

February 18, 2018

First Sunday of Lent

Led by the Holy Spirit, LaGrave's members seek to worship and serve God in all of life, transforming His world and being transformed to reflect the character of Christ.

Welcome to worship at LaGrave. Because our worship proceeds without announcements, please carefully follow the order of worship printed below, noting that we use *two* different red hymnals. The *Worship & Rejoice* hymnal will be indicated by bold, italic type. An asterisk (*) denotes standing for those who are able. We are glad that you are here. Let us worship God together.

MORNING WORSHIP 8:40 & 11:00 AM

Please prepare your heart and mind for worship with a time of prayer and meditation.

God Calls Us to Worship

The Prelude:

“Lamb of God, Pure and Holy”
“O Christ, the Lamb of God”

J. S. Bach
Paul Manz

The Chiming of the Hour

The Introit:

“God Did So Love the World” (8:40)

God did so love the world he gave his only Son the lost to save, that all who would in him believe should everlasting life receive.

“Throughout These Lenten Days and Nights” (11:00)

Throughout these Lenten days and nights we turn to walk the inward way, where, meeting Christ, our guide and light, we live in hope till Easter day.

Rejoice, O sons and daughters! Sing and shout hosannas! Raise the strain! For Christ, whose death Good Friday brings, on Easter day will live again!

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*The Processional Hymn: Lift Up Your Hearts 529:1,2,3

“Gather Us In”

(The congregation is asked to rise on the last line of the hymn introduction.)

*The Greeting

*The People's Response: **Amen.**

The Welcome

We Approach God with Penitence

The Call to Repentance: James 1:19; Ephesians 4:26

The Prayer of Confession:

Search me, O God, and know my heart,
try me and know my thoughts;
see if there is any wicked way in me
and lead me in the way everlasting.

Most merciful God, whose Son, Jesus Christ, was tempted in every way, yet was without sin, we confess before you our own sinfulness; we have hungered after that which does not satisfy; we have compromised with evil. Offenses against us sow seeds of anger in our hearts; buried anger sprouts into resentment that divides us. Teach us to respond with appropriate anger towards injustice. Help us to settle our disagreements with courage, grace and truth. Forgive our lack of faith; have mercy on our weakness. Restore in us such trust and love that we may walk in your ways and delight in your service. Through Jesus Christ our Lord we pray.

time of silent confession concluded with...

“Kyrie Eleison/Lord, Have Mercy”

Sing twice in Greek, the second time a cappella

Musical score for "Kyrie Eleison/Lord, Have Mercy" in G major, 4/4 time. The score is written for voice and piano. The vocal line is in the treble clef, and the piano accompaniment is in the bass clef. The key signature has one sharp (F#). The tempo is marked with a common time signature (C). The score includes two systems of music. The first system has a treble clef and a bass clef. The vocal line is in the treble clef, and the piano accompaniment is in the bass clef. The lyrics are: Greek Ky - ri - e e - lei - son. Ky - ri - e e - lei - son. English Lord, have mer - cy. Lord, have mer - cy. The score includes a key signature change to A major (two sharps) for the second system. The piano accompaniment includes chords E, A, E/B, B7, and E.

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The Assurance of Forgiveness:

The Lord will not always treat us as our sins deserve. He knows how we are formed. He remembers that we are dust.

Jesus Christ came to the world to save sinners. He bore our sins in his body on the cross. Thanks be to God for his amazing grace.

*The Hymn of Commitment: Lift Up Your Hearts 850:1,2,4
“Commit Your Way to God the Lord”

We Respond with Thanksgiving

The Children's Message

Leader: What is our prayer for these children?

Congregation: The Lord be with you.

Children: And also with you.

(Children, 4s, K-2nd grade, may leave for Children's Worship)

The Pastoral Prayer

The Anthem:

“Jesus Loves Me” (8:40)

Laura Jansma Bartleson

Jesus loves me, this I know, for the Bible tells me so. Little ones to him belong, they are weak but he is strong.

Jesus knows me, this I love. He is watching from above. If I do the things I should, he is glad when I am good.

Jesus loves me, this I know, for the Bible tells me so. Jesus knows me, this I love, he is watching from above.

Yes, Jesus loves me. The Bible tells me so.

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“My Jesus I Love Thee” (11:00)

Dan Forrest

My Jesus, I love thee, I know thou art mine. For thee all the follies of sin I resign. My gracious Redeemer, my Savior art thou, if ever I loved thee, my Jesus, 'tis now.

I'll love thee in life, I will love thee in death, and praise thee as long as thou lendest me breath; and say when the

death-dew lies cold on my brow, if ever I loved thee, my Jesus, 'tis now.

In mansions of glory, and endless delight, I'll ever adore thee in heaven so bright. I'll sing with the glittering crown on my brow, if ever I loved thee, my Jesus, 'tis now.

God Speaks to Us in His Word

The Scripture: Mark 3:1-6 (pg. 1559)

The Sermon: **“SEVEN DEADLY SINS: ANGER”**

The Prayer for a Blessing on the Word

We Celebrate the Lord's Supper

*The Communion Hymn: **Worship & Rejoice 655:2,3**
“Come Away from Rush and Hurry”

The Sacrament of Communion: (see insert)
As the elements are distributed, please meditate while the organ plays.

The Offering and Thank-Offering
Today's offering is for Safe Haven Ministries, the Benevolence Fund, and the LaGrave General Fund. Please use an envelope from the pew to designate your gift. All undesignated monies will go to the General Fund.

*As we give our offering, we will sing the closing hymn and stand when signaled.
Please sign and pass the Welcome Register.*

The Closing Hymn: **Lift Up Your Hearts 672:1,2,3**
“O Come, My Soul, Sing Praise to God”

God Sends Us into His World

*The Benediction

*The People's Response: **Amen.**

*The Amen

*The Silent Prayer and Carillon Bells

*The Postlude:
“O Come, My Soul, Sing Praise to God”

A. Loran Olsen, Mark Sedio

Good is the Lord and full of kind compassion,
most slow to anger, plenteous in love.

Rev. Mike Hoogeboom –minister
Rev. Kristy Manion – liturgist
Dr. Larry Visser – organist, pianist
Junior Choir, Marcia Pylman – director (8:40)
Karen Schipper – accompanist (8:40)

Laura Muresan – flutist (8:40)
Chancel Choir, Merle Mustert – director (11:00)
Jenny Talsma and Merv Kamper – Cross & Bible Bearers (8:40)
Joyce Jeltema and Renee Kuipers – Cross & Bible Bearers (11:00)

Music at LaGrave (8:40): The anthem *Jesus Loves Me* written by retired elementary school teacher, organist, and LaGrave member Laura Bartleson, offers a new take on an old children's song. While the first verse restates the original melody with a newly-composed piano accompaniment, the second verse features a new counter-melody sung to a rearranged text—“Jesus knows me, this I love.” In the final verse, the two melodies and texts are combined. This timeless song is for children of all ages. The great theologian Karl Barth, when asked to summarize his most profound theological discovery, stated: “Jesus loves me, this I know, for the Bible tells me so.”

The February special offering is for Safe Haven Ministries which provides domestic violence services. Their residential and non-residential services are available to women and their children who have experienced or who are experiencing domestic abuse.

Tonight Rev. Scott Hoezee will be our guest minister. He will preach on 1 Corinthians 1:18-31, and his sermon will be titled “Majestically Backwards.”

Livestreaming worship is available at lagrave.org.