

**October 6, 2024**

*Worldwide Communion 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:

"Soul, Adorn Yourself with Gladness" J.S. Bach, Johannes Brahms  
How we long with all our spirit for the love we do not merit. From our weary sighs, Lord, free us, with this heavenly food now feed us. May we, when by life discouraged, by this cup of life be nourished, thankful that our Friend invites us and with God himself unites us.

The Chiming of the Hour

The Introit:

"All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name" (8:40)  
Refrain: *As the bread of life is broken, the cup of love outpoured, we are one in Christ, our Savior, and sent to serve the Lord.*

*We, the many who are gathered, are united now as one. In this joyful celebration, we recall what God has done.* (Refrain)

*In the bread of life here given, we become what we receive. in the cup of love here offered, we affirm what we believe.* (Refrain)

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"We Come as Guests Invited" (11:00)

*We come as guests invited when Jesus bids us dine, his friends on earth united to share the bread and wine; the bread of life is broken, the wine is freely poured for us, in solemn token of Christ our dying Lord.*

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\*The Processional Hymn: Lift Up Your Hearts 831:1,3,4

"Alleluia! Sing to Jesus"

\*The Greeting

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

The Welcome

### *We Humbly Approach God*

The Call to Confession: Luke 9:51-54

The Prayer of Confession:

*paraphrasing selected Proverbs:*

Lord, you call us to wisdom and patience—  
**saying it is our glory to overlook an offense.**

You call us to patient understanding—  
**reminding us quick tempers show foolishness.**

You say it's better to be patient than to be a warrior,  
and that self-control is better than conquering a city.

**Forgive us when we react in anger.**

**Teach our harassed and hurried souls to wait.**

For you are patient with us, and your steadfast love endures forever.

*concluded by singing:*

**In me, a sinner, you seek truth long hidden;  
grant me your wisdom, teach my heart your secrets.**

**From my sins purge me, purify and heal me  
with joy and gladness**

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The Assurance of Pardon: 2 Peter 3:8-9

\*The Hymn of Commitment: Lift Up Your Hearts 737:1,3,4

"Have Thine Own Way, Lord"  
*stanza 3 a cappella*

### *We Respond with Thanksgiving*

The Children's Blessing

The Pastoral Prayer

The Anthem:

"In This Moment of Remembrance" (8:40) Dale Wood  
*In this moment of remembrance, the sacrament is spread; here we celebrate Christ's presence through the wine and broken bread. At this table of communion, in the light shed from above, we are sheltered in his mercy and surrounded by his love.*

*There is healing and forgiveness, there is strength as we partake; here we know the Savior's promise that he never will forsake. "Take and do this in remembrance," are the words our Savior said; and we join now in his presence through the wine and broken bread. "Take and do this in remembrance, in remembrance of me."*

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"Let Us Break Bread Together" (11:00)

John Helgen

*Kyrie eleison. Christe eleison.*

*O Lord, have mercy on me. Let us break bread together on our knees. When I fall on my knees, with my face to the rising sun, O Lord, have mercy on me. Let us drink wine together on our knees. Let us praise God together on our knees. Kyrie eleison.*

### *God Speaks to Us*

The Prayer for Illumination

The Scripture: 1 Samuel 25 (p. 456)

The Sermon: "THE FOOL AND THE FURIOUS"

The Prayer for a Blessing on the Word

\*The Hymn: Lift Up Your Hearts 168:1,2  
"O Sacred Head, Now Wounded"

### *The Sacrament of Holy Communion*

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 you created heaven and earth, made us in your image, and you were patient with us—even when we fell into sin.

**We give you thanks for Jesus Christ, our Lord, who by his life, death, and resurrection opened to us the way of everlasting life.**

We praise you for sending your Spirit, who renews our hearts, equips us for service, and shows us your will for our lives.

**We thank you for the church, a community of imperfect saints, redeemed by your Son and sanctified by your Spirit.**

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

**Worthy is the Lamb, who was slain, to receive power and wealth and wisdom and strength and honor and glory and praise!**

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)

*During the passing of the bread, we sing*

Lift Up Your Hearts 833: “There Is a Redeemer”

The Words of Institution for the Wine

(followed by the distribution of the wine)

*During the passing of the wine, please meditate*

*as the organist plays.*

*(The thank-offerings for the General Fund & the Benevolence*

*Fund will be received during the closing hymn.)*

\*The Closing Hymn: Lift Up Your Hearts 568:1,3,4

“I Will Sing of My Redeemer”

*congregation remains seated during offering,*

*and rises on final stanza*

\*The Benediction

\*The People’s Response: **Amen.**

\*The Organ Amen (8:40)

\*The Choral Amen (11:00)

\*The Silent Prayer and Carillon Bells

\*The Postlude:

“Trumpet Tune on *Praise the Lord, Sing Hallelujah*”

Larry Visser

Rev. Peter Jonker – minister

Rev. Kristy Manion – liturgist

Dr. Larry Visser – organist, pianist

Alex Roberts – vocalist (8:40)

Chancel Choir, Dr. Rob Hobgood – director (11:00)

Amber Schaap & Audrey Schaap – Cross and Bible Bearers (8:40)

Olivia Alcumbrack & Celine Alcumbrack – Cross and Bible Bearers (11:00)

**Ordinary Time**, the liturgical season of spiritual growth continues until Advent. The liturgical colors for Ordinary Time, blue and green, are now lighter and changing in color. With the addition of texture, they symbolize elements of growth and the passage of time. Reflect on these concepts from 2 Peter 3: 17-18.

**Music at LaGrave (11:00):** *Let Us Break Bread Together* stems from the African-American slave period. The text describes the humble act of partaking of the bread and wine, but also praising God on our knees. The text ends with the words of the *Kyrie eleison*: O Lord, have mercy on me. John Helgen, in his choral arrangement of this spiritual, adds the actual Greek words of the *Kyrie*: *Kyrie eleison, Christe eleison, Kyrie eleison* (Lord, have mercy, Christ, have mercy, Lord, have mercy).

**The flowers in the chancel today** are given in loving memory of **Dr. and Mrs. Lee S. Huizenga**. Dr. Huizenga was commissioned at LaGrave on 10/10/1920 and faithfully supported by LaGrave for 25 years, until his death in a Japanese concentration camp in Shanghai. He was the CRC’s first medical missionary to China. Thanks be to God! *The Huizenga family*

**The October special offering** is for **As You Are (AYA)**. AYA is a downtown youth collective with focus on ages 14-24 experiencing housing crisis/homelessness, counseling and basic support resources. AYA owns 9 homes providing affordable transition shelter and assists 400+ annually.

**This evening**, Reverend Jonker will preach on Luke 16:1-19.