

February 23, 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:

“In Paradisum”

Gerald Near

“Give Me Jesus”

Richard Billingham

Oh, when I come to die, give me Jesus.

“His Eye Is on the Sparrow”

Charles Callahan

“Let not your hearts be troubled,” his tender word I hear,
and resting on his goodness, I lose my doubts and fears.

The Chiming of the Hour

*The Call to Worship

*The Opening Hymn: Lift Up Your Hearts 193:1,2,3,5,7

“I Know that My Redeemer Lives”

*The Greeting

*The People’s Response: **Amen.**

The Welcome

The Reading: Psalm 30

The Hymn: Lift Up Your Hearts 668:1,3,4,5

“I Worship You, O Lord”

*The Confession:

How does “the resurrection of the body” comfort you?

**Not only will my soul be taken immediately after this life to Christ its head,
but also my very flesh will be raised by the power of Christ,
reunited with my soul, and made like Christ’s glorious body.**

How does the article concerning “life everlasting” comfort you?

**Even as I already now experience in my heart the beginning of eternal joy,
so after this life I will have perfect blessedness such as no eye has seen, no ear has heard,
no human heart has ever imagined:
a blessedness in which to praise God forever.**

Heidelberg Catechism paragraphs 57 & 58

*The Hymn: Lift Up Your Hearts 187

“Thine Is the Glory”

The Pastoral Prayer

The prayer will be in three parts.

Each part will begin and end with the singing of

Lift Up Your Hearts 444

“Nothing Can Trouble”

The Scripture: John 14:1-7 (p.1675)

The Sermon: **“DO NOT LET YOUR HEARTS BE TROUBLED”**

The Prayer for Blessing on the Word

*The Closing Hymn: Lift Up Your Hearts 441

“His Eye Is on the Sparrow”

Optional refrain sung after stanza 3 only

*The Benediction

*The People’s Response: **Amen.**

*The Organ Amen

*The Silent Prayer and Carillon Bells

*The Postlude

“Processional on a Theme of Handel (Thine Is the Glory)”

David Lasky

*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 loving memory of **Terry Hoeksema**, who passed away one year ago on February 14. Loved by his wife **Joyce**, **children**, **grandchildren** and many friends.

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

