

April 28, 2024

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.

EVENING WORSHIP 6:00 PM

Please prepare your heart and mind for worship with a time of prayer and meditation.

The Prelude:

“It Is Not Death to Die”

It is not death to fling aside this sinful dust,
and rise on strong, exulting wing to live among the just.

Camil Van Hulse

“Thine Be The Glory”

Alexandre Guilmant

The Chiming of the Hour

The Introit:

“Esto Les Digo”

Esto les digo, si dos de ustedes se ponen en acuerdo aquí en la tierra para pedir, algo en oración, mi padre que está en el cielo, se lo dará. Porque donde dos o tres se reúnen en mi nombre, allí estoy yo, en medio de ellos.

Kinley Lange

Again, truly I tell you that if two of you on earth agree about anything they ask for, it will be done for them by my Father in heaven. Where two or three are gathered in my name, there will I be also.

Matthew 18:19-20

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*The Opening Hymn: Lift Up Your Hearts 590:1-5,8

“Oh, for a Thousand Tongues to Sing”

*The Greeting

*The People’s Response: **Amen.**

The Welcome

The Reading: Psalm 27:1-6

The Anthem:

“You Are My Light”

Lord, you are my Savior and my help in time of need, my refuge and my hope, O Lord, from fear now I am freed. When troubles come and skies grow dark, I’m

Dave and Jean Perry

safe within your hands. Though the nations war and people rage, by your side I’ll take my stand.

Refrain

You are my light and my salvation. You are my hope through all my days. Let the people all be joyful. Let the faithful sing your praise: Halleluia! Glory to your holy name. Sing hosannas, sing your glory evermore. Sing out your praise!

Walk beside me, Lord, and speak to me. Guide me in your path each day. When I stumble, Lord, or lose my way, be my guide, my light, my stay. Open now my eyes to your wisdom, Lord; to the beauty of each hour. Show me how to care. Teach me how to pray; share your wondrous love from day to day. (Refrain)

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The Reading: Psalm 8

The Anthem:

“The Majesty and Glory of Your Name”

Tom Fettke

When I gaze into the night skies and see the work of your fingers; the moon and stars suspended in space. Oh, what is man, that you are mindful of him? You have given man a crown of glory and honor, and have made him a little lower than the angels. You have put him in charge of all creation: the beasts of the field, the birds of the air, the fish of the sea. But what is man, oh, what is man that you are mindful of him?

O, Lord, our God, the majesty and glory of your name transcends the earth and fills the heavens. O Lord, our God, little children praise you perfectly, and so would we. Alleluia, Alleluia! The majesty and glory of your name. Alleluia!

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The Pastoral Prayer

The Scripture: Mark 15:1, 16:1-5 (p.1585),

Colossians 3:1-4 (p.1831)

The Sermon: “**RESURRECTION FREEDOM FROM VIOLENCE**”

The Prayer for Blessing on the Word

*The Hymn of Response: Lift Up Your Hearts 679:1,3

“For Freedom Christ Has Set Us Free”

The Celebration of the Lord’s Supper

The Prayer of Thanksgiving:

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them up to the Lord.

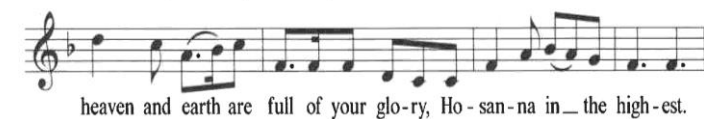
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right for us to give thanks and praise.

With joy we praise you, gracious God, for in your great love, out of nothing, you created heaven and earth and everything in them. You made us in your image, and kept covenant with us—even when we fell into sin.

We give you thanks for Jesus Christ, our Lord, who by his glorious resurrection overcame the power of sin and gave us new life.

Therefore we join our voices with all the saints and angels and the whole creation to proclaim the glory of your name:



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The Prayer of Consecration:

Lord, our God, send your Holy Spirit so that this bread and cup may be for us the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ. May we and all your saints be united with Christ and remain faithful in hope and love. Gather your whole church, O Lord, into the glory of your kingdom. We pray this in the name of Jesus who taught us to pray saying:

**Our Father, who art in heaven
hallowed be thy name,
thy kingdom come,
thy will be done,
on earth as it is in heaven.**

Give us this day our daily bread.

And forgive us our debts,

as we forgive our debtors.

And lead us not into temptation,

but deliver us from evil.

**For thine is the kingdom, and the power,
and the glory, forever, Amen.**

The Words of Institution

The Communion

Please come forward if you are able, as directed, to participate in Communion by intinction (dipping the bread into the cup before eating). You may respond to the elder’s

words with “Amen” or “Thanks be to God.” Both gluten-free and regular bread are available at the station on the far left.

The Communion Anthem:

“You are My All in All / Fairest Lord Jesus” Larry Shackley

You are my strength when I am weak, you are the treasure that I seek, you are my All in All. Seeking you as a precious jewel, Lord, to give up I'd be a fool, you are my All in All. Jesus, Lamb of God, worthy is your name. Taking my sin, my cross, my shame, rising again I bless your name, you are my All in All. When I fall down you pick me up, when I am dry, you fill my cup, you are my All in All.

Fairest Lord Jesus, ruler of all nature, O thou of God and man the Son, thee will I cherish, thee will I honor, thou, my soul's glory, joy, and crown!

Beautiful Savior! Lord of the nations! Son of God and Son of man! Glory and honor, praise, adoration, now and forevermore be thine! Jesus, Lamb of God, worthy is your name.

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*The Response of Praise

Praise the Lord, O my soul;

all my inmost being, praise his holy name.

Praise the Lord, O my soul,

and forget not all his benefits—

who forgives all your sins

and heals all your diseases,

who redeems your life from the pit

and crowns you with love and compassion.

Worthy is the Lamb, who was slain,

to receive power and wealth and wisdom and

strength and honor and glory and praise!

*The Closing Hymn: Lift Up Your Hearts 695:1,3

“And Can It Be”

*The Benediction

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

*The Choral Benediction:

“May the Mind of Christ, My Savior” Lloyd Larson

May the mind of Christ, my Savior, live in me from day to day, by his love and power controlling all I do and all I say. May the Word of God dwell richly in my heart from hour to hour, so that all may see I triumph only through God's love and power. May the peace of God, my Father, rule my life in everything, that I may be calm to comfort the sick and sorrowing. May the love of Jesus fill me as the waters fill the sea, Christ exalting, self-abasing, for this is victory! May I run the race before me, strong and brave to face the foe, looking only unto Jesus as onward I will go! May the mind of Christ live in me. Amen.

*The Silent Prayer and Carillon Bells

*The Postlude:

“Christ Is Alive! Let Christians Sing”

Wilbur Held

*Offering plates are located at the Sanctuary exits.
Thank you for your continued support of our ministries.*

Rev. Tricia Bosma – minister

Chad Boorsma – liturgist

Dr. Rob Hobgood – organist

South Christian High School Madrigals, Holly Baar – director

Julie Kruithof – accompanist

We welcome the **South Christian High School Madrigals** under the direction of Holly Baar. LaGrave member Maraleisa VandenHeuvel sings in the choir. May God bless the ministry of these young musicians as they share their gift of music.

The flowers on the chancel today are given by **Joady Hoekstra**, the **John Schat family** and the **Jon VanHekken family** in loving memory of husband, father and grandfather, **Jim Hoekstra**.

The April special offering is for **Family Promise**, who partners with local congregations, individuals, families, foundations and corporations to provide emergency shelter and case management for families with children facing a housing crisis.

Livestreaming worship is available at lagrave.org/live