

January 29, 2023

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:

"Thee We Adore, O Hidden Savior" David N. Johnson
Thee we adore, O hidden Savior, thee, who in thy sacrament are pleased to be; both flesh and spirit in thy presence fail, yet here thy presence we devoutly hail.

"O Bread of Life from Heaven" Johannes Brahms
O Bread of life from heaven, O Food to pilgrims given, O Manna from above: feed with the blessed sweetness of your divine completeness the souls that want and need your love.

The Chiming of the Hour

The Introit

"O Come, Let Us Adore Him" (8:40)
O come, let us adore him, O come Let us adore him, O come let us adore him, Christ the Lord.

We'll praise his name forever, we'll praise his name forever, we'll praise his name forever, Christ the Lord

For he alone is worthy, for he alone is worthy, for he alone is worthy, Christ the Lord.

"I Come with Joy" (11:00)

I come with joy, a child of God, forgiven, loved and free, the life of Jesus to recall, in love laid down for me.

I come with Christians far and near to find, as all are fed, the new community of love in Christ's communion bread.

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*The Processional Hymn: Lift Up Your Hearts 549
"O Praise the Lord, for It Is Good"

*The Greeting

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

The Welcome

We Humbly Approach God

The Call to Confession: Matthew 11:28-30
concluded by singing

Come to the Savior, all, whate'er your burdens be; hear now his loving call, "Cast all your care on me." Come, and for every grief, in Jesus you will find a sure and safe relief, a loving friend and kind. Lift Up Your Hearts 613:4

The Prayer of Confession:

God of all time, we know you are trustworthy, yet we often trust in things of the world instead of in you. We confess our trust in money, increase our trust in your never-ending love. We confess our trust in possessions, increase our trust in your Fatherly provision. We confess our trust in certainty, increase our trust in your presence in the mystery. Lord, in your mercy, hear our prayer. Amen.

The Assurance of Forgiveness: 1 Timothy 1:15

*The Hymn: Lift Up Your Hearts 356
"Fill Thou My Life, O Lord, My God"

We Respond with Thanksgiving

The Children's Message

The Pastoral Prayer

The Anthem:

"Shepherd of My Heart" (8:40) Tina English
The Lord is my shepherd, I have everything I need. He lets me rest in green pastures, he leads me to quiet streams. My strength he refreshes, bringing honor to his name. Though I walk through the valley, with him I am not afraid.

(Refrain) Shepherd of my heart, I can hear you calling me. You are there, beside me in the dark. Holding out your hand, you guide me safely home again. Close companion, dearest friend, shepherd of my heart.

The light of your glory goes before me on my way. You honor me with your goodness, your love will keep me safe. My cup brims with blessings from the kindness that you give. I'm secure in your presence as long as I live! (Refrain)

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The Anthem:

"I, O Lord, Am Not Worthy" (11:00) Tomás Luis de Victoria
I, O Lord, am not worthy, that you should come under my roof, but speak only the word and my soul will be healed. Matt. 8:8

God Speaks to Us

The Scripture: Matthew 8:5-13 (p.1511)

The Sermon: "ENCOUNTERS WITH JESUS IN
MATTHEW: THE CENTURION"

The Prayer for a Blessing on the Word

*The Communion Hymn: Lift Up Your Hearts 871:1,2,5
"What Shall I Render to the Lord"

God Feeds Us at His Table

(See bulletin insert)

During the passing of the bread: (8:40)

Lift Up Your Hearts 823:1,2,3,5

- 1. O Jesus, joy of loving hearts, the fount of life, the light of all, from fullest bliss that earth imparts we turn unfilled to hear your call.**
- 2. Your truth unchanged has ever stood; you save all those who on you call. To those who seek you, you are good; to those who find you, all in all.**
- 3. We taste you, ever-living Bread, and long to feast upon you still; we drink of you, the fountain-head, our thirst to quench, our souls to fill.**
- 5. O Jesus, ever with us stay; make all our moments calm and bright! Chase the dark night of sin away; shed o'er the world your holy light!**

Lift Up Your Hearts 823:1,2,3,5

During the passing of the wine: the organ plays (8:40)

Communion Anthems: (11:00)

"Do This In Remembrance of Me"

Larry Visser

During the bread:

On the night he was betrayed Christ took bread and when he gave thanks, he broke it and said, "This is my body which is for you."

(Refrain) "Do this in remembrance of me."

During the wine:

In the same way after supper Christ took the cup, the new covenant in his blood, he poured it and said, "This is my blood poured out for you." (Refrain) I Cor. 11:23a-25

We Go in His Peace

The Closing Hymn: Lift Up Your Hearts 840

"Behold the Lamb" (*rise on v. 4*)

(During this hymn the offering will be taken.)

*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:

"Sent Forth by God's Blessing" David Cherwien
Sent forth by God's blessing, our true faith confessing, the people of God
from this dwelling take leave. The supper ended. Oh, now be extended the
fruits of this service in all who believe.

Rev. Peter Jonker – minister

Erin Alley – liturgist

Dr. Larry Visser – organist

3-6 Choir, Jess Hollenbach – director (8:40)

Julia Fletcher – pianist

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

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

Marlene Padding and Merv Kamper – Cross and Bible Bearers (11:00)

Epiphany is the liturgical season from Christmastide to Lent. During this time, we focus on 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 God's redemptive acts through Jesus Christ, we are called to respond by bringing the light of the gospel to our neighborhoods and the world. These concepts are reflected in the symbol of the Trinity and the gold and white colors used in the banners and paraments.

Music at LaGrave: (8:40) Our children's choir shares a poignant paraphrase of Psalm 23 in Tina English's *Shepherd of My Heart*. English is an educator, recording artist, and composer of various anthems, musicals, and children's

songs. This anthem was written for her granddaughter. The paraphrased refrain offers comforting words, especially to children: "Shepherd of my heart, I can hear you calling me, you are there, beside me in the dark. Holding out your hand, you guide me safely home again. Close companion, dearest friend, shepherd of my heart."

The flowers on the chancel today are given in loving memory of our dear mom, mother-in-law and grandmother, **Linda Nagel**. She entered into glory four years ago this month. *The Nagel Family*

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.

This evening, Rev. Peter Jonker will preach.

Livestreaming worship is available at lagrave.org/live