



To Know Christ and  
To Make Christ Known



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*Worthy is the Lamb*

Advent 2022  
Revelation 4-7

# WELCOME TO GRACE CHURCH!

## 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. 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.

## TODAY'S WORSHIP SERVICE

### PRAISE

Welcome  
Call To Worship  
["The First Noel"](#)

Joe Kobriger, Co-Director of Missions  
Zechariah 2:10-11

### RENEWAL

Advent Reading: [Psalm 23](#)

Cheri Meyers, Lori Schultz,  
and Jane Worsham  
Luke Greenwald

Prayer of Renewal  
["Psalm 23: Surely Goodness Surely Mercy"](#)

### PROCLAMATION

Reading of the Word  
Prayer of Illumination  
Preaching of the Word

[Revelation 7](#) Dave Jansson  
Pastor Mike Matheson

### RESPONSE

["O Come O Come Emmanuel"](#)

Communion Patrick Tetzlaff

["Hark The Herald Angels Sing/King of Heaven"](#)

Benediction Matthew Lutz, Director of Worship Arts

*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: Jill Wolfe, Laura Hagemann

*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).*

## 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).

## 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)

# FAMILY MINISTRY

## 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.

## ATTENDANCE & GIVING

### LAST WEEK

Sanctuary Attendance: 486  
Livestream Attendance: 80  
Giving: \$20,239

### 2022 GIVING

Year to Date: \$1,462,261  
+/- Budget: -\$85,984

## 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.

We now move on from chapter 6; which culminates in the wrath of the Lamb, to a vision that certainly strikes a different tone. In it, we are privy to a wide angle view of the people of God before the throne. It is a passage that serves to remind all believers as to why faithfulness to our blessed Lord in this life is worth it.

### Discussion Questions

1. What have you found to be the most difficult about going through Revelation so far? Have you had any previous views on this book or the end times that have been challenged during this sermon series?
2. Chapter 7 begins with four angels standing at the four corners of the earth. What are they there to do and where else in Scripture do we see similar descriptions to this?
3. Who are the 144,000 that are sealed in verses 3-8? What is being communicated to us about those who are sealed by listing off all of the tribes of Israel?
4. After this, John sees a great multitude from every nation standing before the throne and the Lamb. How is this significant in light of Rev. 6:17 from last week? What is the significance of them holding palm branches?
5. Read vs. 13-17. What is the elder saying about the multitude that stands before God? How do these words lend encouragement and challenge to us in our daily walk?
6. How does chapter 7 help us to celebrate Christmas in a deeper and fuller way?

# CHRISTMAS EVE SERVICE



**SATURDAY, DECEMBER 24, 3PM**

Join us as we celebrate the coming of Christ to the Earth with "Lessons & Carols."

Postcards are available at the information center to invite others.

Please bring a dozen cookies and after the service, stay for a while and enjoy fellowship with your Grace family along with cookies & cocoa!

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## CHRISTMAS MORNING SERVICE // SUNDAY, DECEMBER 25, 9:30AM

Join us Christmas morning as we gather for our weekly worship service. We will not have childcare, we encourage families to enjoy service together.

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## PERSPECTIVES COURSE

**January 16 - May 1, 2023, Monday Evenings at Kenosha Bible Church**

5:30pm: Light dinner served

6-8pm: Session (*light dinner, snacks, and childcare provided*)

### ***What is Perspectives?***

Perspectives is a fifteen-week discipleship course that will expand your understanding of how God is at work around the globe and what role you are to play. Instructors from around the world—including missionaries, professors, and pastors—will come to expand your understanding of God's redemptive plan for the world.

### ***Why Perspectives is for You***

This course is great for anyone who wants to invest their lives in God's kingdom for God's glory. It will challenge you to find your role in God's redemptive plan for the world.

### ***How to Register***

Scan the QR code below to register. The cost of the class is \$220. Early bird discounts are available until December 18.

Grace Member & Attendee discounts:

- \$30 discount for Registration by December 18, 2022.
- \$50 discount for a 2nd family member attending.
- \$30 discount each for groups of 3.
- \$100 reimbursement scholarships for the first 20 paid Grace Church registrations upon class completion.



Contact Joe Kobriger (jobrigger@gmail.com; 262-939-5152) with questions.

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# GRACE HAPPENINGS

## PRAYER GATHERING

**Tonight at 5pm!**

Prayer is essential if we want to thrive as individuals and as a church. Our prayer gatherings provide us with focused opportunities to grow in our prayer lives together. Join us for prayer and then stay for a meal together.

We'll provide the dinner, just bring yourself. Meal: Pasta bake, salad, & breadsticks.

## MISSIONS PRAYER HOUR

**December 19 // 7pm in the Loft**

All are welcome to come pray for our global field workers and the nations where they serve.

## GIVING ENVELOPES

2023 Giving envelopes are coming, stay tuned for pick-up details.

## CARING FOR OUR GRACE CHURCH FAMILY

If your family is experiencing financial challenges and would be blessed by assistance with your Christmas dinner, fill out a Connection Card found in the seat back in front of you. Write "Christmas" and your name, address and phone number on the card and drop it in the offering box. Questions, contact the office and ask for the Benevolence Ministry, 262-632-2111 or email [lnewlun@graceinracine.com](mailto:lnewlun@graceinracine.com)

## OPPORTUNITY TO SERVE:

### MEAL TEAM LEADER

This position oversees a critical component to what Grace church offers in terms of support, encouragement, and love during difficult times. Meals are often one of the most appreciated signs of being the hands and feet of Jesus in real life.

If that's you, contact Angie Vail: [angela.m.vail@gmail.com](mailto:angela.m.vail@gmail.com)

## END OF YEAR CLEARANCE

Happening Now @ the Grace Bookstall!

Help us clear some room for new 2023 inventory by picking up some great books at deeply discounted prices!

Also come by and check out our great gift ideas including lots of journals, Bibles, devotionals, and children's books!

## PROPOSED CONSTITUTIONAL UPDATES

The Elder Council has carefully considered constitutional updates regarding Deacons, Elder Council makeup, and legal protections, which will be voted on by the congregation at the 2023 Annual Meeting. Hard copies of this will be available after service. Scan the QR code to view online.

