

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

["The Way"](#)

### PRAISE

Welcome

Andy Feliksiak, Executive Director

Call To Worship

[Hebrews 13:15](#)

["This Is The Day"](#)

["I Want To Know You"](#)

### RENEWAL

Baptism

Patrick Tetzlaff, Elder

["Jesus Paid It All"](#)

### PROCLAMATION

Reading of the Word

[Ecclesiastes 5:1-7](#)

Prayer of Illumination

Preaching of the Word

Pastor Mike Matheson

### RESPONSE

Silent Reflection

["The Stand"](#)

Benediction

Pastor Mike Matheson

*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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*On the passing of Corrine Ohlwine, we extend our sympathies to her daughter, Violet Ohlwine.*

*Our heartfelt love, sympathy, and prayers to Ann & Mike Richow on the passing of Ann's mother, Rita Ziemann.*

**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)

### JOURNEY GROUPS FOR WOMEN

**Begins September 14th**

**Meets every other Thursday for 12 weeks at 6:30pm**

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 Gayle Manske at [manskegayle61@gmail.com](mailto:manskegayle61@gmail.com) for more information.

### GRIEF SHARE

**Begins Saturday, September 16 // 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 or visit [graceinracine.com/caregroups](http://graceinracine.com/caregroups)

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## ATTENDANCE & GIVING

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### LAST WEEK

Attendance: 547

Giving: \$17,199

### 2023 GIVING

Year to Date: \$1,054,878

+/- Budget: -\$92,876

## 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.

This week, we looked at the first section of verses in chapter 5. And while most of Ecclesiastes up to this point has been a series of observations about the visible world, the Preacher's approach changes toward giving advice in this passage. His concern is the careless usage of words before God and the dangers inherent to it. It is a text that exposes the connection between the words of our mouth and our heart's attitude toward God.

### Discussion Questions

1. Last week was about the need for community and the vanity of living life in isolation. Where do you need to grow when it comes to relationships with others in the church? What steps can you take?
2. 'Guard your steps when you go to the house of God.' What does the Preacher mean by this and what does the 'house of God' refer to (for the original readers and for us)?
3. What does it look like to be hasty with our words before God? In what particular ways do you think you have been guilty of it?
4. Verses 4-6 talk about vows. What does making flippant vows to God look like for us and how do we apply what the Preacher is prescribing here?
5. Read verse 7. What do you think he means by the vanity of increased dreams and words? How is the fear of God the remedy to this problem?
6. As a people who have been redeemed and brought near to God through Christ, is our approach to God to be any different than the original hearers of this text? Is it possible to be both confident (Heb. 10:19) and reverent (Heb. 12:28-29) before the Lord at the same time? How so?

## SERMON NOTES

SUNDAY, AUGUST 27

[Ecclesiastes 5:1-7](#)

Pastor Mike Matheson

SUNDAY MATTERS:  
WISDOM FOR COMING  
TO CHURCH

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## CLASSES

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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](http://graceinracine.com/classes).  
Childcare is available.

### **Beginning September 10th at 11am**

***Making Sense of the Bible: A Walk Through the Books of Scripture***

**Teacher: Chris Amundson**

**Meets: Sunday Mornings, 11am, beginning September 10th for 8 weeks**

Ofentimes, opening up the Bible can be an initially intimidating experience. With it being a collection of 66 books by approximately 40 different authors and written in 3 different languages, it can feel a bit overwhelming but it doesn't need to be. During these 8 weeks, Chris will give an overview of each book of the Bible and how they all fit together perfectly into one cohesive revelation of God's ultimate plan.

***One-to-One Bible Reading***

**Teacher: Patrick Tetzlaff and Erin Fleming**

**Meets: 11am, beginning September 10th for 4 weeks**

This is an easy and grassroots way to connect with others around God's Word! We will go through David Helm's book, One-to-One Bible Reading. The goal of this class is to give you the tools to start your own 1:1 Bible reading with a friend.

***Understanding Poetry: A Guide to Reading the Psalms***

**Teachers: Luke and Kristin Greenwald**

**Meets: Sunday Mornings, 11am, beginning September 10th for 8 weeks**

Does the thought of reading the Psalms make you shiver or feel lost in a storm? Come join us as we feast on the richness of poetry in the Psalms. After taking this class, we hope to grow in our ability to faithfully experience the Psalms in all of the beauty they express.

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## **GRACE HAPPENINGS**

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### IG-NITE

**Begins September 13 // 6:15pm**

Intentional Growth Nite is our midweek children's ministry. For children age 3 - 5th grade. Scan the QR code to register your child(ren)!

### **STUDENT MINISTRY BLAZE**

**Begins September 13**

**Jr. High: 6:30pm**

**Sr. High: 7pm**

No registration required.

### **WOMEN'S RETREAT**

#### **SAVE THE DATE!**

**November 3 - 5, 2023**

Osthoff Resort, Elkhart Lake, WI  
Speaker: Glenna Marshall,  
author of "Everyday Faithfulness"  
Registration will open August 27th.

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## **MISSIONS**

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### GUATEMALA MEDICAL/DENTAL

#### MISSION TRIP

**Informational meeting today,  
August 27th, from Noon - 2 pm**

Room A60

Stop in to learn more about participating in the Guatemala Medical/Dental Mission Trip from February 10-18, 2024.

Contact Deb Palmer 262-412-5192  
or Vicki Albert 262-880-6651.  
Medical/dental experience not required.

### SERVE AT GRACE

Serving provides us the opportunity to show Christ's love to one another. We have numerous areas at Grace where you can plug in from Children's Ministry, to behind the scenes of communion clean-up or baking treats for Blaze. Scan the QR code to see the many opportunities. Ministry leaders will follow up with you within a week.

### SAVE THE DATE!

Gloss Family Celebration & Update

September 24th // 11am // B74  
Stop in to learn more about the time the Glosses have had in Cambodia and what the future looks like for them.



Scan here for all  
of the Worship  
Guide links!