

January 23, 2022

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:

“Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing”

Albert Travis

The Chiming of the Hour

The Call to Worship

*The Opening Hymn: Lift Up Your Hearts 46

“How Lovely, Lord, How Lovely”

*The Greeting

*The People’s Response: **Amen.**

The Welcome

The Reading: Isaiah 49:8-13

The Hymn: Lift Up Your Hearts 55

“When God First Brought Us Back”

*The Confession

What does the sixth petition mean?

“And do not bring us to the time of trial, but rescue us from the evil one” means: By ourselves we are too weak to hold our own even for a moment. And our sworn enemies—the devil, the world, and our own flesh—never stop attacking us. And so, Lord, uphold us and make us strong with the strength of your Holy Spirit, so that we

may not go down to defeat in this spiritual struggle, but may firmly resist our enemies until we finally win the complete victory.

What does your conclusion to this prayer mean?

For the kingdom and the power and the glory are yours forever” means:

We have made all these petitions of you because, as our all-powerful king, you are both willing and able to give us all that is good; and because your holy name, and not we ourselves, should receive all the praise, forever.

What does that little word “Amen” express?

“Amen” means: This shall truly and surely be! It is even more sure that God listens to my prayer than that I really desire what I pray for.

Heidelberg Catechism Q&A 127-129

*The Hymn: Lift Up Your Hearts 440

“He Leadeth Me”

A Moment for Missions

The Pastoral Prayer

Prayer will be concluded with singing: Lift Up Your Hearts 331

“To the Hills I Lift My Eyes”

The Scripture: Genesis 13:1-18

The Sermon: **“HARD CHOICES IN THE WILDERNESS”**

The Prayer for a Blessing on the Word

*The Hymn of Response: Lift Up Your Hearts 732

“The Lord, My Shepherd, Rules My Life”

*The Benediction

*The People’s Response: **Amen.**

*The Organ Amen

*The Silent Prayer and Carillon Bells

*The Postlude:

“Sing Praise to God”

Paul Laubengayer

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

Rev. Peter Jonker – minister

Sara Good – organist

Epiphany: The Season from Christmas to Lent

The liturgical season after Christmastide to Lent is called Epiphany. During this time, we celebrate Jesus Christ, the Savior, who is the manifestation of God’s light in our dark and sin-filled world. As we grow in our knowledge of Jesus, we are called to reflect his light in our lives in our neighborhoods and the world.

The flowers in the sanctuary are presented in cherished memory of the lives of John Stinson Tahl, our beloved father and grandfather, and Kurtis Lee Hoeksema, our beloved son, brother, and uncle. They are lovingly remembered by **Norma, Marc, Christine Hoeksema and family.** Rev. 21:1-5

The January special offering is for Inner City Christian Federation (ICCF) which provides housing opportunities, home ownership counseling, home repairs and maintenance for families who otherwise cannot afford a home.

Livestreaming worship is available at lagrave.org/live

