

**July 1, 2018**

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:

“Now We Ask the Holy Spirit”

Dietrich Buxtehude

“Praeludium in G”

Johann Sebastian Bach

“O Trinity, O Blessed Light”

Robert Farlee

The Chiming of the Hour

The Call to Worship

\*The Opening Hymn: Lift Up Your Hearts 513

“It Is Good to Sing Your Praises”

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

\*The Greeting

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

The Welcome

The Reading: Romans 8:31-39 (pg. 1756)

The Hymn of Faith: Lift Up Your Hearts 363

“Blessed Assurance: Jesus Is Mine”

\*The Confession of Faith: The Canons of Dort

For God, who is rich in mercy, according to the unchangeable purpose of election does not take the Holy Spirit from his own completely, even when they fall

grievously.

**Neither does God let them fall down so far that they forfeit the grace of adoption and the state of justification, or commit the sin which leads to death, and plunge themselves, entirely forsaken by God, into eternal ruin.**

So it is not by their own merits or strength but by God's undeserved mercy that they neither forfeit faith and grace totally nor remain in their downfalls to the end and are lost. With respect to themselves this not only easily could happen, but also undoubtedly would happen; but with respect to God it cannot possibly happen.

**God's plan cannot be changed; God's promise cannot fail; the calling according to God's purpose cannot be revoked; the merit of Christ as well as his interceding and preserving cannot be nullified; and the sealing of the Holy Spirit can neither be invalidated nor wiped out.**

Art. 6 & 8 of the 5<sup>th</sup> main point of doctrine

\*The Response: Lift Up Your Hearts 687

“Father, Long Before Creation”

The Pastoral Prayer

The Offertory:

“Largo (*from the Lute Concerto in D*)

Antonio Vivaldi

The Offering:

*Today's offering is for the Westminster Food Pantry 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.)**

The Prayer for Illumination

The Scripture: Hebrews 5:11 - 6:12 (pg. 1865)

The Sermon: **“PERSEVERING AND FALLING AWAY”**

The Prayer for Blessing on the Word

\*The Closing Hymn: Lift Up Your Hearts 352

“Oh Jesus, I Have Promised”

\*The Benediction

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

\*The Organ Amen

\*The Silent Prayer and Carillon Bells

\*The Postlude:

“Toccata in G”

Theodore DuBois

Rev. Peter Jonker – minister  
Brian Bartusch – organist

**Brian Bartusch**, who has served as an assistant organist for the past three-and-a-half years, will soon be moving to a new church position at Christ Lutheran Church in Valparaiso, Indiana. We thank Brian for his faithful service to LaGrave and pray God's blessings on his new home and ministry.

**The July special offering** is for Westminster Food Pantry. The **Downtown Food Pantry**, a core mission of Westminster Presbyterian Church, provides an emergency supply of food and personal care items to people in need while also promoting self-sufficiency through referrals and education.

**Ordinary Time – the Season after Pentecost**

Ordinary time is the longest time of the liturgical year. The colors used for Ordinary Time are green and blue. The green symbolizes growth. The blue symbolizes the color of water which is necessary for growth. It is a time for growth in our spiritual lives and in our service to the mission of the church

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