

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

["This Is The Day"](#)

PRAISE

Welcome

Pastor Mike Matheson

Call To Worship

[James 1:17-18](#)

["All Creatures Of Our God And King"](#)

["Only A Holy God"](#)

RENEWAL

Prayer for Life Groups

Pastor Chris Amundson

["Sovereign Over Us"](#)

PROCLAMATION

Reading of the Word

[Ecclesiastes 6:10-7:14](#)

Prayer of Illumination

Preaching of the Word

Pastor Matthew Lautz

RESPONSE

["All I Have Is Christ"](#)

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

PRAYER FOR HEALING & RECOVERY

Please pray for healing and recovery for those hospitalized or recently discharged: Elliot Olson

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. Scan the QR code or contact Gayle Manske at manskegayle61@gmail.com for more information.

GRIEFSHARE

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

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).

ATTENDANCE & GIVING

LAST WEEK

Attendance: 561

Giving: \$32,264

2023 GIVING

Year to Date: \$1,145,744

+/- Budget: -\$63,136

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.

The passage from this Sunday again presents to us a truth that proves difficult for us to understand and often to accept: that God truly is sovereign over all things and has providence over all that comes to pass. But this time, the Preacher goes into a little more depth than he has before, as to how we ought to think about and respond to our circumstances. How we ultimately approach adversity says a lot about how we trust the Lord.

Discussion Questions

1. From last week's passage: Is having worldly wealth evil and how are we to manage what we have been given in light of this passing life?
2. Look at 6:10-12. What is the Preacher getting at with the questions he's asking? What makes questions like these hard for us to hear?
3. The beginning of chapter seven (vs. 1-5) starts with a handful of proverbial 'better than' statements. Do you agree with what the preacher is saying? How is it that these counterintuitive statements are true?
4. How does the Preacher instruct us in how we ought to (or ought not to) act in the face of adversity in verses 7:6-12? What tendencies do you have when you find yourself in the midst of challenging circumstances?
5. From reading 7:13-14, what makes it possible for you to have this unexpected view of suffering? What makes what he is saying in these verses good news for us?
6. As people who live on this side of the cross, why should this teaching about God's providence and wisdom in suffering make even more sense?

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 Church Center app, the QR code or at graceinracine.com/classes.
Childcare is available.

Begins today 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

Room B74

Oftentimes, 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

Room: A36

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

Room: A18

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.

GRACE HAPPENINGS

IG-NITE

Begins September 13 // 6:15pm

Intentional Growth Nite is our midweek children's ministry.

For children age 3 - 5th grade.

Register through ChurchCenter or scan the QR code.

STUDENT MINISTRY BLAZE

Begins September 13

Jr. High (grades 6-8): 6:30pm

Sr. High (grades 9-12): 7pm

Blaze is our midweek student ministry program. The purpose of Wednesdays is to introduce students to the gospel message and to a group of people who love one another because of God's love for them. The topic of study this year will be the book of Acts of the Apostles. No registration required.

SENIOR ADULT BIBLE BRUNCH

Thursday, Sept. 14 // 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.

WOMEN'S RETREAT

November 3 - 5, 2023

Osthoff Resort, Elkhart Lake, WI
Stop by the table in the commons for more info.



Scan here for all
of the Worship
Guide links!

MOPS & MOMSNEXT

Begins September 21st at 9:15am

At MOPS & MOMSnext, we gather and support moms. A MOPS meeting is designed to connect you to other moms while getting a much needed break. Meetings begin with a hot breakfast and include practical teaching through speakers, demonstrations and videos. Scan the QR code for more info or grab a postcard by the children's check-in area.

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.

MISSIONS

GLOSS FAMILY

CELEBRATION & UPDATE

September 24th // 11am // B74

Stop in to learn more about the time the Gloss family has had in Cambodia and what the future looks like for them.