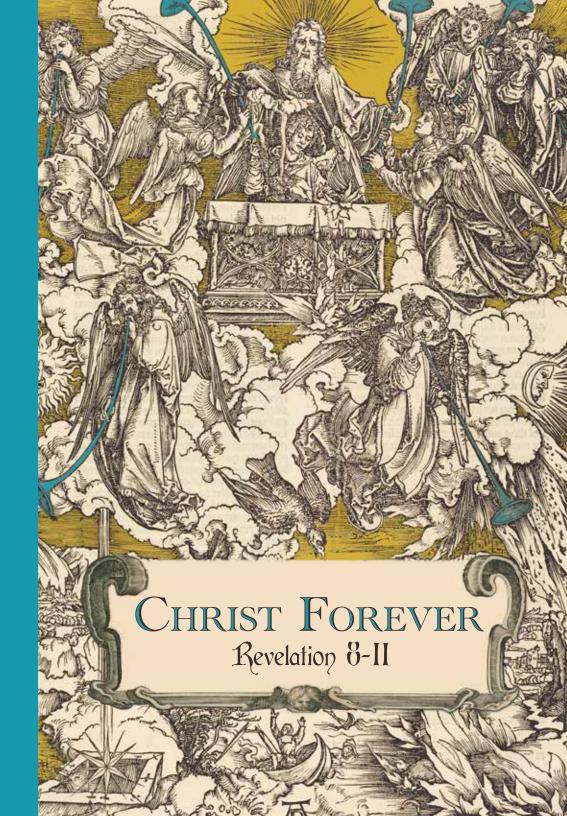
# To Know Christ and to Make Christ Known



# **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 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 Pastor Chris Amundson Pastor Chris Amundson

"Praise To The Lord (Joyful Joyful)"

"A Mighty Fortress"

# RENEWAL

Parenting Conference Interview with Nick & Betsy Wolfe

Prayer of Renewal Pastor Chris Amundson

"All I Have Is Christ"

# **PROCLAMATION**

New Elder Commissioning Pastor Mike Matheson Reading of the Word <u>Revelation 8:6-9:21</u>

Prayer of Illumination

Preaching of the Word Pastor Mike Matheson

# RESPONSE

"It Is Well With My Soul"

Benediction Pastor Matthew Lautz

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**

On the passing of Bob Sfasciotti, our sympathies to his daughter, Gina.

# 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.

**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



The Lenten season kicks off soon and we want to equip you to reflect on the meaning of Jesus' life, death, and resurrection during this season! The bookstall is stocked with some great Lent and Easter resources including daily Lenten devotionals, family devotionals, and picture books for your littles.

# Bigger & Better by Rachel Menke

In other exciting news, Director of Children's Ministry, Rachel Menke wrote a book which was illustrated by Lydia Poore!
Only \$7 and available at The BookStall!



# ATTENDANCE & GIVING

LAST WEEK

Attendance: 597 Giving: \$22,777 **2023 GIVING** 

Year to Date: \$166,875 +/- Budget: \$7,480

# 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 sermon, Pastor Mike walked us through the first six 'Trumpet Judgments'. In this passage, we are given a continued picture of the sovereignty of Christ as well as the instability of this world. In true apocalyptic form, we get to clearly see just how foolish it is to place our faith in this present order of the world and that true security can only be found in the Lamb who moves these events at his will.

## Discussion Questions

- Would you say that this sermon series has contributed to growth in your faith? If so, how?
- This passage is known as the 'Trumpet Judgments'. Why would God use the imagery of trumpets? What is the significance of trumpets when they are used elsewhere in the bible and how might that be related to this text?
- Read 8:6-12. What is the connection between the first four trumpet judgements? Why should these judgments upset a casual reader's sense of security?
- At the blowing of the fifth trumpet, we have this strange vision of locusts tormenting those who did not have the seal of God on their foreheads. What does all of this mean? What does it have to do with peoples' relationship to the world?
- Finally, we see a demonic army arise at the sixth trumpet. Is it surprising to see God's control, even in this situation? Why do we tend to have a hard time with God's sovereignty when we witness such evil and violence?
- Even though there is clearly no security to be found in the things of this world, why do most people still refuse to repent and turn to Christ? How does a passage like this move us (who do belong to him) toward thanksgiving and a clearer understanding of his grace?



Revelation 8:6-9:21

Pastor Mike Matheson

# ANNOUNCING THE PRESENCE OF JUDGMENT

# **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. Below are the descriptions of the classes we're offering.

Register using the QR code or at graceinracine.com/classes. Paper registration forms also available at the Info Center. Childcare is available.



# Beginning February 19th at 11am

"First Principles" (The Charles Simeon Trust) -- 9 Weeks

Teacher: Pastor Mike Matheson

Class Size: Limited to 25 Participants for Best Engagement

Cost: \$19/person (through Charles Simeon Trust)

The Charles Simeon Trust is a workshop that our pastors and ministry leaders have been attending over the last few years in order to sharpen their understanding of the scriptures and effectively communicate what they teach. If you have a desire to mine the scriptures for deeper understanding and growth, this First Principles course is a great benefit to all growing Christians. It focuses on the most fundamental principles for studying and teaching the Bible.

# Class Title: "One-to-One Bible Reading" -- 4 Weeks Teachers: Erin Fleming & Special Guest Teacher!

You've been hearing about this One-to-One Bible Reading but what is it all about? This class is perfect for those who are new to Bible reading, for more seasoned Christians, and for everyone in between! Come and learn how easy it is to open the Bible with one other person and read God's word together!

# Class Title: "Financial Peace University" -- 8 Weeks Teachers: Mike Zimmer & Matt Hagemann

Are you stressed about money? Worried about "what ifs...?" Come and join Matt and Mike as they teach Dave Ramsey's course. Learn how to budget, save, and give!

# Classes Beginning March 19th (4 weeks)

Class Title: "Tune-Up Your Prayer Life" -- 4 Weeks Teachers: Matthew Lautz & Luke Greenwald

Everyone wishes their prayer lives were better. We know it's important and that we should be doing it more often, but at the end of the day, we just don't seem to be getting anywhere. In this class, we'll help you identify some of the main obstacles that keep you from having a healthy prayer life. It's a tune-up for your prayer life to get your walk with Christ moving again!

# **GRACE HAPPENINGS**

# PRAYER GATHERING

# February 26 // 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.

Meal details: Breakfast!

We'll provide a variety of egg bakes and need you to bring (based on 1st letter of last name):

A - G: Fruit

H - L: Sweet rolls (such as donuts, muffins, etc)

M - S: Savory rolls (such as croissants, biscuits, English muffins, bagels, etc)

T - Z: Juice (apple, orange)

# EASTER CHOIR

Be part of the Easter choir! Easter Sunday is April 9th. Rehearsals will take place on Tuesday evenings beginning on March 7th at 6:30pm. Scan the QR code to sign up!

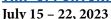
# MEMBERSHIP/BAPTISM CLASS

Saturday, March 25 // 9 - Noon

If you're interested in membership, join us at the upcoming class.

Our next baptism opportunity will be on April 9 (Resurrection Sunday!). If you are planning on being baptized, plan to attend the first hour of the membership class. Register at graceinracine.com or scan the QR code.

# SHORT-TERM MISSION TRIP OPPORTUNITY



Where: Rancho El Camino LaPaz, Mexico

Purpose: Serve with Gracesupported missionary Erica Kienzle.

Rancho El Camino serves the vulnerable youth in La Paz, Mexico through horse ministry and youth camps. Scan the QR code for more information or to apply for trip text, call, or email Joe Kobriger (262) 939-5152 globalteam@graceinracine.com



