



# Easter Morning Worship

April 20, 2025 | 8:40 and 11:00 a.m.



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# Order of Worship

Morning Worship | 8:40 & 11:00 AM

Please prepare your hearts and minds for worship with a  
time of prayer and meditation

Welcome to worship at LaGrave Avenue Christian Reformed Church.

Please follow this order of worship carefully as worship proceeds without announcement. There are **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 you are here.

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## God Calls Us to Worship

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### The Prelude:

"Fanfare and Flourishes"

James Curnow

"I Am the Resurrection and the Life"

Heinrich Schütz, arr. S. Drummond Wolff

"O Sons and Daughters, Let Us Sing"

arr. David Giardiniere

### The Chiming of the Hour

### The Christ Candle Returns

*To symbolize the death of Jesus, the Christ candle was removed from the sanctuary during our Maundy Thursday service. On Good Friday and Holy Saturday, to symbolize Christ's time in the grave, the candle remained absent from the front of the church. This morning, to celebrate Jesus' resurrection, the candle is restored. "The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it!" John 1:5*

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## We Respond with Praise

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### \*The Opening Hymn Concertato: Lift Up Your Hearts 182: 1-4

"Christ the Lord Is Risen Today"

arr. Robert Lehman

*Please rise when the brass introduction begins*

Brass Introduction

Verse 1: All in harmony

Verse 2: All in harmony

Verse 3: All in unison

Brass Interlude

Verse 4: All in harmony

\*Latecomers will be seated during the singing of the hymn.

\*The Greeting—concluded with:

Christ is risen!

**Christ is risen indeed! Alleluia!**

The Welcome

### Easter Story

The Reading: Matthew 28: 1-10

The Anthem:

"That Easter Day with Joy Was Bright"

arr. David Cherwien

*That Easter day with joy was bright, the sun shown out the fairer light,  
when, to their longing eyes restored, the glad apostles saw their Lord.*

*His risen flesh with radiance glowed; his wounded hands and feet he  
showed; those scars their solemn witness gave that Christ was risen from  
the grave.*

*O Jesus strong in gentleness, come now yourself our hearts possess, that  
we may give you all our days, the tribute of our grateful praise.*

*Come, risen Christ, with us abide in this our joyful Eastertide; your own  
redeemed forever shield from every weapon death can wield.*

*All praise to you, O risen Lord, now both by heaven and earth adored; to  
God the Father equal praise; and God the Spirit now we raise. Amen!*

### Easter Doubt

The Reading: John 20: 24-29

\*The Response: Lift Up Your Hearts 187

"Thine Is the Glory"

arr. Richard Webster

*Please rise with the Chancel Choir*

Brass Introduction

Verse 1: All in unison

Verse 2: All in harmony

Verse 3: All in unison

### Easter Life

The Reading: Ephesians 1: 18-21

\*The Response: Lift Up Your Hearts 365

"I Serve a Risen Savior"

The Children's Message

The Pastoral Prayer

The Anthem:

"Resurrection Hymn" (See, What a Morning)

Keith Getty & Stuart Townend, arr. Steven Strite

*Alleluia! See what a morning gloriously bright, with the dawning of hope in Jerusalem. Folded the grave clothes, tomb filled with light, as the angels announce, "Christ is risen!" See God's salvation plan, wrought in love, borne in pain, paid in sacrifice, fulfilled in Christ, the Man, for he lives: Christ is risen from the dead! Alleluia!*

*See Mary weeping, "Where is he laid?" As in sorrow she turns from the empty tomb; hears a voice speaking, calling her name; it's the Master, the Lord, raised to life again. The voice that spans the years, speaking life, stirring hope, bringing peace to us, will sound 'til he appears, for he lives, Christ is risen from the dead! Alleluia!*

*One with the Father, Ancient of Days, through the Spirit who clothes faith with certainty, honor and blessing, glory and praise to the King crowned with power and authority. And we are raised with him, death is dead, love has won, Christ has conquered. And we shall reign with him, for he lives, Christ is risen from the dead! Alleluia!*

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The Offering

The Offertory:

"Dance Prelude on *Thine Is the Glory*"

Kenneth J. Grinnell, Jr.

\*The Doxology

**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;  
Praise him, all creatures here below;  
Praise him, above ye heavenly host;  
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.**

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## God Speaks to Us

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The Scripture: Revelation 2: 8-11

The Sermon: **"Jesus' Easter Sermon"**

## The Prayer for a Blessing on the Word

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### We Respond with Joy

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#### \*The Hymn of Response: Lift Up Your Hearts 193: 1,2,3,5,7

"I Know That My Redeemer Lives"

verse 7 arr. Larry Visser

Verse 1: All in harmony

Verse 2: All men and boys

Verse 3: All women and girls

Verse 5: All a *cappella*

Verse 7: All in unison

#### \*The Benediction

#### \*The People's Response: **Amen.**

#### \*The Choral Response

"Christ Is Risen"

Paul Sjolund

*Christ is risen, now is Christ risen from the dead. Alleluia.*

#### \*The Silent Prayer and Carillon Bells

#### \*The Postlude:

"Toccata, from *Symphony No. 5*"

Charles Marie Widor

Rev. Peter Jonker..... minister

Rev. Stan Kruis ..... liturgist

Dr. Larry Visser .....organist, pianist

Greg Alley, Aaron Good.....trumpeters

Leah Bouwman.....French hornist

Pete Tigchelaar..... trombonist

Mark Lago ..... tubist

Perrin Rynders..... timpanist & percussionist

Chancel Choir, Dr. Rob Hobgood ..... director

Joel Bouwman..... Christ Candle bearer

Dan & Linda Slotsema.....Cross and Bible Bearers (8:40)

Dee DeKryger & Joyce Jeltema..... Cross and Bible Bearers (11:00)

Cover Photo..... Chapel window, second bay, second lancet,

"Consider the lilies" (Luke 12: 27)

**The liturgical season of Easter** is the fifty days from Easter to Pentecost. The white, gold, and crystals used in the paraments and banners reflect the glory of the resurrection. Jesus Christ, the King of kings, has won the victory over sin and death!

**Music at LaGrave:** Keith Getty describes his modern Easter hymn *See, What a Morning* as a “Story song that depicts moments in the life of Jesus and their significance for all humanity.” This rich text shares the story of Christ’s resurrection. Keith and co-writer Stuart Townend write, “We really wanted to convey the immediacy of the Easter morning experience, and how that morning changed history forever. The third verse is a response of praise as we realize the amazing consequence of Christ’s resurrection for our lives.” Arranger Steve Strite inserts several exclamatory “Alleluias” (using the theme from Beethoven’s *Ode to Joy*) in his lively choral arrangement which concludes in a blaze of glory.

**The April special offering is for Family Promise.** Family Promise partners with local congregations, individuals, families, foundations and corporations to provide emergency shelter and case management for families with children facing a housing crisis.

**There is no evening service.**

Livestreaming worship is available at [lagrave.org/live](http://lagrave.org/live)

**The flowers on the Chancel remind us of the new life we  
have through Jesus Christ our Lord.  
The flowers today are in loving memory of:**

Bill Andrus  
Arlene Ballard  
Dawn Ballard  
Roy & Esther Bielema  
Peter Boelens  
Joanne Boer  
Nancy Bolt  
George & Roelvina Borst  
Henry Bos  
Fred & Anne Bosma  
Lee & Nancy Buning  
Diane Busscher  
Titus Jacob Church  
Marguerite & Robert Danhof

Marilyn DeHaan  
Hank & Ruth DeJong  
Wesley DeJong Jr.  
Elyse DeJonge  
Mel DeStigter  
Ellis Deters  
Don Deters  
Henry & Betty DeVries  
Ed Diepenhorst  
John Dykhouse  
Tom & Lois Dykstra  
Bryan Dykstra  
Susan Dykstra  
Rev. J.D. & Mrs. Anne B. Eppinga

Hazel & William Fahner  
Gary Garehan  
Gordy Geldof  
Ken Gritter  
Christopher Gronsman  
Virginia Haan  
Seymour & Verna Harkema  
Joe & Ruth Heerspink  
Annemary Heerspink  
John Heerspink  
Chris & Lois Helmus  
Paul Henry  
Jim Hoekstra  
Dave & Fran Hoekzema  
Mark Hoekzema  
Dewey Hoitenga  
Sharon Holwerda  
Henry Hondorp  
George & Sena Houtman  
Dr. & Mrs. Lee S. Huizenga  
Dr. Ann Huizenga  
Rhonda D. Ingersoll  
Edwin Jansen  
Bill Johnson  
Thea Marie Jones  
Herm Keizer, Jr.  
Winnie Klop  
Ron Kooistra  
Matt Kooistra  
Claudia McCorkle Kutsche  
John Leegwater  
Jeff Looman  
Carolyn Jean Mackety  
Rev. M. Richard & Phyllis Mitchell  
Linda Nagel  
Dick Ortega  
Ed Paauwe

Marv Padding  
Dick & Lois Palsrok  
Jim Penning  
Warren & Helen Pylman  
Micheal H. Reilly  
Katherine Rensink  
Allan Rietberg  
Roland & Ellen Schroder  
Howard Slenk  
Jane Slotsema  
Bill & Jo Stehouwer  
Nancy DeVos Stehouwer  
Rev. Garrett Stoutmeyer  
Marilyn Stroo  
Tim Terry  
Luther & Stella Thorne  
Jacoba & Klas Tol  
Alice & Bernie Tol  
Natasha Meyer Turner  
Jack & Katie VanEerden  
Bill & Connie VanEerden  
John VanHekken, Sr.  
Trudy VanStee  
Eli & Florence VanSweden  
Julie & Ryan Veeneman  
William Venema  
Bill & Ginny Venema  
Philip & Joy Versluis  
Al & Eleanor Vogel  
John & Mary Vroon  
David Warsen  
Bob Wassenaar  
Harke & Edna Wieland  
William Wiersma  
Edward & Shirley Wilbur  
Henk Witte

# Today

**2 & 3s, Children's Worship & Nursery will be provided today**

**10 o'clock options (3rd – 12th grade):** Church School is done for the 2024–25 school year. From April 27 – May 18 during the 10 o'clock hour, there will be a class offered for 3rd – 5th graders and a class for 6th – 8th graders. 9th – 12th graders are invited to join the prayer class that will be meeting those weeks.



The  
**Ten O'Clock Hour**  
Growing in Fellowship and Faith Formation

**Opportunities this week:**

- Nursery offered for ages 0–3 in the 2/3s room
- Coffee, fellowship, treats & pastries: MPR

**CREW (9th–12th grade)**

CREW does not meet this week. We will resume again next Sunday, April 27, in the Vault from 5:30pm – 7:15pm.

**MSYG (6th–8th)**

Does not meet tonight. Our last meeting is a dessert potluck on Sunday, April 27 from 5:30–7:15 in the MPR. See text for details.

Incoming fifth graders are invited to the last MSYG event. No need to bring anything – just show up for worship, fun and desserts! Contact Jess Hollenbach with questions.

**There is no evening service today for Easter Sunday**, however, you're invited to close out Easter Sunday by attending Vespers, a service of song and prayer, at 6:00pm in the Chapel. The service is sponsored by the Spiritual Formation Committee. Please park in the main lot and enter through the west (canopy) entrance.

**New elders and deacons were chosen for service last week.** The new administrative elders are **Cindy Smith, Rich Knoor, Larry Bos Jr**; the new visiting elders are **Karl Ondersma, Deb Nuiver, Bert Bowden**; the



new administrative deacons are **Ryan Hekman, Megan Baumann, Bradley Post**; and the new visiting deacons are **Justin Triemstra, Barbara Curphey, Rachel Scholten**. We thank all the nominees who allowed their names to stand for office.

**The retiring administrative elders** are **Carl Gronsman, Chris Weller, and Jon VanHekken**; the retiring visiting elders are **John Dekker, Jim Elzinga and Joyce Waalkes**; the retiring administrative deacons are **Brent Busscher and Rachel Triemstra**; and the retiring visiting deacons are **Ryan VandenHeuvel, Kristin Batts, Sara Dekker and Karel DeWaal Malefyt**. We thank them all for their service to LaGrave.

## Next Week's Worship

**Next Sunday Morning** is GEMS Sunday. Pastor Jonker will preach on the text the girls have been studying all year: Romans 12:2—a verse that calls us to be transformed by the renewing of our mind.

**Next Sunday Evening**, Pastor Jonker will lead us in worship, and will preach on 1 Corinthians 1:18–25.

# Upcoming Events



Scan the QR code to for more information or to sign-up

## **Wednesday Night Programming:**

Youth Outdoors and GEMS will meet this Wednesday, April 23. This is the last Wednesday of programming for the 2024-25 school year. There will be a Grab 'n Go meal. Pizza is on the menu.

## **College/Career**

**Sunday, April 27 at 9:40am**

Join us for coffee and bagels. We will meet in the parlor!

## **Cake & Ice Cream Hymn Sing**

**Thursday, April 24 at 2:00pm**

The Comfort and Care Team invites all widowed people of the church to a Cake & Ice Cream Hymn Sing. Please sign up using the link in the Tuesday email blast or by calling the church office (616-454-7204). Sign-up by tomorrow.

## **Moms' Fellowship**

**Friday, April 25 at 9:30am**

Join us on Friday, April 25 in the Library from 9:30-11am. Childcare will be available in the Nursery. We will also meet on Friday, May 16 at 9:30am.

## **Hymn Sing in the Chapel**

**Sunday, April 27, at 10:00am**

There will be a hymn sing on April 27 during the 10 o'clock hour in the chapel. Kathy Verbrugge and Mary Worst will lead us during this time, and are encouraging us to choose our favorite Easter songs we haven't yet sung.

## **Developing A Vibrant Prayer Life**

**Sunday April 27- May 18**

These interactive sessions, led by Jolene DeHeer, are for people of all ages! During the sessions, we will talk about the power of prayer, give ideas on how to revitalize your prayer life, learn about how to listen in prayer, and explore how to be more effective in intercessory prayer. We will meet in the Fellowship Hall.

## **LaGrave Night Out**

**Thursday, May 1**

The next LaGrave Night Out will be at Condado Tacos (449 Bridge St NW Grand Rapids.) Anyone 21 and up are invited to enjoy dinner out, a beverage/apps, or simply drop by to say hello. This is a fun, casual time to meet new people while enjoying a night out.

Questions? Contact Heidi 616-437-6830 or Cindy 616-481-7071.

## **Global Concerns Prayer Time**

**Sunday, May 4 at 10:00am**

Join us during the 10 o'clock hour in the chapel for our monthly Global Concerns Prayer Time, which occurs each first Sunday of the month. We will pray for our missionaries, the persecuted church, and worldwide concerns such as wars, injustice, and calamities.

## **Nature Journaling**

**Sunday, May 4 at 10:00am**

Join us during the 10 o'clock hour on May 4 for a special all-ages (4+) session on Nature Journaling, led by Ted Malefyt from the Outdoor Discovery Center. Learn how to nature journal—a great chance to slow down, spark curiosity, and deepen your appreciation for God's amazing creation. Journals and writing tools will be provided—or feel free to bring your own! We will meet in the parlor (and courtyard, weather permitting).

## **Koinonia Meal**

**Sunday, May 4 at 5:30pm**

Save the date! You are invited to attend the next all church Koinonia Meal following the evening service on Sunday, May 4. We will be celebrating our high school graduates with Qdoda along with a variety of homemade desserts and ice cream. Following the meal, a paper airplane throwing contest will be held in the Sanctuary!

## **Primers**

**Thursday, May 8 at 12:00pm**

Sign-ups will start next Sunday morning after both services in the MPR for our May 8 event. Cost for the event which includes lunch is \$15 and is due at the time of sign-up. Dr. Larry Visser, LaGrave's Organist and Minister of Music, and Dr. Rob Hobgood, LaGrave's Conductor of Vocal and Handbell Choirs, will present a musical program of solo and duet pieces on our organ and piano in a variety of styles. Hosts: Ken & Mary Afman (616) 443-2631, Riley & Barbara Swinehart (616) 784-9043

## **"Beauty is Everywhere": an art show by Connie Beale Kuhnle**

**Now — Sunday, May 4 in the Parlor**

# Announcements

**Calling all Bakers!** LaGrave is celebrating our graduates and our high school graduating seniors have provided a list of their favorite desserts. We would love to serve those desserts following the graduation celebration service and koinonia meal on May 4. Thanks for signing up and for bringing the desserts by noon on Sunday, May 4.

**Safe Church Training:** Our new Youth Safe Church Policy was approved at Council in November 2024 and goes into effect June 1, 2025. The policy requires all staff and volunteers who work with children or youth in our church to have a background check on file and go through a 1 hour online safety training video every 3 years. You will be emailed links to these things and they must be completed by June 1 or else you will not be able to volunteer until they are complete.

**Fish Bowl Prayers:** The Spiritual Formation Committee is beginning a new endeavor where we will be praying for people who do not know Jesus as Savior, who are uncertain about their faith, or who are wandering from their faith. You can submit names (first names or initials only) into the fish bowl in the library beginning this Sunday.

**Do you have a busy schedule?** Would you like to make an impact on our church community but just don't have enough time to schedule a 2 hour block every single week to do so? There is a volunteer opportunity with your name on it! We currently have a significant need for people willing to pick up and drop off members with transportation challenges to church and best of all, it doesn't have to be every week. Our new transportation coordinator would love to chat with you and work you in where you feel comfortable. If this is you, please text Ben Nagel at 616-570-9362 or email at [benagel81@gmail.com](mailto:benagel81@gmail.com).

**Pew cushions** in various sizes are available in the coatroom near the office for use in the sanctuary.

# Calendar

## Sunday, April 20

Easter Morning Worship .....	8:40 AM
10 O'clock hour .....	10:00 AM
Easter Morning Worship .....	11:00 AM
Vespers Service of Song & Prayer .....	6:00 PM

## Monday, April 21

Long Range Planning, Parlor .....	1:00 PM
Finance Committee, Parlor .....	5:30 PM
Youth Ed Committee, Parlor .....	6:30 PM
Fellowship Committee, Library .....	7:30 PM

## Tuesday, April 22

Historical Committee.....	9:30 AM
New Member Dinner, MPR .....	6:00 PM
Bells Jubilate.....	6:15 PM

## Wednesday, April 23

Men's Morning Bible Study, LL .....	8:00 AM
Women's Morning Bible Study, Library .....	9:00 AM
Women's Mid Morning Study, Parlor .....	10:00 AM
Intercessory Prayer, Chapel .....	1:15 PM
Grab 'n Go Meal, Fellowship Hall .....	5:45 PM
GEMS, Sanctuary .....	6:30 PM
Youth Outdoor Group .....	6:30 PM
Faith Journey Bible Study, Parlor .....	6:30 PM
Chancel Choir.....	7:00 PM

## Thursday, April 24

Beth Moore & More Bible Study, Parlor .....	9:30 AM
Cake & Ice Cream Hymn Sing .....	2:00 PM
Pastoral Care Committee, Parlor .....	4:00 PM
SERVE Committee, Vault .....	7:00 PM

## Friday, April 25

Men's Bible Study, Parlor .....8:30 AM

Mom's Fellowship, Library .....9:30 AM

# Sunday Volunteers

## Assisting This Week: April 20

### Security:

8:40: Brad Schaap, Ike Schaap

9:30: Ben DeGraaf

11:00: Steve Schroder, Mitch Schroder

### Greeters:

8:40: Garry & Yvonne Ferwerda, John & Shelly Schat

11:00: Ginny Geldof

### Ushers:

8:40: Ben Nagel, Sam Schat, Ben DeGraaf, Brad Schaap

11:00: Larry Bos, Merv Kamper, Sally Jonker, Dave Tornga

6:00: No Evening Service

## Assisting Next Week: April 27

### Security:

8:40: Andrew Schimmel, Chris VerMeulen

9:30: Steve Hoekzema

11:00: Brad Post, Karl de Waal Malefyt

### Greeters:

8:40: Brent & Cindy Busscher, Cathy & Mike Bosscher

11:00: Ron & Lois Meulenberg, Ann Van Eerden

### Ushers:

8:40: Chris Weller, Brad Post, Brent Busscher

11:00: Mitch Schroder, Larry Bos, Marilyn Rottman, Luther Ajim

6:00: Dave Tornga

# Prayer Concerns

## We praise God for His faithfulness to:

- **Laura Jane Colber**, who will celebrate her 91st birthday on Friday, April 25.
- **Bette Frieswyk**, who will celebrate her 90th birthday on Tuesday, April 29.
- **Judy Walters**, who will celebrate her 90th birthday on Tuesday, April 29.

## Let us faithfully pray for:

- **Linda Berkhof**, who will have shoulder replacement surgery on Thursday, April 24.
- **Helene Mitchell**, who has returned home.
- **Mary Mitchell**, who had surgery to address uterine cancer on Wednesday, April 16.
- **Dorothy Ondersma**, who is at Mary Free Bed for therapy after experiencing a stroke. No visitors please.
- **Steve Palazzolo**, who has been diagnosed with acute myeloid leukemia and is receiving inpatient chemotherapy.
- **Mike Schuitema**, who continues his recovery after knee replacement surgery.
- **George Zandt**, who has been released from the hospital and is receiving in-home care in Omaha, Nebraska.

**As members of God's family**, remember those who face relational challenges in marriage, family life or significant friendships.

## Please pray for:

**those receiving hospice services** – Dirk Hollebeek (Matt Hollebeek's brother), Rose Koning, Roger & Myrna Mulder, Bev VandenBosch, Bob VanderLey, Hank Zuiderveen

**those living with cancer** – Dan Beimers, Marsha Haan, Chris Hirt, Sherri Kanten, Anita MacDonald (John Postmus' daughter), Beth Mulder,

Sharon VanHouten, Jeanne VandenBerg, Barb Voskuil

**those with other continuing needs** – Sandy Buter, Glenda Buteyn, Sandra Destrempes, Rob Entingh, Marge Hoogeboom, Harris Kiekover, Rich & Mamuani Postma, Andy Tiggelman, Jim VandenBerg, Bill VanDyk, Paul Wright, Joyce Zwiers

**those actively serving in the military** – Blake Huizenga, Tim VanBeek

**Missionary of the Week: Jeff & Julie Bouman**, who serve in Hungary. Please pray for Julie as she begins an intensive new volunteer assignment as Intake Coordinator for Olive Tree Counseling Center in **Budapest**, which provides therapy and care for global workers from all over the world.

## Transfer Out

**Per their request**, Kevin & Karla Bolkema have transferred their membership to Westminster Presbyterian Church, Grand Rapids, MI.

**Per her request**, Katarina (Woldt) Steen has transferred her membership to Ann Arbor CRC, Ann Arbor, MI.

We wish them God's blessing in their new church homes.