

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

["God So Loved"](#)

### PRAISE

Welcome

Pastor Chris Amundson

Call To Worship

Matthew 11:25-29

["Doxology"](#)

["Psalm 90 \(Satisfy Us With Your Love\)"](#)

### RENEWAL

Prayer of Renewal

Pastor Matthew Lautz

["Psalm 23 \(Surely Goodness, Surely Mercy\)"](#)

### PROCLAMATION

Reading of the Word

Ecclesiastes 5:8-6:9

Prayer of Illumination

Preaching of the Word

Patrick Tetzlaff, Elder

### RESPONSE

["We Will Feast In The House of Zion"](#)

Communion

["God So Loved"](#)

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.*

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## CARE MINISTRY

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### PRAYER FOR HEALING & RECOVERY

Please pray for healing and recovery for those hospitalized or recently discharged: Elliot Olson, Bob Lojeski, Keith Heapes

*Our heartfelt love, sympathy, and prayers to Ken Kotes on the passing of his wife, Joan.*

*On the passing of Robert Hetz, we extend our sympathies to his daughter, JoDee Lawrence and granddaughter Tara (Tom) Nielsen & family.*

*On the passing of Nancy Ganzel, we extend our sympathies to her daughter Sarah (Jim) Anspaugh and family and many dear friends at Grace Church.*

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**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. Scan the QR code or contact Gayle Manske at [manskegayle61@gmail.com](mailto: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](http://graceinracine.com/caregroups)

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## ATTENDANCE & GIVING

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### LAST WEEK

Attendance: 604

Giving: \$58,603

### 2023 GIVING

Year to Date: \$1,113,480

+/- Budget: -\$64,670

## 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 week's passage, the Preacher zeroes in on possessions and wealth. But it isn't the message that many of us might expect on the subject. The issue of having wealth or not isn't as much the concern of the Preacher as the approach to it and the heart of the one who has it. It is a message that ought to resonate well with us who have been given much in comparison to most throughout the world.

### Discussion Questions

1. Last week, the Preacher gave the command to guard our steps when you go to the house of God. What does that mean and how can you practically grow in that area?
2. In the beginning of this passage, the Preacher tells us to 'not be amazed when we see oppression of the poor and the violation of justice and righteousness'. Why shouldn't we be amazed? What is he telling us in verses 8-9?
3. According to verses 10-17, what is the real danger of accumulating wealth? Is having wealth and possessions evil?
4. How is it possible to enjoy our possessions rightly? What does that actually look like?
5. In the last verse of this passage, the Preacher tells us that 'Better is the sight of the eyes than the wandering of the appetite.' What does this mean? In what ways are you often led by your appetite?
6. How has your transformation in Christ changed the way that you view your things and money? What are some things that Jesus said about this subject in the gospels?

## SERMON NOTES

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 3

[Ecclesiastes 5:8-6:9](#)

Patrick Tetzlaff, Elder

THE VANITY OF  
WEALTH

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

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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 Church Center app, 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**

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**

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.

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.

### WOMEN'S RETREAT

**November 3 - 5, 2023**

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

### 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.



Scan here for all of the Worship Guide links!

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## **MISSIONS**

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### MISSIONS PRAYER HOUR

**Monday, September 4 at 7pm**

Prayer doesn't take a holiday!

Join us, Monday, September 4 at 7pm at an open prayer gathering to pray for our global field workers and the nations where they serve.

### **GLOSS FAMILY**

#### **CELEBRATION & UPDATE**

**September 24th // 11am // B74**

Stop in to learn more about the time the Gloss's have had in Cambodia and what the future looks like for them.