

February 28, 2021

Second 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: "Chorale Partita on *Jesus, Priceless Treasure*"
Johann Gottfried Walther

The Chiming of the Hour

The Call to Worship

The Introit: "Jesus, Priceless Treasure"

Jesus, priceless treasure, source of purest pleasure, friend most sure and true: long my heart was burning, fainting much and yearning, thirsting, Lord, for you. Yours I am, O spotless Lamb, so will I let nothing hide you, seek no joy beside you!

Hence, all worldly treasure! Jesus is my pleasure; Jesus is my choice. Hence, all empty glory! What to me your story told with tempting voice? Pain or loss or shame or cross shall not from my Savior move me, since he chose to love me.

*The Processional Hymn: Lift Up Your Hearts 558:1,2,4

"O Praise God's Name Together"

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

*The Greeting

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

The Welcome

We Humbly Approach God

The Call to Confession: The Heidelberg Catechism Q&A 95 and Matthew 10:37-39

Q. What is idolatry?

A. Idolatry is having or inventing something in which one trusts in place of or alongside of the only true God, who has revealed himself in the Word.

The Prayer of Confession

Jesus, you are King of kings and Lord of lords—not only over all creation, but also over each of us. Forgive us when we seek peace and security in created things rather than in the one name under heaven that can save. Reign in our hearts today, for you are the one we praise. Amen.

The Time of Silence – concluded with singing:

O for a closer walk with God, a calm and heavenly frame, a light to shine upon the road that leads me to the Lamb!

The dearest idol I have known, whate'er that idol be, help me to tear it from thy throne and worship only thee.

The Assurance of Forgiveness: Isaiah 44:6, 8

*The Hymn of Gratitude: Lift Up Your Hearts 137:1,3

"Christ, the Life of All the Living"

*The Profession 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 to 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 Doxology

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise him, all creatures here below; praise him above, ye heavenly host; praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

The Children's Message

The Pastoral Prayer

The Anthem:

"What Shall I Render to the Lord?"
Craig Courtney
What shall I render to the Lord for all his goodness unto me? I will lift up the cup of salvation, and call upon the name of the Lord.

Be at rest, once more, O my soul, for the Lord has been good to you. For you, O Lord, have delivered my soul from death, my eyes from tears, my feet from falling.

I will fulfill my vows to the Lord in the presence of his people, in the courts of the house of the Lord, in the midst of you, O Jerusalem.

What shall I render to the Lord for all his goodness to me?

Psalm 116:7-8, 12-14, 18-19
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God Speaks to Us

The Scripture: Luke 12:13-21

The Sermon: **"MODERN DAY IDOLS: MONEY"**

The Prayer for a Blessing on the Word

We Go in His Peace

*The Closing Hymn: Lift Up Your Hearts 859:1-3

"Be Thou My Vision"

*The Benediction

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

*The Organ Amen

*The Silent Prayer and Carillon Bells

*The Postlude:

“When I Survey the Wondrous Cross” Robert Hebble
“My richest gain I count but loss, and pour contempt on all my pride.”

*Offering plates are located at the Sanctuary exits.
Thank you for your continued support of our ministries.*

Rev. Ruth Boven – minister
Rev. Kristy Manion – liturgist
Dr. Larry Visser – organist, pianist
Kathryn Becksvoort – vocalist

Chad Boorsma and Rev. Ruth Boven – Cross & Bible Bearers (8:40)
Rachel Rynbrandt and Rev. Ruth Boven – Cross & Bible Bearers (11:00)

The flowers on the chancel today are in memory of our son and brother **Oliver. Roland, Polly, Isabella and Margaret Lindh**

Music at LaGrave:

Johann Gottfried Walther was a cousin of J. S. Bach and author of the first music dictionary. He wrote 14 choral partitas for organ based on well-known German chorales. Each variation of the Partita based on *Jesus, Priceless Treasure* displays a different organ sound and compositional style; the final variation is for full organ with the melody played in the foot pedals. Johann Crüger, a music publisher, compiler of a hymnal containing settings of all the Genevan Psalms, and strong advocate for congregational singing, is the composer of the 1653 chorale tune *Jesu, Meine Freude* (Jesus, Priceless Treasure), this morning's introit.

The February special offering for the month is **Wedgwood Christian Services**. Wedgwood extends God's love to youth and families through professional counseling and educational services.

Banners: Purple is the color for the liturgical season of Lent. It symbolizes the suffering and sorrow of Jesus as he journeys to the cross. It also symbolizes the suffering of humanity and the world broken by sin. For Christians, this is

a time for self-examination, repentance, and renewal. In sorrow we confess our sins and call on God, in Christ, to save us.

This evening, Rev. Kristy Manion will preach on 1 Corinthians 2:6-3:4. Her sermon is entitled, “God’s Wisdom.”

Livestreaming worship is available at lagrave.org.