

February 16, 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:

“Praise, My Soul, the King of Heaven”
“Children of the Heavenly Father”

Charles Callahan
Robert Hobby

The Chiming of the Hour

*The Call to Worship: Based on Psalm 34:1-3

Let us extol the Lord at all times;
his praise will always be on our lips.
We will glory in the Lord alone;
let the humble hear and be glad.
We will proclaim the Lord’s greatness
and exalt his name together.

*The Opening Hymn: Lift Up Your Hearts 571

“Praise, My Soul, the King of Heaven”

*The Greeting

*The People’s Response: **Amen.**

The Welcome

The Evening Psalm & Time of Prayer:

The following refrain, based on psalm 34:8, will be sung at the conclusion of each prayer.

Taste and see, taste and see the goodness of the Lord.
Oh, taste and see, taste and see the goodness of the Lord,
of the Lord.

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The Prayer for Illumination: Based on Psalm 119:89-96

Eternal God, open our eyes to your Word,
for its perfection is boundless.
Open our minds to your truth,
for it continues through all generations.
Open our hearts to your promises,
for they are eternal and stand firm forever.
May your Word, O Lord, be our delight.
Amen.

The Scripture: John 1:1-18 (p.1647)

The Sermon: **“AT HOME WITH GOD”**

The Prayer for Blessing on the Word

*The Hymn: Lift Up Your Hearts 23

“Children of the Heavenly Father”

The Celebration of the Lord’s Supper

The Prayer of Thanksgiving:

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them up to the Lord.

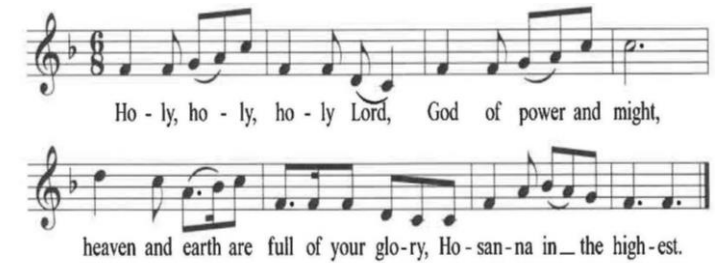
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right for us to give thanks and praise.

With joy we praise you, gracious God, for in your great love, out of nothing, you created heaven and earth and everything in them. You made us in your image, and kept covenant with us—even when we fell into sin.

We give you thanks for Jesus Christ, our Lord,
who came as the light of the world
to show us your way of truth in parables and miracles.

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



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 (spoken by the minister)

The People’s Response: **Christ has died. Christ is risen.**
Christ will come again.

The Communion

Please come forward if you are able, as directed, to participate in Communion by intinction (dipping the bread into the cup before eating). You may respond to the elder’s words with “Amen” or “Thanks be to God.” Both gluten-free and regular bread are available at each station.

The Songs During Communion

Please see insert.

*The Response of Praise:

Praise the Lord, O my soul;

all my inmost being, praise his holy name.

Praise the Lord, O my soul,

and forget not all his benefits—

who forgives all your sins

and heals all your diseases,

who redeems your life from the pit

and crowns you with love and compassion.

Worthy is the Lamb, who was slain,

To receive power and wealth and wisdom and

strength and honor and glory and praise!

*The Closing Hymn: Lift Up Your Hearts 582

“You Servants of God”

*The Benediction

*The People’s Response: **Amen.**

*The Organ Amen

*The Silent Prayer and Carillon Bells

*The Postlude

“You Servants of God”

Benjamin Culli

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

Chad Boorsma – minister
Sara Good – 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 gratitude to God, the giver of all good and perfect gifts, for the life and love of **John Leegwater** for over 62 years who went to be with his Lord on February 19, 2023.

Correction from last Sunday: The white roses on the chancel last week Sunday were given in memory of **Marvin DeWinter and Lisa Beidler.**

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.

Livestreaming worship is available at lagrave.org/live