
P S A L M S



SONGS FOR EVERY SEASON



Today's Worship Service

PRAISE

Ascribe to the Lord the glory due his name; worship the Lord in the splendor of holiness. (Psalm 29:2)

Call To Worship

[“Great is Thy Faithfulness”](#)

Welcome & Announcements

[Psalm 89:1-2, 5](#)

Chisholm, Runyon

Pastor Mike Matheson

RENEWAL

As far as the east is from the west, so far does he remove our transgressions from us. (Psalm 103:12)

Prayer of Confession*

Assurance of Grace*

[“Build My Life”](#)

[“O Lord My Rock and My Redeemer”](#)

[“Sovereign Over Us”](#)

Yunker, Martin, Cable, Redman, Barrett

Stiff

Brown, Mooring, Keyes

[Proverbs 9:9-10](#)

[1 Corinthians 1:27-30](#)

PROCLAMATION

Make me to know your ways, O Lord; teach me your paths. (Psalm 25:4)

Reading of the Word

Reader: This is God's Word for us today.

All: Thanks be to God.

Preaching of the Word

Pastor Mike Matheson

RESPONSE

Because your steadfast love is better than life, my lips will praise you. (Psalm 63:3)

[“A Mighty Fortress is Our God”](#)

Benediction

Hedge, Luther

Pastor Mike Matheson

*Prayer of Confession & Assurance of Grace adapted from

[“Prone to Wander” by Barbara Duguid & Wayne Duguid Houk](#)

Psalm 73

A Psalm of Asaph.

- [1] Truly God is good to Israel,
to those who are pure in heart.
[2] But as for me, my feet had almost
stumbled, my steps had nearly slipped.
[3] For I was envious of the arrogant
when I saw the prosperity of the
wicked.
[4] For they have no pangs until death;
their bodies are fat and sleek.
[5] They are not in trouble as others are;
they are not stricken like the rest of
mankind.
[6] Therefore pride is their necklace;
violence covers them as a garment.
[7] Their eyes swell out through fatness;
their hearts overflow with follies.
[8] They scoff and speak with malice;
loftily they threaten oppression.
[9] They set their mouths against the
heavens, and their tongue struts
through the earth.
[10] Therefore his people turn back to
them, and find no fault in them.
[11] And they say, “How can God know?
Is there knowledge in the Most High?”
[12] Behold, these are the wicked;
always at ease, they increase in riches.
[13] All in vain have I kept my heart clean
and washed my hands in innocence.
[14] For all the day long I have been
stricken and rebuked every morning.
[15] If I had said, “I will speak thus,”
I would have betrayed the generation
of your children.

- [16] But when I thought how to understand
this, it seemed to me a wearisome
task,
[17] until I went into the sanctuary of God;
then I discerned their end.
[18] Truly you set them in slippery places;
you make them fall to ruin.
[19] How they are destroyed in a moment,
swept away utterly by terrors!
[20] Like a dream when one awakes,
O Lord, when you rouse yourself, you
despise them as phantoms.
[21] When my soul was embittered,
when I was pricked in heart,
[22] I was brutish and ignorant;
I was like a beast toward you.
[23] Nevertheless, I am continually with
you; you hold my right hand.
[24] You guide me with your counsel,
and afterward you will receive me to
glory.
[25] Whom have I in heaven but you?
And there is nothing on earth that I
desire besides you.
[26] My flesh and my heart may fail,
but God is the strength of my heart
and my portion forever.
[27] For behold, those who are far from
you shall perish; you put an end to
everyone who is unfaithful to you.
[28] But for me it is good to be near God;
I have made the Lord GOD my refuge,
that I may tell of all your works.

Sermon Notes

Preacher: Pastor Mike Matheson

Sermon: A Song to Help Us See

Scripture: [Psalm 73](#)

Date: July 26, 2020

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 Psalms play a unique role within Scripture. Each psalm reflects the heart and emotions of its author as a prayer to the LORD. And the LORD has graciously given us these words by his inspiration to know how we can bare our own hearts to him. The prayers of those who have gone before us now exist within our Bibles to teach us how to pray. This summer we will explore several psalms in an effort to expose you to the wide emotional range of the Psalms. Within this book lies various songs that will comfort you wherever life has you.

Discussion Questions

1. When was the last time you had your eyes examined? To what extent do you feel pressured to “pass” the exam? Why can it be difficult for people to admit when their vision is skewed? How does the psalmist reveal his skewed perspective in [Psalm 73](#)?
2. The psalmist declared that he was “envious” of the prosperity of those not following God (v. 3). To what extent can you relate to this feeling? Why do you think we are drawn to the lifestyle of those outside the faith? How can we faithfully combat this temptation?
3. What is it that prompts the author’s heart to change (vs. 15-17)? How does being in the sanctuary affect his perception of the lives of the wicked (vs. 18-20)? How does this psalm highlight the importance of encountering God and his truth regularly?
4. How effective was worshiping the LORD in changing the author’s perception (vs. 21-22)? How effective is corporate worship in reorienting your heart towards God? What might this psalm say to the believer that doesn’t regularly worship with others?
5. How does the declaration that “God is good” (v. 1) differ from the declaration of God’s goodness at the end (vs. 27-28)? How is it different to say that “God is good” from truly believing that he is good? How has your faith in God’s goodness grown over time?

Please keep our ministry leaders in your prayers as they develop their fall ministry plans.

Membership Class: Saturday, August 22, 9am-Noon

We really value membership here at Grace, it's how you commit to this local church, which is Jesus' body, and how you lay down roots here. Our membership process involves attending a 3-hour class that will take place on a Saturday morning. We'd love to have you join us in membership at Grace.

- Join us in-person or through Zoom (indicate preference on your registration form)
- Register at graceinracine.com/membership



Join us for VBS at home!

This year we are doing VBS at home!

The heartbeat of VBS is reaching boys and girls in our community with the gospel of Jesus Christ and BOLT VBS allows us to do just that even in a pandemic.

Pick your dates (between now and August 14) and invite your cousins, neighbors, classmates, (as you feel comfortable) to join you in this simple and super low-prep adventure as we learn to listen to, follow, and focus on Jesus! Learn more and register at graceinracine.com/vbs



Announcements

Welcome to Grace Church!

It's great to have you here today! If you're visiting with us for the first time, you can stop by the round information center on your way out. We've love to connect with you and help you settle in here at Grace. You can also scan this QR code to fill out the connect card, also located at graceinracine.com/connectcard to let us know you're here!



Friendly Reminders:

- Remember to maintain social distancing - keep at least six feet in between you and others. No huddles, hugs, or handshakes for now. After the service, you're welcome to visit 6 feet apart outside. Please do not stay in the building after service to talk.
- Remember, as you're seated in the sanctuary, there should always be at least two white dots in between you and the next seated person (outside of your immediate family).
- Offering boxes are located outside the main sanctuary doors and upstairs in the balcony.
- The seating outside the sanctuary window is reserved for parents with infants and young children.
- The church office is closed during the week, but the church staff is available by appointment, phone, and video conferencing.
- Remember that we may not be able to seat you in your favorite pew due to how we need to space families in the sanctuary. Thanks for your understanding and patience!
- Have a question? Need some help? Email us at info@graceinracine.com or call us at 262.632.2111.

*Please pray for healing and recovery for those hospitalized or recently discharged:
Kyle Engdahl*

If you have something that is weighing you down today, stop outside at the main South doors our prayer team will lift you up to the Lord.

Last Week: Sanctuary Attendance: 168 // Livestream Attendance: 162 households

Giving: Last Week: \$19,851 YTD: \$844,746 +/- Budget: \$-21,811

Here are some key words to listen for in the sermon. Make a mark every time you hear these words:

WISDOM

SEE

TRUTH

WORSHIP

VISION



A Song to Help Us See

FIND THESE WORDS IN THE PUZZLE BELOW AND THINK ABOUT HOW EACH TIES IN WITH

TODAY'S PSALM:

BETRAYED	ENVIIOUS	GOOD	PROSPERITY	TROUBLE
CONTINUALLY	FATNESS	KNOW	REFUGE	TRULY
DESIRE	FAULT	PORTION	RUIN	UNDERSTAND
EMBITTERED	GLORY	PROSPERITY	STRUTS	WICKED

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HOW DOES THE WRITER OF THIS PSALM FEEL? COLOR ALL THE



REVIEW TODAY'S MESSAGE BY DISCUSSING THESE QUESTIONS AS A FAMILY:

- 1. READ PSALM 73 TOGETHER AS A FAMILY. WHAT ARE SOME THINGS THAT SEEM TO BE GOOD ABOUT NOT BEING A FOLLOWER OF JESUS? WHAT IS APPEALING ABOUT SUCH THINGS TO YOU? HOW DOES GOD MEASURE UP TO SUCH THINGS IN YOUR MIND AND IN YOUR HEART?**
- 2. LOOK AT THE LAST VERSE OF THE PSALM. WHAT DOES IT MEAN TO MAKE GOD YOUR REFUGE. HOW IS THAT HELPFUL? WHY DOES THE PSALMIST SAY THAT HE HAS MADE GOD HIS REFUGE? WHAT WOULD BE FRUSTRATING ABOUT THAT TO SOMEONE WHO DOES NOT LOVE GOD (SEE VERSE 6)? IS THIS A GOAL THAT YOU HAVE?**
- 3. CAN YOU THINK OF ANY SITUATION THAT YOU MIGHT END UP IN DURING YOUR LIFE THAT GOD WOULD NOT BE THERE? HOW DOES THIS HELP YOU TO VALUE GOD? DO THOSE WHO DO NOT FOLLOW GOD AND ARE NOT FRIENDS WITH JESUS HAVE THIS HOPE? READ PSALM 139 TOGETHER AS A FAMILY. HOW DOES KNOWING THAT GOD IS ALWAYS WITH YOU AND KNOWS ALL ABOUT YOU COMFORT YOU? DOES IT EVER BOTHER YOU?**