobs that we need help with, including: cutting, sorting, creating, counting, and more! If you prefer, you can also go out and grab a quick bite to eat and then come back and help us out!

Join us for more projects and decorating:

**Saturday, June 18 // 1pm - 6pm**

**Sunday, June 19 // After Service**

No need to RSVP, just show up!

## GRACE HAPPENINGS

### GRIEFSHARE

Begins June 29 at:  
Racine Christian Reformed Church, 900 Illinois St., Wednesdays, 9:30am - 11:30am. GriefShare is a friendly, caring group of people who will walk alongside you through one of life's most difficult experiences. You don't have to go through the grieving process alone. Learn more: [griefshare.org/groups/150845](http://griefshare.org/groups/150845)



### FALL PREVIEW SHOWCASE - IT'S FOR EVERYONE!

**Sunday, August 14 // 11:00 am**  
Fellowship over lunch together followed by exciting previews of what's happening at Grace this fall and how you can be part of it! Stay tuned for more details!

### SERVE AT HALO

**Today // Meet at HALO at 4pm**  
Join the team to prepare and serve a meal. Afterward we have time of music, gospel presentation, prayer, and fun! Contact Paul Durbin [pdurbin1@wi.rr.com](mailto:pdurbin1@wi.rr.com) / 262.672.0686

### THE WEEKLY

Get our weekly happenings in your email! *The Weekly* is a list of all the things happening at Grace for that upcoming week. Scan the QR code or head over to our website where you'll find a button to provide us with your email address.



### NEEDS AT HARVEST FOOD PANTRY

Harvest Outreach Food Pantry has a list of specific, immediate needs. Drop items off in bins by entry doors any Sunday or stop in during the week.

- Lg. jars of peanut butter
- Lg. bxs of dehydrated potatoes
- Lg. bxs of cereal (14 oz plus)
- Lg. jars of spaghetti sauce
- Dry pasta
- Pasta w/meat (Chef Boyardee)
- Saltine crackers
- Ketchup
- Mustard
- Sauces
- Pancake mix & syrup
- Baking products
- Coffee
- Tea
- Cleaning products
- Floor cleaners
- Laundry detergent & softeners
- Dish soap
- Dishwasher soap
- Toilet paper
- Toothpaste, toothbrushes, floss
- Shampoo/conditioner
- Deodorant
- Hygiene products (feminine products)