

**August 11, 2024**

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 10:00 AM**

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

***God Calls Us to Worship***

The Prelude:

“How Sweet the Name of Jesus Sounds” Raymond Haan, Paul Bouman  
“Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing” Paul Manz  
“Prayer, from Suite Gothique” Leon Boëllmann

The Chiming of the Hour

The Introit:

“O Give the Lord Wholehearted Praise”  
*O give the Lord whole-hearted praise. To him thanksgiving I will bring; with all his people I will raise my voice and of his glory sing.*  
  
*His saints delight to search and trace his mighty works and wondrous ways. Majestic glory, boundless grace, and righteousness his work displays.*

\*The Processional Hymn: Lift Up Your Hearts 604  
“To God Be the Glory”

\*The Greeting

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

The Welcome

***We Humbly Approach God***

The Call to Confession: Isaiah 55:6-7

*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.**

LUYH 613:1

The Prayer of Confession

Lord, we confess that too often we have gone our own way rather than following your will. For the times when our words have not met your expectations...

**We seek your grace.**

For the times when our actions have not been in accordance with your ways...

**We seek your mercy.**

For the times when our thoughts have not been pleasing to you...

**We seek your forgiveness.**

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

The Assurance of Pardon: based on Isaiah 55:7

\*The Hymn of Commitment: ***Worship & Rejoice 459:1,3***  
“Come, All Christians, Be Committed”

***We Respond with Thanksgiving***

The Pastoral Prayer

*The prayer will include this response from Psalm 145:8.*

You, Lord, are gracious and compassionate,  
**slow to anger and rich in love.**

The Anthem:

“O God, We Kneel Before Your Throne” Roy Hopp  
*O God, we kneel before your throne to honor you whose name is known to all your family by your love on earth below and heaven above: how wide, how long, how high, how deep is the love of Christ!*

*O Christ, we bow in faith to pray: come live within our hearts today and fill us till we overflow with love surpassing all we know. How wide, how long, how high, how deep is the love of Christ!*

*O Spirit, grace us with power so that our weakened faith may flower; come breathe your harmony that we with your saints may see how wide, how long, how high, how deep is the love of Christ!*

*Now to the One who can do more than we could dream of asking for, eternal glory to our King as generations sing: How wide, how long, how high, how deep is the love of Christ!*

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The Offertory:

“Love Divine, All Loves Excelling”

Lani Smith, Jeffrey Honoré

The Offering

\*The Doxology

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

The Children's Message

***God Speaks to Us***

The Scripture: Ephesians 3:14-21 (p. 1817)

The Sermon: **“THE MYSTERY OF THE GOSPEL”**

The Prayer for a Blessing on the Word

***We Respond with Praise***

\*The Closing Hymn: Lift Up Your Hearts 796  
“Oh, the Deep, Deep Love of Jesus”

\*The Benediction

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

\*The Organ Amen

\*The Silent Prayer and Carillon Bells

\*The Postlude:

“Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee”

Paul Manz

Rev. John Opgenorth – guest minister  
Chad Boorsma – liturgist  
Nancy Ryskamp – organist  
Renee Vande Wege – vocalist  
Becca & Ellie VandeGriend – Cross and Bible Bearers

**Ordinary Time**, the longest liturgical season, is a time of spiritual growth. The banners are hung in the diptych form but instead of being attached together they are side by side yet separated. Both the banners and paraments reflect concepts from Isaiah 12:2-3. We come to know the Lord more deeply as our strength and our salvation. With joy we grow spiritually by being rooted in God's word.

**Flowers on the chancel today:** Orchids can symbolize the ability to appreciate the beauty of life. The orchids on the chancel today remember the beauty of the life of Billy Liszewski. Billy died at the age of 17 in 2002. He is the precious brother of Annie and Tony Tang, uncle of Aiden, Owen, and Ethan Tang, cousin of Aaron Elzinga, and nephew of Jim and Jane Elzinga.

**The August special offering** is for **Home Repair Services**. Home Repair Services provides lower income families housing support, home repairs, financial counseling and home maintenance education and classes.

**This evening**, we welcome **Dr. Dan Kroeze** who will bring the message "Remember," based on 1 Corinthians 11:23-26, and we will celebrate the Lord's Supper together.