

February 9, 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:

“For All the Saints”

Raymond H. Haan

“We Gather Together”

Wilbur Held

“I Love to Tell the Story”

Gordon Young

The Chiming of the Hour

The Call to Worship

*The Opening Hymn: Lift Up Your Hearts 560

“We Praise You, O God”

*The Greeting

*The People’s Response: **Amen.**

The Welcome

The Reading: 1 Corinthians 1:26-31, Ephesians 2:19-22

The Hymn: Lift Up Your Hearts 247

“I Love Your Church, O Lord”

*The Confession:

The church is the fellowship of those who confess

Jesus as Lord.

She is the bride of Christ, his chosen partner,

loved by Jesus and loving him:

**delighting in his presence, seeking him in prayer—
silent before the mystery of his love.**

Our new life in Christ is celebrated and nourished

in the fellowship of congregations,

where we praise God’s name, hear the Word proclaimed,

learn God’s ways, confess our sins,

offer our prayers and gifts, and celebrate the sacraments.

The church is a gathering of forgiven sinners called to be holy.

Saved by the patient grace of God,

we deal patiently with others

and together confess our need for grace and forgiveness.

Restored in Christ’s presence, shaped by his life,

this new community lives out

the ongoing story of God’s reconciling love,

announces the new creation, and works for a world of

justice and peace.

Our World Belongs to God Paragraphs 35, 36 & 39

*The Hymn: Lift Up Your Hearts 262

“I Love to Tell the Story”

The Pastoral Prayer

The prayer will conclude with singing:

Lord, my petition heed, now help me in my need, or else I

die. I am your servant, Lord; my trust is in your Word.

Mercy to me accord; to you I cry.

Lord, hear me when I pray; in every troubled day I seek

your face. O Lord, you far outshine the gods of our design;

most bright your glories shine, O God of grace.

Lead me to do your will, in me your truth instill, teach me

your word. I will give thanks to you, your praise I will

pursue; all glory be to you, O Lord my God. LUYH 889:1,3,5

The Scripture: Romans 16:1-16, 21-23 (p.1767)

The Sermon: **“PAUL’S SLIDESHOW”**

The Prayer for Blessing on the Word

*The Hymn: Lift Up Your Hearts 254

“For All the Saints”

*The Benediction

*The People’s Response: **Amen.**

*The Organ Amen

*The Silent Prayer and Carillon Bells

*The Postlude

“For All the Saints”

David Cherwien

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

Rev. Peter Jonker – minister

Dr. Rob Hobgood – 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 by **Norm and Terri Boerema**, in loving memory of son **Jack** and parents **John and Betty Boerema**. May these flowers be a reminder to give our sons, daughters and grandchildren a hug.

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

