

August 8, 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:

Partita on "Crimond" (The Lord, My Shepherd, Rules My
Life)
Gordon Young
Variations on "Thaxted" (O God Beyond All Praising)
Tom Trenney

The Chiming of the Hour

The Call to Worship: from Psalm 23

The Lord is our shepherd.

We lack nothing.

He makes us lie down in green pastures;

he leads us beside quiet waters and refreshes our souls.

He guides us along the right paths

for his name's sake.

Even though we walk through the dark valleys,

**we will fear no evil, for he is with us; his rod and his staff,
they comfort us.**

He prepares a table before us in the presence of our enemies.

He anoints our heads with oil; our cups overflow.

Surely his goodness and mercy will follow us all the days of
our lives,

and we will dwell in the house of the Lord forever.

*The Opening Hymn: Lift Up Your Hearts 527

"Come Away from Rush and Worry"

(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 63:1-8

The Hymn of Response: Lift Up Your Hearts 367

"O God, You Are My God Alone"

*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 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 Hymn of Response: Worship and Rejoice 146

"Glorify Thy Name"

The Pastoral Prayer

Prayer will include this response from Psalm 86:10 –

Leader: You are great and do marvelous deeds;

People: You alone are God.

The Hymn of Illumination: Lift Up Your Hearts 764:1,4

"Break Now the Bread of Life"

The Scripture: Mark 6:30-44

The Sermon: "**SMALL THINGS THAT SATISFY**"

The Prayer for a Blessing on the Word

*The Hymn: Lift Up Your Hearts 557

"O God Beyond All Praising"

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 food that
endures to eternal life.**

Therefore, we join our voices with all
the saints and angels and the whole creation to
proclaim the glory of your name:

**Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might, heaven
and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest.**

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 Response of Praise

Praise the Lord, O my soul.

all my inmost being, praise his holy name,

Praise the Lord, O my soul,

and forget not all his benefits—

who forgives all your sins

and heals all your diseases,

who redeems your life from the pit

and crowns you with love and compassion.

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 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:

“Allegro maestoso, from *Water Music*”

G.F. Handel

Chad Boorsma – seminarian

Rev. Kristy Manion – liturgist

Dr. Elizabeth West – organist

Offering plates are located at the Sanctuary exits.

Thank you for your continued support of our ministries

Ordinary Time, the longest liturgical season, is a season of spiritual growth. The banners and parament for this season reflect concepts from Isaiah 12:2-3. We come to know the Lord more deeply as our strength and our salvation as we grow by being rooted in God's word. With joy we draw from that well of salvation.

The flowers on the chancel today are placed by **Lorrie and Dave VanderArk** to acknowledge God's grace as they celebrate 60 years of marriage on August 10.

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

Livestreaming worship is available at lagrave.org