April 1, 2018
Easter Sunday

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*** 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.

EVENING WORSHIP 6:00 PM

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

The Prelude:
"I Know That My Redeemer Lives" Robert Hobby
"O Sons and Daughters" Charles Callahan, Gordon Young

The Chiming of the Hour

The Call to Worship

*The Opening Hymn: Lift Up Your Hearts 795
"We Know that Christ Is Raised"
(The congregation is asked to rise on the last line of the hymn introduction.)

*The Greeting

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

The Welcome

We Celebrate God's Covenantal Promises

The Covenant Promises

The Vows of Parents and Congregation

The Sacrament of Baptism:
Ethan Lawrence Pasch, son of Brandon & Sangeetha Pasch
Prayer Partners: Peter and Linda Jonker

The Baptism Hymn: Lift Up Your Hearts 200:1,3,4
"Praise the Lord, the Day Is Won"
Despite the responsive text printed in the hymnal, please sing all the printed text of the indicated stanzas.

The Baptismal Blessing

The Sung Blessing: ***Worship & Rejoice 291:1-3***
"Alleluia No. 1"

The Pastoral Prayer

The Offertory: "Alleluia! Jesus Is Risen" Michael Burkhardt

The Offering:
Today's offering is for Family Promise 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.
(Please sign and pass the Welcome Register.)

We Hear God Speak

The Prayer for Illumination

The Scripture: Revelation 12 (pg. 1925)

The Sermon: **"THE CHILD AND THE DRAGON"**

The Prayer for a Blessing on the Word

God Sends Us Out into His World

*The Closing Hymn: Lift Up Your Hearts 191
"Praise the Savior, Now and Ever"

*The Benediction

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

*The Organ Amen

*The Silent Prayer and Carillon Bells

*The Postlude: "Christ the Lord Is Risen Today"
Robert Hobby

Rev. Peter Jonker – minister
Sara Good – organist

The April special offering is for Family Promise of Grand Rapids. Family Promise is dedicated to helping homeless families by giving parents the hope and encouragement they need to create a better future for their kids and end the cycle of homelessness. Through their emergency shelter, housing services, home ownership opportunities, and aftercare services, they have helped over 1,000 families build a stronger future.

Easter is the glorious celebration of Jesus' victory over sin and death. The colors white and gold are used in the paraments and banners. They symbolizes our hope of new life in Jesus Christ. The crystals symbolize the light brought into the world by the risen Jesus Christ as well as his exaltation as Lord and King.

Livestreaming worship is available at lagrave.org