

November 13, 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:

Elegy II (Homage to *Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing*)

Oh, to grace how great a debtor daily I'm constrained to be!

Paul Fey

"Amazing Grace"

Paul Fey

The Chiming of the Hour

The Introit:

"Rejoice, You Righteous, in the Lord" (8:40)

Rejoice you righteous, in the Lord, in song your voices raise; awake the psaltery and harp, lift up God's name in praise! For by God's word the heavens were hung; God laid the sea and land, and all that fills the firmament were made at God's command.

Behold, God's ever watchful eye sees through our dark despair; the arms of grace encircle us with strong, yet tender care; the hope of all the ages past, that sets at peace our fears, God's mercy and God's steadfast love shall follow all our years.

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"This Is the Day" (11:00)

Les Garrett

This is the day that the Lord has made. We will rejoice and be glad in it

Psalm 118:24.

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*The Processional Hymn: Lift Up Your Hearts 521

"Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing"

*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:

Merciful God,

for the things we have done that we regret, forgive us;

for the things we have failed to do that we regret, forgive us;

for the times we have acted without love, forgive us;

for the times we have reacted without thought, forgive us;

for the times we have failed to forgive, forgive us.

for the hurtful words said and helpful words unsaid, forgive us;

for unfinished tasks and unfulfilled hopes, forgive us.

Fill us with your Holy Spirit so that we might walk in holiness and obey your commands. Amen.

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 675:1,3

"By Grace We Have Been Saved"

We Remember God's Covenant Promises

The Declaration of Faith for Table Fellowship:

(8:40) **Bayler Trathen, Kashton Trathen**

The Response: (8:40) Lift Up Your Hearts 675:5

"By Grace We Have Been Saved"

The Baptism (11:00):

Ada Lynn Spiering, daughter of Tyler and Jenna Spiering

Prayer Partner: Alisha Doezema

The Promises of Baptism (11:00)

The Vows (11:00)

The Baptism and Blessing (11:00)

The Hymn of Response: (11:00) Lift Up Your Hearts 946:1

"Go, My Children, with My Blessing"

The Anthem: "Sing to The Lord a Joyful Song" (11:00)

Robert J. Powell

Sing to the Lord a joyful song, lift your hearts, your voices raise; to us his gracious gifts belong, to him our songs of love and praise. For life and love for rest and food, for daily help and nightly care, sing to the Lord for he is good, and praise his holy Name everywhere. Joys untold, that from above cheer all those in his employ; Sing to our God for he is love, exalt his name, for it is joy. Sing to the Lord a joyful song, lift your hearts, your voices raise. To us his gracious gifts belong, to him our songs of love and praise, our songs of love and praise.

We Respond with Thanksgiving

The Children's Message (8:40)

The Pastoral Prayer

The Anthem: "What Grace Is This!" (8:40)

G. A. Hennig;

arr. Larry Visser

What grace is this! My Lord and King has set his face to suffering. The Son eternal dies to bring eternal life to me.

What grace is this that very God would stoop to lift a cross of wood and walk a road of rock and blood, a sinner's road, for me.

What grace is this! Though Lord of all, he yields to Pontius Pilate's law and lets the Roman hammers draw a rush of blood for me, a rush of blood for me.

What grace is this! Rude agonies! With common thieves he hangs and bleeds. The sinless Son bears each misdeed. He pays for all, for me.

What grace is this! Once wrapped in cloths and gently laid in manger though he's taken, dead, from wretched cross and wrapped again for me.

What grace is this? How can it be? He wears this raw humility to lift me to eternity. Such grace—sweet grace—for me.

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The Offertory:

"Jesus, Lover of My Soul"

Raymond H. Haan

Plenteous grace with thee is found, grace to cover all my sin; let the healing streams abound; make and keep me pure within.

The Offering

(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, Fourth Main Point of Doctrine, Article 12 (*Our Faith* pg. 132)

The Scripture: Ephesians 2:1-10 (pg. 1815)

The Sermon: **“THE CANONS OF DORT: IRRESISTIBLE GRACE”**

The Prayer for a Blessing on the Word

We Go in His Peace

*The Closing Hymn: Lift Up Your Hearts 693
“Amazing Grace / My Chains Are Gone”

*The Benediction

*The People’s Response: **Amen.**

*The Choral Amen (8:40)

*The Organ Amen (11:00)

*The Silent Prayer and Carillon Bells

*The Postlude:
“For the Glories of God’s Grace”

David Blackwell

Rev. Peter Jonker – minister

Pastor Bob Grussing – liturgist

Dr. Larry Visser – organist

Chancel Choir, Dr. James Borst – director (8:40)

K-2 Choir, Renee Vande Wege – director (11:00)

Julia Fletcher – accompanist (11:00)

Everett and Desmond Smith – Cross and Bible Bearers (8:40)

Brad VanHaitsma and Rachel Rynbrandt – Cross and Bible Bearers (11:00)

Music at LaGrave: (8:40) Upon finding the new hymn *What Grace Is This!* when the *Lift Up Your Hearts* hymnal was published in 2013 (#163), Larry Visser composed a choral arrangement based on this wonderful text and tune by two Lutheran women who collaborate in writing hymn texts and tunes. The text traces the grace of Christ shown throughout his life, death, and resurrection, “Sweet grace—for you . . . for me!” In the fifth stanza, listen for an obbligato soprano line using the Christmas carol *Away in a Manger*, supporting the first two lines of the incarnation text in that stanza.

The flowers on the chancel today are given by the **Schroder family** to honor the 60th wedding anniversary of Roland and Ellen Schroder. We remember a loving and faithful marriage with Christ at the head and we are thankful for this godly example.

The November special offering is for **World Renew**, which works in 30 countries responding to both natural disasters and civil unrest. With partner organizations, they provide for displaced families and invest in local economies to help rebuild communities and renew hope, bringing long-term stability for future storms.

This evening, Reverend John Steigenga will preach on Luke 24:36-49. His sermon is titled “Known by Our Wounds”. The Lord’s Supper will be celebrated.

Livestreaming worship is available at lagrave.org/live