

**January 26, 2025**

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:

“Aria on a Chaconne”

Joel Martinson

“Where Cross the Crowded Ways of Life”

Alice Jordan

Where cross the crowded ways of life, where sound the cries of race and clan, above the noise of selfish strife we hear your voice, O Son of Man!

The Chiming of the Hour

The Call to Worship

\*The Opening Hymn: Lift Up Your Hearts 558

“O Praise God’s Name Together”

\*The Greeting

\*The People’s Response: **Amen.**

The Welcome

The Reading: Joel 3:9-13, Isaiah 2:2-5

The Hymn: Lift Up Your Hearts 773

“O Lord, You Are My Light”

\*The Confession: The Apostles’ Creed

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,  
creator of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord,  
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit  
and born of the virgin Mary.  
He suffered under Pontius Pilate,**

**was crucified, died, and was buried;**

**he descended to hell.**

**The third day he rose again from the dead.**

**He ascended to heaven,**

**and is seated at the right hand of God the**

**Father almighty.**

**From there he will come to judge the living and**

**the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,**

**the holy catholic church,**

**the communion of saints,**

**the forgiveness of sins,**

**the resurrection of the body,**

**and the life everlasting. Amen.**

\*The Hymn: Lift Up Your Hearts 224

“Rejoice, the Lord Is King”

The Pastoral Prayer

*The prayer will be in three sections, each section ending with:*

Minister: Lord in your mercy, listen to your children.

People sing:

**Lord, listen to your children praying, Lord, send your Spirit  
in this place; Lord, listen to your children praying, send us  
love, send us power, send us grace.**

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The Scripture: Matthew 26:47-54 (p.1548)

The Sermon: **“WAR AND PEACE”**

The Prayer for Blessing on the Word

\*The Hymn: Lift Up Your Hearts 282

“O God of Every Nation”

\*The Benediction

\*The People’s Response: **Amen.**

\*The Organ Amen

\*The Silent Prayer and Carillon Bells

\*The Postlude

“Lead On, O King Eternal”

David Cherwien

Lead on, O King eternal, till sin’s fierce war shall cease,  
and holiness shall whisper the sweet amen of peace.

For not with swords loud clashing or roll of stirring drums—  
with deeds of love and mercy the heavenly kingdom comes.

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

Rev. Peter Jonker – minister

Dr. Larry Visser – organist

**Epiphany is the liturgical season from Christmastide to Lent.** During this time we focus on Jesus Christ, the Savior, who is the manifestation of God’s light in our dark and sin-filled world. As we grow in knowledge of God’s redemptive acts through Jesus Christ, we are called to respond by bringing the light of the gospel to our neighbors and the world. These concepts are reflected in the symbol of the Trinity and the gold and white colors used in the banners and paraments.

**The flowers on the chancel** today are given in recognition of the ongoing work of our dedicated staff in continuing to promote God’s kingdom through LaGrave CRC.

**The January special offering** is for **Inner City Christian Federation (ICCF)** which provides housing opportunities, home ownership counseling, home repairs and maintenance for families who otherwise cannot afford a home.

Livestreaming worship is available at [lagrave.org/live](http://lagrave.org/live)

