

October 30, 2022

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:

“Élégie”

Gabriel Fauré

“When I Survey the Wondrous Cross”

Hal H. Hopson

The Chiming of the Hour

The Introit:

“Seek Ye First” (8:40)

Karen Lafferty

Seek ye first the kingdom of God and his righteousness, and all these things shall be added unto you. Hallelu, hallelujah.

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“Hallelujah! What a Savior!” (11:00)

“Man of sorrows,” what a name for the Son of God, who came ruined sinners to reclaim! Hallelujah! what a Savior!

When he comes, our glorious King, all his ransomed home to bring, then anew this song we'll sing: Hallelujah! what a Savior!

*The Processional Hymn: Lift Up Your Hearts 776:1,2,4

“A Mighty Fortress Is Our God”

*The Greeting

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

The Welcome

We Humbly Approach God

The Call to Confession: from the Canons of Dort, 3rd and 4th points of doctrine, articles 1 and 3

The Prayer of Confession:

Leader: Eternal God, we desire to follow you and live as your children,

People: but we often break our promises and turn from your paths.

Leader: We want to love you with all our heart, soul, mind and strength,

People: but at times we turn to worldly pleasures instead.

Leader: We promise to care for our neighbor's need,

People: but we sometimes get lost in self-concern.

Leader: Forgive us, O God, and hear us as we continue to confess our sins to you . . .

Prayer concluded by singing:

**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.**

The Assurance of Pardon:

All have sinned and fall short of the glory of God, and all are justified freely by his grace through the redemption that came by Christ Jesus.

For he chose us in him before the creation of the world to be holy and blameless in his sight. In love he predestined us for adoption to sonship through Jesus Christ, in accordance with his pleasure and will—to the praise of his glorious grace, which he has freely given us in the One he loves. (Ephesians 1:4-6)

Thanks be to God.

*The Hymn of Commitment: Lift Up Your Hearts 688

“How Vast the Benefits Divine”

We Celebrate God's Covenant Promises (11:00)

The Meaning of Baptism

The Vows

The Baptism:

Emilia Grace Lundquist, daughter of

Chelsea and Ryan Lundquist

Prayer Partner: Jolene DeHeer

The Baptismal Blessing

The Hymn: Lift Up Your Hearts 543:1

“Now Thank We All Our God”

We Respond with Thanksgiving

The Children's Moment (8:40)

The Pastoral Prayer

The prayer will include this response based on Psalm 108:4

Leader: Your love, O God, is higher than the heavens,

People: and your faithfulness reaches to the skies.

The Anthem: “Sing to the Lord a Joyful Song” (8:40)

Hal H. Hopson

Sing to the Lord a joyful song. Lift up your hearts. Sing alleluia, alleluia. Shout his praises, people everywhere, Alleluia, alleluia.

Praise him for life, for rest and food. Praise him for eyes and ears to sense his world. Praise him for love and all that's true. For all these things we praise Him.

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The Anthem: “And Can It Be?” (11:00)

Dan Forrester

And can it be? and can it be? Amazing love, how can it be? And can it be that I should gain an interest in the Savior's blood? Died he for me who caused his pain? For me who him to death pursued? Amazing love! how can it be that thou, my God, shouldst die for me?

He left his Father's throne above, so free, so infinite his grace; emptied himself of all but love and bled for Adam's helpless race; 'tis mercy all, immense and free; for O, my God, it found out me.

No condemnation now I dread, Jesus and all in him is mine! Alive in him, my living Head, and clothed in righteousness divine, bold I approach the eternal throne and claim the crown, through Christ, my own.

The Offertory:

“The Power of the Cross”

Lloyd Larson

The Offering

Today's offering is for Oakdale Neighbors 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 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.

God Speaks to Us

The Reading: Canons of Dort, First Main Point of Doctrine, Article 15 (*Our Faith* pg. 122)

The Scripture: Romans 9:6-24 (pg. 1756)

The Sermon: **“THE CANONS OF DORT:
LIMITED ATONEMENT”**

1. Jesus' death on the cross is strong enough to save the whole world.
2. God is full of mercy and he loves the whole world.
3. Not everyone is saved.
4. Salvation is all God's work.
5. God is perfectly just, and so anyone who is condemned will be condemned for their own sin.

The Prayer for a Blessing on the Word

We Go in His Peace

*The Hymn: Lift Up Your Hearts 164:1-3
“What Wondrous Love Is This”

*The Benediction

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

*The Organ Amen (8:40)

*The Choral Amen (11:00)

*The Silent Prayer and Carillon Bells

*The Postlude:

“To God Be the Glory”

Paul Mickelson

To God be the glory, great things he has done; so loved he the world
that he gave us his Son, who yielded his life an atonement for sin,
and opened the life-gate that all may go in.

Rev. Peter Jonker – minister

Chad Boorsma – liturgist

Dr. Larry Visser – organist, pianist

Calin Muresan – cellist

3rd – 6th Grade Choir, Renee Vande Wege – director (8:40)

Chancel Choir, Dr. James Borst – director (11:00)

Nolan and Avery Walcott – Cross and Bible Bearers (8:40)

Marlene Padding and Noah Batts – Cross and Bible Bearers (11:00)

Music at LaGrave: The musical title *Élégie* may be translated “funeral song,” or “memorial song.” French composer Gabriel Fauré's piece by this title was written following his wife's death. An outcry of lament and profound grief, the expressive piece begins with a slowly moving melody, soon transitions into a middle section portraying the composer's deep, personal grief, and ends with a mournful descending line played by the cello. This memorial song also evokes the profound sacrifice of our Lord's death on the cross, an atonement for our sin.

The flowers on the chancel today are given by **Lois Venema** in loving memory of her husband, **Bill Venema**, who passed away three years ago.

The special offering for October is for **Oakdale Neighbors**, a neighborhood development organization providing youth mentoring and advocacy, tax preparation, financial classes and neighborhood business development assistance.

This evening, Reverend Peter Jonker will lead the service and there will be a special visit from Martin Luther.

Livestreaming worship is available at lagrave.org/live