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!

VISITING GRACE?

It's great to have you here today, and we'd love to connect with you! Visit 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.

TODAY'S WORSHIP SERVICE

PRELUDE

["House Of The Lord"](#)

PRAISE

Welcome
Call To Worship
["This Is The Day"](#)

Pastor Matthew Lutz
[Philippians 4:4-7](#)

RENEWAL

Baptism
["My Worth Is Not In What I Own"](#)

Clint Klepp Elder

PROCLAMATION

Reading of the Word
Prayer of Illumination
Preaching of the Word

[Ecclesiastes 3:1-15](#)

Pastor Chris Amundson

RESPONSE

["Knowing You"](#)
Communion
["Christ Our Hope In Life And Death"](#)

Benediction
Pastor Chris Amundson

*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: Cory Visser, Ken & Joan Kotes

Our heartfelt love, sympathy, and prayers to Shari & Dean Blake and family on the passing of Shari's stepfather, Gene Venenga.

On the passing of Larry Schaefer, our sympathy to his brother Mark (Kristen) Schaefer.

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

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 manskegayle61@gmail.com for more information.

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.

ATTENDANCE & GIVING

LAST WEEK

Attendance: 607
Giving: \$26,828

2023 GIVING

Year to Date: \$970,088
+/- Budget: -\$86,470

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 come across one of the most familiar passages in all of scripture, more for pop culture reasons than anything else. But there is more to this text than what most would care to think about. The seasons of life change, and there is a time for all of it. This is an examination of God's sovereignty over all times and what that means for us. To many, it is a terrifying prospect to realize that we have so little control. But to those of us who fear him, our response should be different.

Discussion Questions

1. How are you feeling about this walk through the book of Ecclesiastes so far? Have you been encouraged or discouraged? Or a little of both?
2. The poem that is presented to us in the first eight verses presents us with numerous pairs of extremes. What is the overall observation of the poem?
3. When you examine the various things that the Preacher tells us there is a time for, what are some of the things listed that you struggle believing? Why do you think you struggle with these?
4. Read verse 11. What is this verse telling us and how does it have the potential to be so frustrating? Has there ever been a time in your life where you desperately wanted to know what God was doing?
5. How then should we live knowing the extent of God's control over everything that happens? Do you feel at peace with all of this?
6. How does knowing Jesus and his gospel give us a greater advantage to living the way we are called over the original audience of this book?

SERMON NOTES

SUNDAY, AUGUST 6

[Ecclesiastes 3:1-15](#)

Pastor Chris Amundson

TURN! TURN! TURN!

MISSION MOMENT

THE "J FAMILY"

D & K, along with their 4 children, are making disciples within Muslim communities of Central Asia. Through close relationships with new believers and outreach to non-believers, they lead Bible studies and provide medical services to communities in a part of the world that has 9 Christians for every 10,000 people. (That equates to 177 Christians in all of Racine County!)

Pray:

- That their mobile clinic is well received and provides a platform to share the gospel
- For wisdom in navigating national laws and dealing with pushback from local governments
- For fruitful conversations and favor in sharing the good news

For more information, stop by the Mission Table in the Commons after the service or email globalteam@graceinracine.com.



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AT THE GRACE BOOKSTALL

"Hear Me Now: The Mark of One Ordinary Pastor" by Karen Lynn Sytsma - a book about Pastor Jerry Worsham's influence and the marks he made on ordinary people for God's kingdom and glory. Stop by to purchase a copy. All proceeds donated to South America Mission (SAM).



Get started by registering and setting up your fundraising page. Begin collecting sponsorships, gather friends and family to join your team, and have fun spreading the word about the important work being done at Alliance. [Scan the QR code to learn more.](#)

GRACE HAPPENINGS

COMMUNION

Today we will take communion together. Gluten free communion wafers are available at the Info Center.

MISSIONS PRAYER HOUR

August 7 // 7pm // Room A29

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

WOMEN'S GATHERING

Saturday, August 19th // 10:00 am

Join us as special guest speaker and author, Kristen Wetherell, shares from her newest book, *Help for the Hungry Soul - Eight Encouragements to Grow Your Appetite for God's Word* (release August 2023). This is a fantastic opportunity to invite family and friends to attend along with you to enjoy a time of connection, worship, laughter, and learning! Register and learn more about Kristen Wetherell by scanning the QR code.

WOMEN'S RETREAT

SAVE THE DATE!

November 3 - 5, 2023

Osthoff Resort, Elkhart Lake, WI
Speaker: Glenna Marshall, author of "Everyday Faithfulness" (copy of the book comes with your registration). Registration will open August 19th.

SENIOR ADULT BIBLE BRUNCH

Thursday, August 10 // 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.

BOARD GAME DAY

Saturday, August 12 // 12 - 6pm

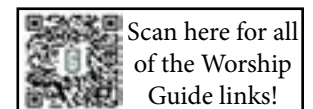
Anyone is welcome to join us for one game or several as we get together to play games of all sorts - from beginner games to advanced game playing, party games to strategy games, and everything in between. This is an open house style event - come and go as you please.

EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY

Part-time Receptionist

Monday - Thursday, 12pm - 4pm
Greet visitors, answer phone calls, must be computer literate, able to perform office tasks, and provide general administrative support. Interested?

Email info@graceinracine.com or scan the QR code.



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