

**May 16, 2021**

*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**

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

The Prelude:

“Triptych on *The Lord's My Shepherd, I'll Not Want*”

- Larry Visser
- I *He makes me lie down in green pastures, he leads me beside quiet water, he restores my soul.*
- II *Even though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil, for you are with me; your rod and your staff, they comfort me.*

The Chiming of the Hour

The Call to Worship

\*The Opening Hymn: Lift Up Your Hearts 533:1-5

“I Come with Joy”

*(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 23

The Hymn of Response: Lift Up Your Hearts 369

“My Shepherd Will Supply My Need”

The Confession of Faith:

Q. Why is he called “Christ,” meaning “anointed”?

A. **Because he has been ordained by God the Father and has been anointed with the Holy Spirit to be our**

**chief prophet and teacher who fully reveals to us the secret counsel and will of God concerning our deliverance; our only high priest who has delivered us by the one sacrifice of his body, and who continually pleads our cause with the Father; and our eternal king who governs us by his Word and Spirit, and who guards us and keeps us in the freedom he has won for us.**

Q. But why are you called a Christian?

A. **Because by faith I am a member of Christ and so I share in his anointing. I am anointed to confess his name, to present myself to him as a living sacrifice of thanks, to strive with a free conscience against sin and the devil in this life, and afterward to reign with Christ over all creation for eternity.**

Heidelberg Catechism Q. & A. 31 & 32

The Hymn of Response: Lift Up Your Hearts 330:1-3

“Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us”

The Pastoral Prayer

The Prayer for Illumination

The Scripture: John 21:15-19

The Sermon: **“FAILURE AND FOLLOWING JESUS”**

The Prayer for a Blessing on the Word

\*The Hymn: Lift Up Your Hearts 613:1-3

“Come to the Savior Now”

### ***The Lord Feeds Us at His Table***

The Celebration of the Lord's Supper

The Prayer of Thanksgiving:

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts.

**We lift them up to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**It is right for us to give thanks and praise.**

With joy we praise you, gracious God, for you created heaven and earth, made us in your

image, and kept covenant with us—even when we fell into sin.

**We give you thanks for Jesus Christ, our Lord, who by his life, death, and resurrection opened to us the way of everlasting life.**

We praise you for giving Jesus as the bread of life.

Through his sacrifice you forgive our sins and feed our souls.

**We thank you that in Jesus, you give us strength for today and hope for eternity.**

Therefore, we join our voices with all

the saints and angels and the whole creation to

proclaim the glory of your name:

**Worthy is the Lamb who was slain, to receive power and wealth and wisdom and strength and honor and glory and praise!**

The Prayer of Consecration:

Lord, our God, send your Holy Spirit so that this bread and

cup may be for us the body and blood of our Lord Jesus

Christ. May we and all your saints be united with Christ

and remain faithful in hope and love. Gather your whole

church, O Lord, into the glory of your kingdom. We pray

this in the name of Jesus who taught us to pray saying:

**Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name,**

**thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in**

**heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive**

**us our debts, as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not**

**into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is**

**the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever,**

**Amen.**

The Sharing of Christ's Body

The Sharing of Christ's Blood

\*The Closing Hymn: Lift Up Your Hearts 936

“Sent Forth by God's Blessing”

\*The Benediction

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

\*The Organ Amen

\*The Silent Prayer and Carillon Bells

\*The Postlude:

“Triptych on *The Lord’s My Shepherd, I’ll Not Want*”

Larry Visser

III *Surely goodness and mercy will follow me all the days of my life,  
and I will dwell in the house of the Lord forever.*

Rev. Ruth Boven – minister

Rev. Mike Hoozeboom – liturgist

Dr. Larry Visser – organist

*Offering plates are located at the Sanctuary exits.*

*Thank you for your continued support of our ministries.*

The flowers on the chancel today are given by **Jean and Melanie Scott** in loving memory of husband and father, **Don Scott**.

**The May special offering** is for In The Image, a free store serving thousands of individuals and families by offering clothing, shoes, household goods, bedding, furniture, toys, etc. The S.H.O.E.S. program provides a new pair of back-to-school athletic shoes for free to elementary students in need.

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