

August 11, 2019
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* 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

The Prelude:

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

“Canonic Variations on *Sing Praise to God, Who Reigns
Above*” Raymond H. Haan

The Chiming of the Hour

The Call to Worship: Isaiah 55:1-2 (pg. 1150)

*The Opening Hymn: Lift Up Your Hearts 518
“Praise the Lord! Sing Hallelujah”
(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: Psalm 146 (pg. 980)

The Hymn of Response: Lift Up Your Hearts 334
“May the Mind of Christ, My Savior”

*The Confession of Faith: The Apostles' Creed
**I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit
and born of the virgin Mary.**

**He suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried;
he descended to hell.
The third day he rose again from the dead.
He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right
hand of God the Father almighty.
From there he will come to judge the living and
the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen.**

*The Gloria Patri

**Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to
the Holy Ghost, as it was in the beginning,
is now, and ever shall be,
world without end. Amen, amen.**

The Pastoral Prayer

The Offertory: “Love Divine, All Loves Excelling”
Charles Callahan, Alfred V. Fedak
Jesus, thou art all compassion, pure, unbounded love thou art.

The Offering:
*Today's offering is for 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 Hymn: Lift Up Your Hearts 755:1,3
“Speak, O Lord”

The Scripture: Mark 1:40-45 (pg. 1557)

The Sermon: **“COMPASSION AT WORK”**

The Prayer for a Blessing on the Word

*The Hymn of Response: Lift Up Your Hearts 844:1-4
“Lift Up Your Hearts unto the Lord”

The Celebration of the Lord's Supper (See insert)

*While communion is served, the congregation will sing the
following hymns:*

“Amazing Grace” LUYH 691

1. **Amazing grace, how sweet the sound, that saved a
wretch like me! I once was lost, but now am found,
was blind, but now I see.**
2. **’Twas grace that taught my heart to fear, and
grace my fears relieved; how precious did that
grace appear the hour I first believed!**
3. **Through many dangers, toils, and snares I have
already come; ’tis grace hath brought me safe thus
far, and grace will lead me home.**
4. **When we've been there ten thousand years, bright
shining as the sun, we've no less days to sing
God's praise than when we'd first begun.**

“Nearer, Still Nearer” LUYH 659

1. **Nearer, still nearer, close to thy heart, draw me,
my Savior, so precious thou art. Fold, me, O fold
me, close to thy breast; shelter me safe in that
haven of rest, shelter me safe in that haven of rest.**
2. **Nearer, still nearer, nothing I bring, naught as an
offering to Jesus, my King; only my sinful, now
contrite heart; grant me the cleansing thy blood
doth impart, grant me the cleansing thy blood
doth impart.**
3. **Nearer, still nearer, Lord, to be thine, sin with its
follies I gladly resign, all of its pleasures, pomp
and its pride; give me but Jesus, my Lord
crucified, give me but Jesus, my Lord crucified.**

“How Sweet the Name of Jesus Sounds” LUYH 453

1. **How sweet the name of Jesus sounds in a believer's
ear! It soothes our sorrows, heals our wounds, and
drives away our fear.**
2. **It makes the wounded spirit whole and calms the
troubled breast; 'tis manna to the hungry soul,
and to the weary, rest.**
3. **O Jesus, Shepherd, Guardian, Friend, my Prophet,
Priest, and King, my Lord, my Life, my Way, my
End, accept the praise I bring.**

*The Declaration of Praise:

**To Jesus Christ, who loves us
and freed us from our sins by his blood,
and made us to be a kingdom,
priests serving his God and Father,
to him be glory and dominion forever and ever.
Worthy is the Lamb, who was slain,
to receive power and wealth and wisdom and
strength and honor and glory and praise!**

*The Closing Hymn: Lift Up Your Hearts 861
“In Our Lives, Lord, Be Glorified”

*The Benediction

*The People’s Response: **Amen.**

*The Organ Amen

*The Silent Prayer and Carillon Bells

*The Postlude: “Trumpet Tune” Gordon Young

Rev. John Steigenga – minister emeritus
Rev. Kristy Manion – liturgist
Norma deWaal Malefyt – organist

This evening, we welcome **Rev. John Steigenga**, LaGrave minister emeritus to our worship. May God bless the preaching of his Word.

The flowers today are given in loving memory of **Ed Paauwe** from his wife **Marlene**, daughter **Susan & Jon, Emma** and **Alex Pastoor**.

The special offering recipient for August is Home Repair Services of West Michigan. This organization offers educational and repair services for vulnerable Kent County homeowners.

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