

September 22, 2024

We Approach God with Penitence

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:

Three Psalms of David

Psalm 25: "Lord to You My Soul is Lifted" Willem Hendrik Zwart

Psalm 6: "Lord, Chasten Not in Anger" Wim Magré

Psalm 145: "I Will Exalt My God and King" Charles Ore

The Chiming of the Hour

The Introit:

"When I Survey the Wondrous Cross" (8:40)

When I survey the wondrous cross on which the Prince of glory died, my richest gain I count but loss, and pour contempt on all my pride. Were the whole realm of nature mine, that were a present far too small; love, so amazing, so divine, demands my soul, my life, my all.

"Fantasia on Old Hundredth" (11:00)

(All People That on Earth Do Dwell)

Lloyd Larson

All people that on earth do dwell, sing to the Lord with cheerful voice.

Serve him with joy, his praises tell, come now before him and rejoice!

Psalm 100

*The Processional Hymn: Lift Up Your Hearts 575

"Praise to the Lord, the Almighty"

*The Greeting

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

The Welcome

The Call to Confession: Romans 8:5-6

The Prayer of Confession:

concluded by singing:

Create a clean heart; make my spirit steadfast; take not your presence or your Spirit from me. Save and sustain me, that my tongue may tell forth your way to sinners.

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*The Assurance of Pardon: Psalm 103:8-12

The Lord is compassionate and gracious,
slow to anger, abounding in love.

He will not always accuse,

nor will he harbor his anger forever;

he does not treat us as our sins deserve

or repay us according to our iniquities.

For as high as the heavens are above the earth,

so great is his love for those who fear him;

as far as the east is from the west,

so far has he removed our transgressions from us.

*The Hymn of Commitment: Lift Up Your Hearts 696

"Marvelous Grace"

We Respond with Thanksgiving

The Children's Message

The Pastoral Prayer

Prayer will include the response below, based on Psalm 25:1.

To you, O Lord we lift up our soul.

In you, O God, we place our trust.

The Anthem:

"How Much I Owe" (8:40)

John Hudson

When this passing world is done, when has sunk yon glaring sun, when I stand with Christ on high, looking o'er life's history: Then, Lord, shall I fully know not till then how much I owe.

Chosen not for good in me; wakened up from wrath to flee; hidden in the Savior's side; by the Spirit sanctified: Teach me, Lord, on earth to show, by thy love, how much I owe.

Oft the nights of sorrow reign weeping, sickness, sighing, pain; but, when fear is at the height, Jesus comes, and all is light; Blessed Jesus! Bid me show doubting saints how much I owe.

When I stand before the throne, dressed in beauty not my own; when I see thee as thou art, love thee with un-sinning heart. Then, Lord, shall I fully know not till then how much I owe.

"The Lord Is My Shepherd" (11:00)

Cathy Moklebust

The Lord is my shepherd; I shall not want. He maketh me to lie down in pastures green, he leadeth me beside still waters, he restoreth my soul. He leadeth me in in the paths of righteousness for his name's sake. Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil, for thou art with me; thy rod and thy staff, they comfort me. Thou preparest a table in the presence of mine enemies. Thou anointest my head with oil; my cup runneth over. Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life, and I will dwell in the house of the Lord forever.

Psalm 23

The Offertory:

"Teach Me, O Lord, Your Way of Truth"

Raymond H. Haan

In your commandments make me walk, for in your law my joy shall be.

Give me a heart that loves your will, from discontent and envy free.

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.

God Speaks to Us

The Prayer for Illumination

The Scripture: 1 Samuel 18:1-16 (p. 445)

The Sermon: **"SAUL, DAVID AND THE ACID OF ENVY"**

The Prayer for a Blessing on the Word

We Respond with Praise

*The Closing Hymn: Lift Up Your Hearts 746

"Holy Spirit, Living Breath of God"

*The Benediction

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

*The Choral Amen (8:40)

*The Organ Amen (11:00)

*The Silent Prayer and Carillon Bells

*The Postlude:

“March”

Louis Lefébure-Wély

Rev. Peter Jonker – minister

Chad Boorsma – liturgist

Dr. Larry Visser – organist, pianist

Chancel Choir, Dr. Rob Hobgood – director (8:40)

Bells Jubilate, Dr. Rob Hobgood – director (11:00)

Rachel Rynbrandt & Merv Kamper – Cross and Bible Bearers (8:40)

Marlene Padding & Carmen Day – Cross and Bible Bearers (11:00)

This evening, Reverend Jonker will lead us in worship and will preach on John 21:15-19.

Ordinary Time, the liturgical season of spiritual growth, continues until Advent. Notice the liturgical colors for Ordinary Time, blue and green, are now lighter and changing in color. Along with the addition of texture, they symbolize elements of growth and the passage of time. As we continue through this time, reflect on these concepts from 2 Peter 3: 17-18. We are encouraged to continue our growth in the knowledge of our Lord, Jesus Christ and experience his grace. As we do, we will be prepared to face life’s challenges and remain firm in our faith.

Music at LaGrave (11:00)

Although there are several hymn tunes set to paraphrases of David’s Psalm 23 (Lift Up Your Hearts #368, 369, 456, 732, 824), handbell composer Cathy Møklebust created her own original tune to *The Lord Is My Shepherd*. The contemplative piece is divided into sections which correlate to the various verses of the Psalm. The handbells play a gentle rocking pattern in eighth notes in much of the piece. The final verse of the Psalm (I will dwell in the house of the Lord forever) is captured in a soft and peaceful ending resting on a G major chord, and slowly fades into silence.

The flowers on the chancel today are dedicated to anyone who saw something this morning and thought “that is beautiful”. Beauty matters. See if you can let something wondrous speak to you of God’s tenderness and power by sunset tonight. **Dan and Ann Van Eerden**

The September special offering is for the **Pregnancy Resource Center**. Services include abstinence education, testing, prayer, consultation, information about pregnancy/birth control/adoption, and the distribution of food/formula/diapers/baby clothes.