

January 8, 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:
"Partita on How Brightly Shines the Morning Star"
Dietrich Buxtehude

The Chiming of the Hour

*The Processional Hymn: Lift Up Your Hearts 109
"Hail to the Lord's Anointed"

*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 now, he gently calls to you;
in true repentance bow, let him your heart renew.
Christ came that you may know salvation, peace, and
love, true joy on earth below, a home in heaven above.**

Lift Up Your Hearts 613:1

The Prayer of Confession:

Loving Father, you desire us to be your devoted servants,
yet we have been an unfaithful people.

For the times we have failed to follow your call...

forgive our disobedience.

For the times we have failed to die to self...

forgive our self-centeredness.

For the times we have not trusted in your plans...

forgive our lack of faith.

We ask this all in the name of Jesus, our Savior,

Amen.

The Assurance of Pardon: based on Psalm 130:4-7

The people respond...

Thanks be to God!

*The Hymn of Commitment: Lift Up Your Hearts 869
"Here I Am, Lord"

We Respond with Thanksgiving

The Children's Message

The Pastoral Prayer

Prayer will begin with the song below. The song will also be sung at the end of each of the three sections of the prayer.

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O God, hear our prayer. O God, hear our prayer. Lis - ten to the

words of our mouth. O God, hear our prayer. O

God, hear our prayer. Sus - tain us, Lord, and be our help.

based on Psalm 54

The Offering

The Offertory:

"Take My Life and Let It Be"

Albin C. Whitworth

*The Doxology

**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
praise him, all creatures here below;
praise him above, ye heavenly hosts;
praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Amen.**

God Speaks to Us

The Scripture: Matthew 4:18-22 (p.1504)

The Sermon: **"ENCOUNTERS WITH JESUS IN
MATTHEW: THE CALL"**

The Prayer for a Blessing on the Word

We Go in His Peace

*The Hymn of Response: Lift Up Your Hearts 859
"Be Thou My Vision"

*The Benediction

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

*The Organ Amen

*The Silent Prayer and Carillon Bells

*The Postlude:

"Grand Chœur in C"

Théodore Salomé

Rev. Peter Jonker – minister
Chad Boorsma – liturgist
Dr. Elizabeth West – organist

Andrew Hoekzema and Christine Hoekzema – Cross and Bible Bearers (8:40)
Brad and Ruby Van Haitsma – 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.

The flowers on the chancel today are given by **our congregation** to bless, celebrate, and encourage our amazing and hardworking staff. May 2023 be a wonderful year for each of you.

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, we will celebrate the service originally planned for 11:00pm on Christmas Eve. The theme of this service is “Light of Light Eternal” which is fitting for both the season of Christmas and Epiphany.

Livestreaming worship is available at lagrave.org/live