

May 19, 2024

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:

“Veni Creator Spiritus (Come, O Creator Spirit, Come)”

Andrew Carter, Nicolas deGrigny

“Holy Spirit, Truth Divine”

David Cherwien

“Breathe on Me, Breath of God”

Philip Moore

The Chiming of the Hour

The Introit:

“Come, O Creator, Holy Ghost”

Hugo Distler

Come, Holy Ghost, Creator, God, Your children long to hear you, Lord. With grace refresh, O Guest most dear, the hearts you have created here.

To help us understand, give light. Within our hearts love's flame ignite and strengthen our weak flesh and blood with your divine and heavn'ly food.

Praise to the Father, everyone, and praise the Star of Life, his Son, and to the Holy Spirit be all honor, praise eternally.

*The Processional Hymn: **Worship & Rejoice 128:1,3,4**

“Spirit, Working in Creation”

*The Greeting

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

The Welcome

We Humbly Approach God

The Call to Confession: Romans 8:12-13

The Prayer of Confession:

concluded by singing:

Search me, O God, and know my heart today; try me, O Savior, know my thoughts, I pray.

See if there be some wicked way in me; cleanse me from every sin and set me free.

Worship & Rejoice 385

The Assurance of Pardon: Romans 8:1-3

*The Hymn of Celebration: Lift Up Your Hearts 590:1,4,5

“Oh, for a Thousand Tongues to Sing”

We Respond with Thanksgiving

The Children's Message

The Pastoral Prayer

The Anthem:

“Holy Spirit, Ever Dwelling” (8:40)

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)

“I Will Pour Out My Spirit” (11:00)

Carson P. Cooman

When the day of Pentecost came, they were all together in one place. Suddenly, a sound like the blowing of a violent wind came from heaven and filled the house where they were sitting. They saw what seemed to be tongues of fire, and all of them were filled with the Spirit, and began to speak in other tongues as the Spirit enabled them. I will pour out my Spirit on all people. Your sons and your daughters will prophesy, your young men will see visions, and your old men will dream dreams. The sun will be turned to darkness and the moon to blood before the coming of the great and glorious day of the Lord. And everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved.

Adapted from Acts 2

God Speaks to Us

The Scripture: Acts 2:1-13 (p.1691) Acts 19:1-7 (p.1724)

The Sermon: “**PENTECOST AGAIN**”

The Prayer for a Blessing on the Word

*The Hymn of Response: Lift Up Your Hearts 239:1,3

“Wind Who Makes All Winds That Blow”

We Celebrate at the Table

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,

and for the pouring forth of your Holy Spirit, who equips us for service and leads us into your truth.

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

All Sing:

Holy Father, Holy Son, Holy Spirit, three we name you, though in essence only one; undivided God, we claim you, and, adoring, bend the knee while we own the mystery.

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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 for the Bread
(followed by the distribution of the bread)

The Words of Institution for the Cup
(followed by the distribution of the cup)

The Communion
During the passing of the bread, we sing:
Lift Up Your Hearts 833
“There Is a Redeemer”

During the passing of the cup, we meditate as the organ plays.

The Closing Hymn: Lift Up Your Hearts 832:1,2,4
“At the Lamb’s High Feast We Sing”
Congregation rises on the final stanza of the hymn.
*The thank-offering for the General Fund,
Benevolence Fund, and Henry Beets Mission Society will be
received while we sing.*

*The Benediction

*The People’s Response: **Amen.**

*The Choral Amen

*The Silent Prayer and Carillon Bells

*The Postlude:
“Every Time I Feel the Spirit” Richard Elliott
Dr. John Rottman – guest minister
Chad Boorsma – liturgist
Dr. Larry Visser – organist
Vocal Ensemble, Dr. Rob Hobgood – director (8:40)
Kathryn Becksvoort, Jess Hollenbach, Jennifer Schroder, Renee VandeWege,
Jim Elzinga, Ben VanHouten – vocal ensemble
Chancel Choir, Dr. Rob Hobgood – director (11:00)
Laura Sutherland – flutist
Andrea Oosterhouse – oboist
Calin Muresan – cellist
Al Doorn & Becca VandeGriend – Cross and Bible Bearers (8:40)
Dee DeKryger & Joyce Jeltema – Cross and Bible Bearers (11:00)

Dr. John Rottman is a LaGrave member and retired professor of preaching at Calvin 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 (11:00): Carson Cooman (b.1982) is an American composer with several hundreds of pieces written in many genres that have been performed on all six inhabited continents. He grew up at Rochester CRC and studied organ at age ten with LaGrave member Bruce Klanderma. Carson’s anthem sung this morning recounts the Pentecost story as recorded in Acts 2. The piece uses dissonance to portray the mighty wind and tongues of fire, and concludes with an energetic toccata.

The flowers on the chancel today are placed by **Curt and Ruth Witte** in loving memory of **Rev. Wilmer and Ruth Witte** and their daughter **Gayla**. Those who have shown us the way have made it so much easier for all of us, for which we are eternally grateful. Thanks be to God.

The May special offering is for **Safe Haven Ministries**, a shelter providing counseling, support groups, case management and legal advocacy for domestically abused women and children.

This evening, Erin Alley will lead us in worship. Her sermon is called “Almost, Not Yet, Already” from Joel 2:23-32.