

**February 2, 2025**

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:

“Fantasy on Luther’s Hymn *A Mighty Fortress Is Our God*”  
Jan Zwart

The Chiming of the Hour

The Introit:

“Give Praise to God” (8:40) Timothy Shaw  
Refrain: *Give praise to God who reigns above: Hallelujah, hallelu! For all he’s done to show us love: Hallelujah, hallelu!*

*Praise him with trumpet sound, praise with lute and harp; praise him with tambourine, praise him all the day long.* (Refrain)

*Praise him with song and dance, praise with strings and pipe; praise him with crashing drums, praise him all the day long.* (Refrain)

based on Psalm 150  
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“Jesus Christ Is with Us” (11:00)

*Jesus Christ is with us; he is here. Hallelujah, he is here.*  
Congolesse Folk Hymn  
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\*The Processional Hymn: Lift Up Your Hearts 776

“A Mighty Fortress Is Our God”

\*The Greeting

\*The People’s Response: **Amen.**

The Welcome

***We Humbly Approach God***

The Call to Confession: Ephesians 6:10-18

The Prayer of Confession:

Lord, you taught us to pray: “Deliver us from evil.”

And today we name our dependence –

**our total inability to hold our own against evil without your strength.**

**Our sworn enemies – the devil, the world, and our own sinful nature – never stop attacking us.**

So we invite you, Jesus, to occupy the corners of our souls we’d rather keep hidden.

**Before your holy and loving gaze, teach us not to fear what lurks around us or in us.**

**Instead, at every turn, make us a dwelling fit for you.**

Chase the power of sin and fear away.

Declare us forgiven for Jesus’ sake.

**Strengthen us to stand against the spiritual forces of evil in this life –**

**not as those overcome by evil, but as those who overcome evil with good.**

**In Christ’s name, amen.**

The Assurance of Forgiveness: Hebrews 12:1-3

\*The Hymn: Lift Up Your Hearts 870

“Ahead of Us, a Race to Run”

***We Respond with Thanksgiving***

The Children’s Message

The Pastoral Prayer

The Anthem:

“If God Is For Us” (8:40) Jim Ailor  
*If God is for us, who can be against us? We are the chosen of God. With us is the Lord our God to help us and to fight our battles. We will trust in the name of the Lord our God, for we are the chosen of God. We are the chosen of God.*  
Romans 8:31;2 Chronicles 32:8; Psalm 20:7

“Rejoice, the Lord Is King” (11:00) Malcolm Archer  
*Rejoice, the Lord is King, your Lord and King adore; mortals, give thanks and sing, and triumph evermore.*

Refrain:

*Lift up your heart, lift up your voice, rejoice, again, I say, rejoice.*

*Jesus the Savior reigns, the God of truth and love; when he had purged our stains, he took his seat above.* (Refrain)

*His kingdom cannot fail; he rules o’er earth and heaven; the keys of death and hell are to our Jesus given.* (Refrain)

*He sits at God’s right hand till all his foes submit, and bow to his command and fall beneath his feet.* (Refrain)

*Rejoice, the Lord is King, your Lord and King adore; mortals, give thanks and sing, and triumph evermore.* (Refrain)

The Offertory:

“Songs of Thankfulness and Praise” G. Winston Cassler, David Cherwien  
...manifest in making whole weakened body, fainting soul;  
manifest in valiant fight, quelling all the devil’s might.

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 Scripture: Luke 10:1-3, 17-20 (p.1613)

The Sermon: **“THE IMAGE OF THE INVISIBLE GOD:  
WARRIOR”**

The Prayer for Blessing on the Word

***We Go in His Peace***

\*The Hymn of Response: Lift Up Your Hearts 191:1,2,4  
“Praise the Savior, Now and Ever”

\*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:

“Fiat Lux” (Let There Be Light)

Théodore Dubois

Rev. Peter Jonker – minister

Rev. Kristy Manion – liturgist

Dr. Larry Visser – organist

3-6 Grade Choir, Dr. Rob Hobgood – director (8:40)

Jess Hollenbach – pianist (8:40)

4-year-old-2<sup>nd</sup> Grade Choir, Jess Hollenbach – director (11:00)

Kathryn Becksvoort – pianist (11:00)

Dave Becksvoort – djembe (11:00)

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

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

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

**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.

**Music at LaGrave (8:40):** The words of several Scripture passages come from our children’s lips this morning as they sing a text of praise based on Psalm 150 for their introit. That praise is musically depicted through a lilting 6/8 meter and an ascending opening line. *If God Is for Us*, the anthem, combines texts from Romans 8:31, 2 Chronicles 32:7-8, and Psalm 20:7, texts which remind us that God is with us in hard times, fights for us, and is the One in whom we put all our trust.

**The flowers on the chancel** today are given in loving memory of **Donald C. Jansma**, beloved grandfather and great grandfather to **Brad, Allison, Vivian, and Rory Mulder**.

**The February special offering** is for **Wedgwood Christian Services**, which provides social services and treatment to meet the needs of hurting children, youth and families in the community who are struggling with a wide range of issues.

**This evening**, Pastor Jonker will preach on Matthew 23:1-12.