

August 12, 2018

A Service of Holy Communion

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.

EVENING WORSHIP 6:00 PM

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

The Prelude:

“Communion”

“You Satisfy the Hungry Heart”

“Taste and See”

William Lloyd Webber

Edwin T. Childs

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The Chiming of the Hour

The Introit:

“O Christ, within These Walls”

Herman G. Stuempfle

O Christ, within these walls we gather 'round your word and hear again the promise sure that you are Friend and Lord.

You feed our hungry hearts with fruit of field and vine and share with us your risen life through gifts of bread and wine.

Thus may the Word we hear be echoed where we're sent; and make our acts of service, Lord, a living sacrament.

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*The Opening Hymn: ***Worship & Rejoice 1:1-3***

“God Is Here”

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

*The Greeting

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

The Welcome

The Bible Reading: Psalm 78:23-29, Isaiah 55:1-3

The Hymn of Faith: ***Lift Up Your Hearts 828:1,2,4***

“O Christ Our Hope, Our Heart's Desire”

*The Confession of Faith: ***Lift Up Your Hearts 826***

*The Hymn of Response: ***Lift Up Your Hearts 808:1-3***

“Table of Plenty”

The Pastoral Prayer

The Anthem:

“An Offering”

Dan Forrest

O Christ, who spared not any cost, nor any grace withheld, but poured forth your redeeming blood in love unparalleled; what would you have me offer, Lord? What must I count as loss that I may taste the fellowship that brings me near the cross?

Why should I cling to gifts you give? Why grasp in foolish pride what you who gave yourself for me now bid me lay aside? To know you is my highest gain, worth any sacrifice, a treasure worthy to possess at any earthly price.

Yet if behind my open hands, my heart shrinks from the cost, teach me that nothing offered you is ever truly lost. A hundred fold reward awaits in one glimpse of your face, my sacrifice forgotten in the riches of your grace.

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The Offertory:

“Eat This Bread, Drink This Cup”

Jeanne Cotter

The Offering

Today's Offering is for the Home Repair Services 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: John 6:1-13 (pg. 1656)

The Sermon: **“BREAD IN ABUNDANCE”**

The Prayer for Blessing on the Word

The Celebration of the Lord's Supper: (see insert)

The Communion

Please come forward if you are able, as directed, to participate in communion by intinction (dipping the bread into the cup before eating). Respond to the elder's words with “Amen” or “Thanks be to God.” Both gluten-free and regular bread are available at the station on the far right. Children are welcome to come to a serving station for a blessing from the pastor. During the communion, the congregation will sing the following hymns:

The Communion Hymns:

“O Jesus, Joy of Loving Hearts”

- O Jesus, joy of loving hearts, the fount of life, the light of all, from fullest bliss that earth imparts we turn unfilled to hear your call.**
- Your truth unchanged has ever stood; you save all those who on you call. To those who seek you, you are good; to those who find you, all in all.**
- We taste you, ever living Bread, and long to feast upon you still; we drink of you, the fountain head, our thirst to quench, our souls to fill.**
- Our restless spirits yearn for you wher'er our changeful lot is cast; glad when you smile on us anew, blest that our faith can hold you fast.**
- O Jesus, ever with us stay; make all our moments calm and bright! Chase the dark night of sin away; shed o'er the world your holy light!** LUYH 823

“The King of Love My Shepherd Is”

- The King of love my Shepherd is, whose goodness faileth never; I nothing lack if I am his and he is mine forever.**
- Where streams of living water flow my ransomed soul he leadeth, and where the verdant pastures grow, with food celestial feedeth.**
- Perverse and foolish oft I strayed, but yet in love he sought me, and on his shoulder gently laid, and home, rejoicing, brought me.**
- In death's dark vale I fear no ill with thee, dear Lord, beside me; thy rod and staff my comfort still, thy cross before to guide me.**
- Thou spreadst a table in my sight; thy unction grace bestoweth; and, oh, what transport of delight from thy pure chalice floweth!**

**6. And so through all the length of days thy
goodness faileth never; Good Shepherd, may I
sing thy praise within thy house forever.**

LUYH 824

“Eat This Bread” (sing 2 times)

**Eat this bread, drink this cup; come to Christ and
never be hungry. Eat this bread, drink this cup;
trust in Christ, and you will not thirst.**

LUYH 818

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“Remembering with Love and Hope”

- 1. Remembering with love and hope, we celebrate
the feast. Christ bids us come and dine with him,
our Host and great High Priest.**
- 2. God’s Word made known in flesh and blood, a
covenant of grace in manger, cross, and empty
tomb, we see God’s loving face.**
- 3. Through all our lives, Lord, you are near – and to
the end of time. In bread and cup yourself you
give; our life in yours we find.**
- 4. We break the bread and bless the cup; your Spirit
is outpoured. Made one in you, we feast in love
until you come, O Lord.**
- 5. We trust this pledge of your strong love and pray
your kingdom come, when face to face we’ll feast
with you in our eternal home.**

LUYH 809

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*The Closing Hymn: Lift Up Your Hearts 946

“Go My Children, with My Blessing”

*The Benediction

*The People’s Response: **Amen.**

*The Organ Amen

*The Silent Prayer and Carillon Bells

*The Postlude:

“One Bread, One Body”

Edwin T. Childs

Rev. Ruth Boven –minister
Rev. Mike Hoogeboom – liturgist
Dr. Larry Visser – organist, pianist
Jim Elzinga – vocalist

The flowers today are given by **Steve Nortier** in memory of the anniversary of Steve’s parents, **Dr. & Mrs. Peter Nortier** and also in honor of the anniversary of Steve’s friends, **Ken & Karen VanDyke.**

The August special offering is for Home Repair Services works to strengthen vulnerable Kent County homeowners and build strong communities through their services which include critical repairs, handicap & elderly homeowner modifications, remodeling and repair services.

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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