

**February 2, 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:

“Psalm 122: *With Joy I Heard My Friends Exclaim*”

Kenneth T. Kosche

“Trio and Chorale on *Genevan Psalm 84*”

Willem Hendrik Zwart

“Chorale Prelude on *How Lovely Is Your Dwelling*”

Gordon Young

The Chiming of the Hour

The Call to Worship

\*The Opening Hymn: Lift Up Your Hearts 507

“How Lovely Is Your Dwelling”

\*The Greeting

\*The People’s Response: **Amen.**

The Welcome

The Reading: Jeremiah 1:4-10

The Hymn: “Would I Have Answered When You Called”  
*see insert*

\*The Confession:

What is your only comfort in life and in death?

**That I am not my own, but belong—  
body and soul, in life and in death—  
to my faithful Savior, Jesus Christ.**

**He has fully paid for all my sins with his precious blood,  
and has set me free from the tyranny of the devil.**

**He also watches over me in such a way  
that not a hair can fall from my head  
without the will of my Father in heaven;  
in fact, all things must work together for my salvation.**

**Because I belong to him, Christ, by his Holy Spirit,  
assures me of eternal life and makes me wholeheartedly  
willing and ready from now on to live for him.**

Heidelberg Catechism Q&A 1

\*The Hymn: Lift Up Your Hearts 330

“Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us”

The Pastoral Prayer

*The prayer will conclude with singing:*

**Take my will and make it thine;  
it shall be no longer mine.  
Take my heart—it is thine own;  
it shall be thy royal throne,  
it shall be thy royal throne.**

**Take my love; my Lord, I pour  
at thy feet its treasure store.  
Take myself, and I will be  
ever, only, all for thee,  
ever, only, all for thee.**

LUYH 863:5-6

The Scripture: Matthew 23:1-12 (p.1540)

The Sermon: **“JESUS’ WORDS ABOUT CHURCH  
LEADERSHIP”**

The Prayer for Blessing on the Word

\*The Hymn: Lift Up Your Hearts 329:1,3

“Lead Me, Guide Me,”

\*The Benediction

\*The People’s Response: **Amen.**

\*The Organ Amen

\*The Silent Prayer and Carillon Bells

\*The Postlude

“Trumpet Tune and Finale on *He Leadeth Me*” Jon Spong

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

Rev. Peter Jonker – minister  
Norma de Waal Malefyt – 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 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.

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