

**RACINE CHRISTIAN REFORMED CHURCH**

**May 3, 2026 – 9:30 a.m.**

**Pastor Anson Veenstra**

**God Gathers Us Together**

**Call to Worship and Greeting**

\* **Opening Song:** *“Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise”*  
*Psalter Hymnal 460:1,3,4*

\* **Opening Prayer**

\* **Song of Praise:** *“All My Ways are Known to You”*

**God Forgives and Renews**

**Call to Confession**

**Song of Response:** *“Be Unto Your Name”*

**Moment for Ministry**

**Congregational Prayer**

**God Speaks to Us**

**Children’s Message**

**Scripture:** *Ecclesiastes 7:1-12*

**Sermon:** *Death as an Evangelist*

**We Respond to God’s Grace**

**Song of Response:** *“Christ, Our Wisdom”*

**Offering Cause:** World Renew

\* **Closing Song:** *“God Moves in a Mysterious Way”*  
*Psalter Hymnal 434:1-4*

\* **God’s Blessing**

\* Please rise in body or spirit

**Death as an Evangelist**

A Listeners Guide to *Ecclesiastes 7:1-12*

**Introduction:** The Certainty of Death

**Hebrew 9:27** - Only Once

**Luke 12:19-20** The Rich Fool

Death as an Evangelist

**Two Funerals:**

1. An emotional experience
2. A Lifeline of strength

**Why the day of death is better**

The message of the crib

The message of the coffin

**A Grace Disguised**

**Revelation 12:11** – ‘They did not love life so much...’

Jerry Sittser: “I wish everyone could experience what I have”

**Conclusion:** Death does not have the last word...

