

March 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:

“The Church’s One Foundation”

Charles Callahan, Kevin Hildebrand,
John Behnke

The Chiming of the Hour

*The Call to Worship

*The Opening Hymn: Lift Up Your Hearts 249:1,3-5

“Great Is the Lord Our God”

*The Greeting

*The People’s Response: **Amen.**

The Welcome

The Reading: Hosea 11:1-11

The Hymn: Lift Up Your Hearts 440

“He Leadeth Me”

*The Confession: Heidelberg Catechism Q&A 122-123

What does the first petition mean?

“Hallowed be your name” means: Help us to truly know you, to honor, glorify, and praise you for all your works and for all that shines forth from them: your almighty power, wisdom, kindness,

justice, mercy, and truth.

And it means, Help us to direct all our living—

what we think, say, and do—

so that your name will never be blasphemed because of us

but always honored and praised.

What does the second petition mean?

“Your kingdom come” means:

Rule us by your Word and Spirit in such a way

that more and more we submit to you.

Preserve your church and make it grow.

Destroy the devil’s work; destroy every force which revolts against you

and every conspiracy against your holy Word.

Do this until your kingdom fully comes,

when you will be all in all.

*The Hymn: Lift Up Your Hearts 219:1,3-5

“Jesus Shall Reign”

The Pastoral Prayer

Prayer will conclude by singing:

“Speak, O Lord”

Speak, O Lord, and renew our minds; help us grasp the heights of your plans for us. Truths unchanged from the dawn of time that will echo down through eternity. And by grace we’ll stand on your promises, and by faith we’ll walk as you walk with us. Speak, O Lord, till your church is built, and the earth is filled with your glory.

LUYH 755:3

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The Scripture: Romans 9:1-8, 11:11-32, Ephesians 2:14-19
(pages 1756 & 1816)

The Sermon: **“WHO IS ISRAEL?”**

The Prayer for Blessing on the Word

*The Closing Hymn: Lift Up Your Hearts 251:1-4

“The Church’s One Foundation”

*The Benediction

*The People’s Response: **Amen.**

*The Organ Amen

*The Silent Prayer and Carillon Bells

*The Postlude

“Christ Is Made the Sure Foundation”

Robby Hobby

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

Rev. Peter Jonker – minister
Sara Good – organist

Lent is the liturgical season beginning with Ash Wednesday to Easter Sunday. The ash-permeated sackcloth reminds us of our human mortality and our need for repentance and reconciliation with God. The ash sackcloth against the royal purple cloth symbolizes the suffering and sorrow that Jesus the King bore for the sin in our broken world and our own lives.

The flowers on the chancel today are in memory of **Gerald Steele**, remembered with love by **The Steele and Doezema Family**.

The March special offering is for **God’s Kitchen**. God’s Kitchen is part of Catholic Charities under the Diocese of Grand Rapids. They served over 175,000 meals to people downtown Grand Rapids last year.

Livestreaming worship is available at lagrave.org/live

