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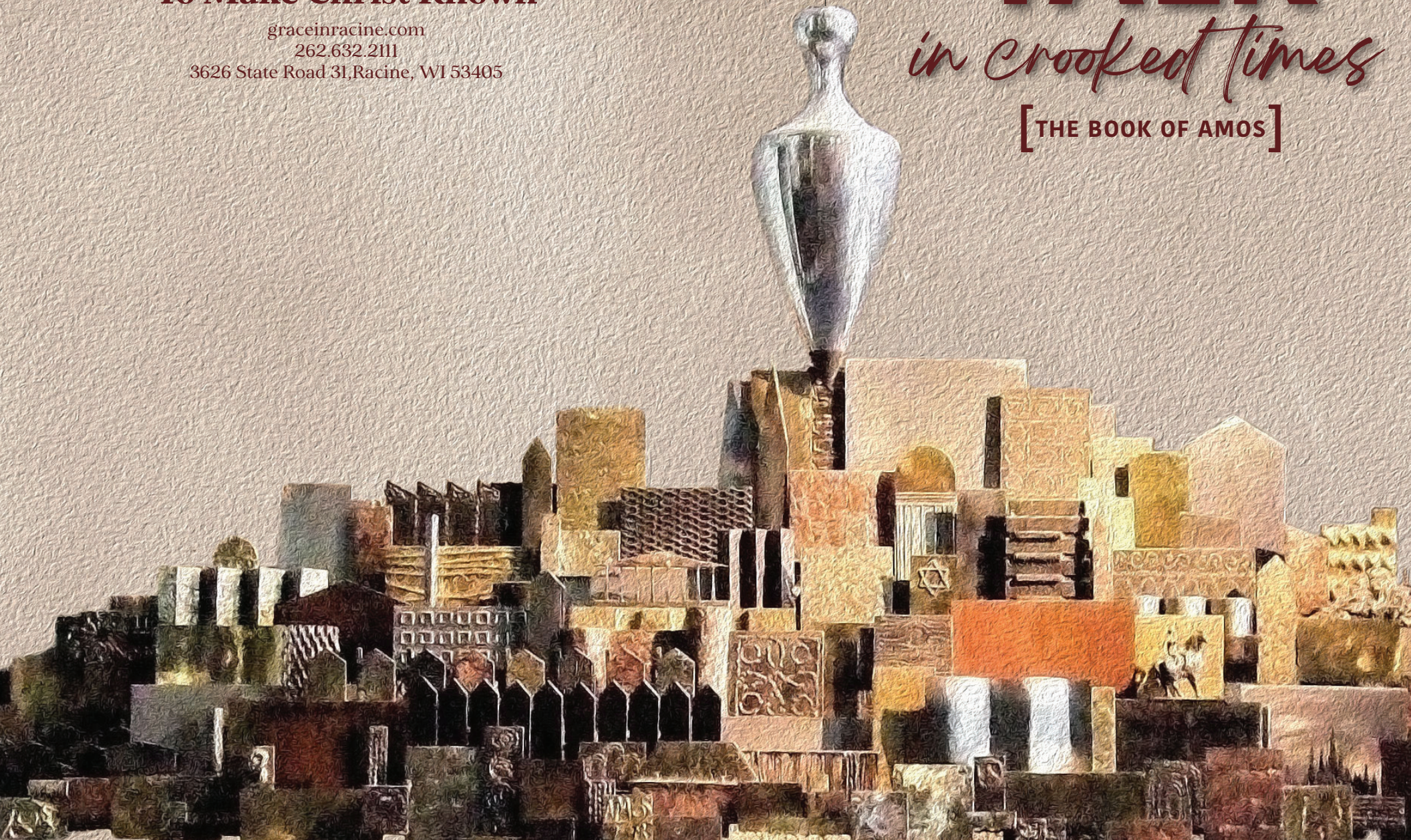
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# STRAIGHT TALK

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[THE BOOK OF AMOS]



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## WELCOME TO GRACE CHURCH

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It's great to have you here today, and we'd love to connect with you! Stop by the Welcome Table outside the sanctuary where you can receive a Bible if you need one, ask any questions about Grace, and take home a gift. Fill out a Connect Card found in the pewback to let us know you were here.

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## TODAY'S WORSHIP SERVICE

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### PRE-SERVICE

["Steadfast Love \(Psalm 33\)"](#)

Welcome

Pastor Matthew Lautz

### PRAISE

Call To Worship

[1 Peter 2:9-10](#)

["House Of The Lord"](#)

["A Mighty Fortress"](#)

### RENEWAL

Baptism

Craig Vaughn, Elder

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

### PROCLAMATION

Reading of the Word

[Amos 2:4-16](#)

Prayer of Illumination

Preaching of the Word

Pastor Mike Matheson

### RESPONSE

["Lord Have Mercy \(For What We Have Done\)"](#)

["Build My Life"](#)

Benediction

*We invite you to stay after the service for fellowship.  
Refreshments are available in The Commons.  
Our Prayer Team is available in the front of the sanctuary.*

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## CARE MINISTRY

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Please pray for healing and recovery for those hospitalized or recently discharged: Mike Wolf

### PRAYER REQUESTS

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 requests on the connection card and our prayer team will lift your needs up to the Lord. We have a dedicated prayer team that prays over each request. Additionally, our staff meets each week to pray over all of the needs of our congregation.

**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)

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## CHILDREN'S MINISTRY

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Children are welcome in our worship service, and we highly encourage their participation throughout the entire service.

**Follow-Along Sheets:** Stop by the Info Center for an activity sheet for your child's use during the service.

**Scribble Paper:** Paper is available in the pews for doodling & coloring. *Please refrain from use of the Connect Cards for doodle purposes.*

### NURSERY & PRESCHOOL

Sunday school 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).

## 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 last week's passage, God delivered a word of judgment for the outside nations. In this week's text, the Lord centers his attention on the sins of his own people. This serves as a humbling reminder that God's grace is not to be taken lightly and that the way we live our lives matters to him.

### Discussion Questions

1. Review: In what way were the sins of each nation mentioned in 1:3-2:3 all alike?
2. What was the reason that Judah was being judged in 2:4-5? How does it compare to the sins of the nations that were mentioned in the passage before?
3. The Lord gives Israel a list of specific offences that they have committed in 2:6-12. What are they and what do they all have in common?
4. What is God reminding Israel of in 2:9-11? How does this make Israel's guilt so much worse?
5. What is the nature of God's prescribed judgment for Israel in 2:13-16? How does the punishment fit the crime?
6. Why is it important for us (the church) to apply a passage like this to ourselves? In what way is the warning even stronger for us?

## SERMON NOTES

SUNDAY, APRIL 26

[Amos 2:4-16](#)

Pastor Mike Matheson

THE ROAR TURNS  
TOWARD US

Next Week: [Amos 3:1-8](#)

## ATTENDANCE & GIVING

### LAST WEEK

Attendance: 841  
Giving: \$62,531

### 2026 GIVING

Year to Date: \$99,585  
+/- Budget: \$-49,055

### WAYS TO GIVE

The gospel is good news because it is a message of God's generous heart to give us everything we need for redemption in Christ. As we are good stewards of what he's blessed us with, we are worshiping him together. The giving of our finances to the local church to accomplish the vision of *Knowing Christ and Making Christ Known* is one way to invest and utilize the financial resources he's blessed us with.

#### There are several ways to give:

**Give Online:** Scan the QR code and give through Church Center

**At Grace:** Offering boxes can be found in the balcony and outside the sanctuary on the main level

**By Mail:** Grace Church // 3626 Hwy 31, Racine, WI 53405

### MEMBER MEETING: TODAY @ 11AM

Members of Grace Church are invited to our Member Meeting. All Grace attendees are welcome to attend, however, only members can participate in the meeting, and you need to be present to vote.

#### After service please:

- Check-in for the meeting. Stop by the table outside the sanctuary to sign-in and receive a voting card.
- Pick up an agenda and documents.

## GRACE HAPPENINGS

### WOMEN'S GATHERING

Sunday, May 2 // 9am

Ladies, come and connect with us as we worship God through song, fellowship, and study Psalm 46. Scan the QR code to RSVP.

### MEMBERSHIP CLASS:

#### SUMMER SESSION

Three one-hour classes

May 17 // June 14 // July 12

Meets from 11:15am-12:15pm

At Grace Church, membership is the way we root ourselves in the local body of Christ, like becoming part of a family.

To complete the process for membership at Grace Church, you will need to attend three total classes. If you can't make all three for the Summer Session, that's okay. Pick up the class you missed in our Fall Session. Scan the QR code to register.

### STUDENT MINISTRY:

#### SENIOR SUNDAY

Sunday, June 14

Every year we honor graduating high school seniors and we don't want to miss anyone. Please scan the QR code to fill out a form if you or your child is graduating.

### STOP BY THE BOOKSTALL

Looking for the perfect Mother's Day gift or a little something for yourself? Amos journals are available along with several new titles!

### GRACE SOFTBALL

Bat Registration

Wednesday evenings:

April 29th & May 6th 6:30-7:45 at  
Calvary Memorial  
4001 Washington Ave.

**Come cheer on the teams!**

May 11th // 6:30pm

Cliffside Park SW Field  
Grace Church I (H) vs  
St. John's Lutheran

May 11th // 9pm

Cliffside Park NE Field  
Grace Church II (H) vs  
Journey Church

### LOOKING AHEAD

Children's Ministry

IG-Nite End of Year Celebration

Wednesday, May 13 // 6:30pm

Vacation Bible School

July 20 - 24, 2026 // 9am - Noon  
*Registration opens June 1*

Student Ministry

Blaze End of Year Cookout

Wednesday, May 20 // 6pm

Junior High Campout

June 13th-14th  
*Registration opens May 6*



Scan here for sign-ups, and more info on items listed in the Worship Guide.