

September 22, 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:

Partita on “I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light” John Behnke

The Chiming of the Hour

The Call to Worship

*The Opening Hymn: Lift Up Your Hearts 389
“Joyous Light of Heavenly Glory”

*The Greeting

*The People’s Response: **Amen.**

The Welcome

The Reading: Psalm 139:1-18

The Hymn: Lift Up Your Hearts 661
“Just a Closer Walk with Thee”

*The Confession of Faith:

Can those be saved who do not turn to God from their ungrateful and unrepentant ways?

By no means. Scripture tells us that no unchaste person, no idolater, adulterer, thief, no covetous person, no drunkard, slanderer, robber, or the like, will inherit the kingdom of God.

What is involved in genuine repentance or conversion?

Two things: the dying-away of the old self, and the rising-to-life of the new.

What is the dying-away of the old self?

To be genuinely sorry for sin and more and more to hate and run away from it.

What is the rising-to-life of the new self?

Wholehearted joy in God through Christ and a love and delight to live according to the will of God by doing every kind of good work.

Heidelberg Catechism Question & Answer 87-90

*The Hymn of Response: Worship & Rejoice 457
“Lord, I Want to Be a Christian”

The Pastoral Prayer

concluded by singing:

O Lord, hear my prayer, O Lord, hear my prayer; when I call answer me. O Lord, hear my prayer, O Lord, hear my prayer; come and listen to me.

The Lord is my song, the Lord is my praise. All my hope comes from God. The Lord is my song, the Lord is my praise. God, the wellspring of life.

LUYH 903 “O Lord, Hear My Prayer”
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The Scripture: John 21:15-19 (p. 1687)

The Sermon: **“DO YOU LOVE ME?”**

The Prayer for a Blessing on the Word

*The Hymn: Lift Up Your Hearts 366
“My Jesus, I Love Thee”

*The Benediction

*The People’s Response: **Amen.**

*The Organ Amen

*The Silent Prayer and Carillon Bells

*The Postlude:

“Praise, My Soul, the King of Heaven”

Michael Burkhardt

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

Rev. Peter Jonker – minister
Sara Good – organist

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.

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, the distribution of food/formula/diapers/baby clothes.

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