

**May 28, 2023**

*Pentecost Sunday*

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:

“Choral Variations on *Veni Creator Spiritus*”

Maurice Duruflé

“Spirit of the Living God”

Malcolm Archer

“Spirit of God, Who Dwells within My Heart”

Larry Visser

The Chiming of the Hour

The Introit:

“Come, Holy Ghost, Our Souls Inspire”

*Come, Holy Ghost, our souls inspire, and lighten with celestial fire; thou the anointing Spirit art, who dost thy sevenfold gifts impart.*

*Teach us to know the Father, Son, and thee, of both, to be but one; that through the ages all along this may be our endless song.*

*“Praise to thy eternal merit, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.” Amen.*

\*The Processional Hymn: ***Worship & Rejoice 332***

“Let Every Christian Pray”

\*The Greeting

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

The Welcome

### ***We Humbly Approach God***

The Call to Confession: Romans 8:5-6

The Prayer of Confession:

Wondrous God who pours out freely the Holy Spirit, too often we have ignored your promptings.

**We have preferred the ways of the world and have rejected your guidance.**

Have mercy upon us as we seek to recommit our lives to live in accordance with your Spirit.

Hear us as we continue to pray to you in song...

**Subdue the power of every sin, and make our hearts your throne, that we, in singleness of heart, may worship God alone.**

**Then with our spirits witness bear, O Spirit of our God, that we are children of the Lord, redeemed through Christ's own blood.**

LUYH 641:2

The Assurance of Pardon: Romans 8:1-3

\*The Hymn of Commitment: Lift Up Your Hearts 237

“Spirit of God, Unleashed on Earth”

### ***We Respond with Thanksgiving***

The Children's Message

The Pastoral Prayer

Prayer will conclude with the following refrain:

**Thank you, O my Father, for giving us your Son, and leaving your Spirit till the work on earth is done.**

LUYH 833

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The Anthem:

“Holy Spirit, Ever Dwelling”

Larry Visser

*Holy Spirit, ever dwelling in the holiest realms of light; Holy Spirit, ever brooding o'er a world of gloom and night, Holy Spirit, ever raising those on earth to thrones on high; living, life imparting Spirit, you we praise and magnify.*

Refrain: *Dwell in me, O blessed Spirit, gracious Teacher, Friend divine! For the kingdom work that calls me, O prepare this heart of mine.*

*Holy Spirit, ever living as the Church's very life, Holy Spirit, ever striving through us in a ceaseless strife, Holy Spirit, ever forming in the Church the mind of Christ; you we praise with endless worship for your gracious gifts unpriced. (Refrain)*

*Holy Spirit, ever working through the Church's ministry, teaching, strengthening, and absolving, setting captive sinners free, Holy Spirit, ever binding age to age and soul to soul, in communion never ending, you we worship and extol. (Refrain)*

The Offering

The Offertory

“Holy Spirit, Truth Divine”

Raymond H. Haan

\*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: Acts 10:9-16, 27-35, 44-48 (p.1707)

The Sermon: **“SURPRISING PENTECOST”**

The Prayer for a Blessing on the Word

### ***God Sends Us Out***

\*The Closing Hymn: ***Worship & Rejoice 334***

“On Pentecost They Gathered”

\*The Benediction

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

\*The Choral Amen

\*The Silent Prayer and Carillon Bells

\*The Postlude

“Come, Holy Spirit, God and Lord”

Johann Sebastian Bach

Rev. Scott Hoezee – guest minister  
Chad Boorsma – liturgist  
Dr. Larry Visser – organist

Chancel Choir, Dr. James Borst – director (8:40)  
Vocal Ensemble, Dr. James Borst – director (11:00)  
Kathryn Becksvoort, Glenda Buteyn – soprano  
Renee Vande Wege – alto  
Ben VanHouten, Ted Rozeboom – tenor  
Peter Redder, Karel de Waal Malefyt – bass  
Avery and Nolan Walcott– Cross and Bible Bearers (8:40)  
Mervin Kamper and Rachel Rynbrandt – Cross and Bible Bearers (11:00)

**Rev. Scott Hoozee** is the Director of the Center for Excellence in Preaching at Calvin Theological Seminary.

**Pentecost closes the Easter Season and symbolizes a new beginning with the coming of the Holy Spirit. Red is the traditional liturgical color for Pentecost.** The dancing flames symbolize the Holy Spirit which came as “...what seemed to be tongues of fire that separated and came to rest on each of them” (Acts 2:3 NIV). The church celebrates Christ’s fulfillment of his promise to send his Spirit and grows in its understanding of its mission to spread to the world the good news of the gospel.

### **Music at LaGrave**

The ancient 8<sup>th</sup> century hymn *Veni Creator Spiritus* (Come, O Creator Spirit, Come) is heard in both the prelude and the introit. Many organ composers wrote arrangements on this Gregorian Chant melody, including French Parisian organist Maurice Duruflé (1902-1986). His chorale variations conclude an extensive work titled *Prelude, Adagio and Chorale Variations on Veni Creator*. The choirs sing the unison chant melody in this morning’s introit, invoking the Holy Spirit of Pentecost.

The flowers on the chancel today are given by **William Stroo, Tom, Heidi, and Hannah Glover, Hillary and Dirk Tanis, and Dirk and Maria Glover**, in loving memory of **Marilyn Stroo**, who would have celebrated her 80<sup>th</sup> birthday on May 26. Remember to take time to care.

**The May special offering** is for **In The Image**. In The Image is a free store serving thousands of individuals and families by offering clothing, shoes, household goods, bedding, furniture, toys, etc. The S.H.O.E.S. Program provides a new pair of back-to-school athletic shoes for free to elementary students in need.

**There is no evening service.**

Livestreaming worship is available at [lagrave.org/live](http://lagrave.org/live)