



Morning Worship

April 27, 2025 | 8:40 and 11:00 a.m.

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Order of Worship

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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.

God Calls Us to Worship

The Prelude:

"Spring, from *The Four Seasons*"

Antonio Vivaldi; arr. S. Drummond Wolff

Allegretto
Largo
Allegro

"Be Thou My Vision"

Larry Visser

The Chiming of the Hour

The Introit:

"Have We Any Gift Worth Giving" (8:40)

Have we any gift worth giving to the Giver of all things? What would please the ever-living, one true God from whom life springs? Not dead gold or merchandise, but a living sacrifice: worship both profound and freeing, serving God with all our being.

Let us shun the selfish merit worldly wisdom has defined, but, renewed by God's own Spirit, be transformed in heart and mind; by past mercies taught and led, let us seek the path ahead, trusting that, like those before us, God will guide us and restore us.

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"Ten Thousand Reasons" (11:00)

Refrain: *Bless the Lord, O my soul, O my soul; worship his holy name. Sing like never before, O my soul; I'll worship your holy name.*

The sun comes up, it's a new day day dawning; it's time to sing your song again. Whatever may pass, and whatever lies before me, let me be singing when the evening comes. (Refrain)

You're rich in love, and you're slow to anger. Your name is great, and your heart is kind. For all your goodness, I will keep on singing—ten thousand reasons for my heart to find. (Refrain).

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*The Processional Hymn: Lift Up Your Hearts 755

"Speak, O Lord"

*The Greeting—concluded with:

Christ is risen!

Christ is risen indeed! Alleluia!

The Welcome

The Ministry Moment

We Humbly Approach God

The GEMS Litany:

Leader: This week we remember that Jesus has risen. We also remember that although we will have trouble in this world, Jesus gives us what we need to walk with him. Hear these words from Romans 12:2:

Girls: Do not conform to the pattern of this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind. Then you will be able to test and approve what God's will is—his good, pleasing, and perfect will.

Leader: Lord, we confess it is easy to take our eyes off you. We look for success, acceptance, and affirmation in places that hold power in this world rather than to you.

All: Renew our hearts and minds, God. Give us a "heart transplant" so that we want to become and to do what you have in mind for us.

Leader: Teach us to understand your word through the life and teaching of Jesus, the Word made flesh, who has made us new.

Girls: If anyone is in Christ, the new creation has come: The old has gone, the new is here! (2 Corinthians 5:17)

Leader: We know that because of Jesus' death and resurrection, we can be forgiven from our sins and have a right relationship with you, God. As your people, help us show the truth of who you are in this world.

All: Help us to love your word, and to speak of it naturally with others as we walk with you.

Girls: All Scripture is God-breathed and useful for teaching, rebuking, correcting, and training in righteousness, so that the servant of God may be thoroughly equipped for every good work. (2 Timothy 3:16-17)

Leader: As we seek to understand what is true in this world, help us to stand on your word as the source of the most important truths we need to know. And help us to walk in these realities. For you have called us to share you and your teaching with others:

Girls: Jesus said, "Therefore, go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. And surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age." (Matthew 28:19-20).

All: Live your risen life out through us, Lord Jesus, by your Spirit's presence living in us.

Leader: For we receive and joyfully accept your call to act justly, love mercy, and walk humbly with you. Amen.

*The Hymn of Commitment: **Worship & Rejoice 457**

"Lord, I Want to Be a Christian"

We Respond with Thanksgiving

The Children's Message

The Anthem:

"The Mind of Christ" (8:40)

May the mind of Christ, my Savior, live in me from day to day, by his love and power controlling everything I do or say.

May the word of God dwell richly in my heart from hour to hour, so that I may see I triumph only through his mighty power.

May the peace of God, the Father, rule my heart in everything, that I may be calm to comfort fearful, sick and sorrowing.

May the love of Jesus fill me, as the waters fill the sea; him exalting, self abasing, this is all my victory.

"Ancient Words" (11:00)

Lynn Deshazo

Holy words long preserved for our walk in this world, they resound with God's own heart. O, let the ancient words impart. Words of life, words of hope, give us strength, help us cope. In this world where'er we roam, ancient words will guide us home.

Ancient words, ever true, changing me and changing you; we have come with open hearts, O, let the ancient words impart.

Holy words of our faith handed down to this age, came to us through sacrifice. O, heed the faithful words of Christ. Holy words long preserved for our walk in this world, they resound with God's own heart. O, let the ancient words impart;

Ancient words, ever true, changing me and changing you; we have come with open hearts, O, let the ancient words impart.

Ancient words, ever true, changing me and changing you; we have come with open hearts, O, let the ancient words impart.

Congregation join in singing:

Ancient words, ever true, changing me and changing you; we have come with open hearts, O, let the ancient words impart.

We have come with open hearts, O, let the ancient words impart.

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The Pastoral Prayer

The Offering

The Offertory:

"My Shepherd Will Supply My Need"

Catherine McMichael

*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.

God Speaks to Us

The Scripture: Romans 12:1-2 (p.1761)

The Sermon: **"Being Transformed"**

The Prayer for a Blessing on the Word

We Go in His Peace

*The Closing Hymn: Lift Up Your Hearts 746

"Holy Spirit, Living Breath of God"

*The Benediction

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

*The Choral Amen (8:40)

***The Choral Benediction: (11:00)**

"We Receive Your Blessing"

Grace & Natasha Moes

We receive your blessing, we receive your grace, as we walk in the light shining from your face. May the peace that you give change the way that we live. We receive your blessing as we leave this place.

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow. Praise him, all creatures here below. Praise him, above you heavenly hosts. Praise Father, Son and praise the Holy Ghost.

We receive your blessing, we receive your grace, as we walk in the light shining from your face. May the peace that you give change the way that we live. We receive your blessing as we leave this place.

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***The Silent Prayer and Carillon Bells**

***The Postlude:**

"In Thee Is Gladness"

Michael Burkhardt

Rev. Peter Jonkerminister
Rev. Kristy Manion..... liturgist
Dr. Larry Visserorganist, pianist
Isabella & Penny Redderviolinists
Shiloh Gebben..... cellist
Chancel Choir, Dr. Rob Hobgooddirector (8:40)
GEMS Chorus, Tina Rooksdirector (11:00)
Caroline Hakes, Corinne Hartmannintroit 1st verse singers
Hannah VandeGriend, Norah Hollenbach, Mia Ackerman &
Natalie Oosterhouse..... introit 2nd verse singers
Amy & Analeigh VandeBerg..... ministry moment (8:40)
Jenna Mencarelli & Madie Kuiper..... ministry moment (11:00)
Anna, Willa & Charlotte DeBoer litany leaders(8:40)
Katie Kuiper & Emma Nagel litany leaders (11:00)
Libby Kuiper.....GEMS Flag (11:00)
Merv Kamper & Rachel RynbrandtCross and Bible Bearers (8:40)
Leah Karr & Polly Slotsma..... Cross and Bible Bearers (11:00)

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: (8:40): The text of the hymn *May the Mind of Christ, My Savior* was written by Kate Wilkinson (1859–1928), a member of the Church of England who was involved in a ministry to young girls in London. Philippians 2:5 ("Let this mind be in you, which was also in

Christ Jesus”) was the inspiration for the text. The hymn first appeared in a London children’s hymnbook in 1925. Composer K. Lee Scott set the text to an 18th-century hymn tune that is heard both in unison and four-part harmony.

The flowers on the chancel today are given by **Joady Hoekstra**, the **John Schat family** and the **Jon VanHekken family** in loving memory of husband, father and grandfather, **Jim Hoekstra**.

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.

This evening, we welcome the **Chorale** from **NorthPointe Christian High School** to worship. Reverend Peter Jonker will lead the service and his meditation is titled “Singing our Faith.”

Livestreaming worship is available at lagrave.org/live

Today

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

CREW (9th–12th grade): Has their last meeting of the year tonight in the Vault from 5:30pm–7:15pm. Pizza is on the menu! See you then!

MSYG (6th–8th grade): meets tonight from 5:30–7:15 in the MPR for a dessert potluck! All students in grades 6–8 are welcome to attend. Fifth graders are also encouraged to join us for this fun night of worship, devotions, large-group games and dessert!! (5th graders do not need to bring anything – just show up!).

Engage Youth Ministry: The Youth Education committee is inviting EVERYONE in the congregation to join the conversation about youth curriculum and programming. Join us at one of the 10 o'clock hour sessions **TODAY, May 4**, or **May 18** to discuss what faith topics and skills you hope our children/youth learn in programs at LaGrave. Other topics of discussion include the property in Newaygo, intergenerational opportunities, and service projects. This will be an interactive time of discussion and wondering. Contact Rachel Thorne if you have any questions.



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

Opportunities this week:

- Nursery offered for ages 0–3: 2/3s room
- Classes for grades 3–8: upper level classrooms
- Coffee & Fellowship: MPR
- Littles Choir for age 4–2nd grade: lower level Junior Choir room
- College/Career Bagels & Coffee: Parlor
- Engage Youth Ministry: Fellowship Hall
- Developing a Vibrant Prayer Life with Jolene DeHeer: room 200
- Hymn Sing: Chapel

Next Week's Worship

Next Sunday Morning we will celebrate the installation of new elders and deacons. Pastor Jonker will preach on Matthew 20:20-28, a text which will help us think about leadership in the church.

Next Sunday Evening Graduate Night is next Sunday evening. The service will begin at **5:30pm** and focus on the presence of the Holy Spirit in our lives, and specifically in the lives of our high school seniors. Rachel Thorne will give the meditation. The service will be followed by a meal in the MPR. Qdoba and the graduates favorite desserts are on the menu.

Upcoming Events



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

Wednesday Night Programming: Thank you for a great year! Enjoy the summer and see you next fall.

LaGrave Night Out

Thursday, May 1

LaGrave Night Out is this Thursday, May 1, at Condado Tacos (449 Bridge St NW, Grand Rapids). Anyone over 21 is invited to come for a fun time to meet new people and connect with others from LaGrave. 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 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! This event will be held in the parlor (and the courtyard, weather permitting!)

Koinonia Meal

Sunday, May 4 at 5:30pm

You are invited to attend the next all church Koinonia Meal following the evening service on May 4. We will be celebrating our high school graduates with Qdoba along with a variety of homemade desserts & ice cream. A paper airplane throwing contest will be in the Sanctuary!

Primers

Thursday, May 8 at 12:00pm

Sign-ups start today after the morning services in the MPR for our May 8 event. Cost of the event, which includes lunch is \$15, 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. If you are unable to attend the luncheon portion of the event, you are always welcome at the program which starts at 1:00 without cost or sign-up. Hosts: Ken & Mary Afman (616) 443-2631, Riley & Barbara Swinehart (616) 784-9043.

Women's Looks Event

June 11 from 6:00-8:00pm

Calling LaGrave women of all ages! You are invited to the next Looks event at Lavender Life Farm on June 11 from 6-8pm. We will hear about the mission of the farm, learn about the health benefits of lavender, clip a bundle to take home, enjoy a lavender treat and savor the beauty of the farm in peak season. Cost is \$10. Sign up online today!

Clay Shooting Event

June 14 at 9:30am

A Lagrave Clay Shooting event returns on June 14 at 9:30am at Kent County Conservation Club Cost to participate is \$40 payable directly to KCCC. Equipment rental is available at the club for an additional

fee. Fellowship will host a casual lunch following the competition. Sign up is available online.

Save these summer fellowship dates! Watch for more details and signups coming soon:

Craig's Cruiser's: All are invited to this church-wide event on Wed, July 23 from 5-8pm. Cost will be \$5 which includes a salad/Italian buffet and tickets to four attractions. Please come even if you don't participate in the activities! We will enjoy dinner together in our own space.

LaGrave's 2nd annual golf scramble will take place on Aug. 9 at Boulder Creek. You can choose to golf 9 or 18 holes, sign up alone, as a two or foursome.

LaGrave women! Plan on attending a succulent class at Spruced Studio on Wed. Aug. 13. You will create your own arrangement after choosing from a variety of containers and succulents.

Tiger's Game: LaGrave is heading to the Detroit Tigers at Comerica Park on Saturday, Sept. 20! Meet at church at 8am to enjoy a coach bus ride to see this afternoon game. Space will be limited so check your calendars today.

Announcements

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 complete by June 1 or else you will not be able to volunteer until they are complete.

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 next week. Thanks for signing up and for bringing the desserts by noon next Sunday.

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.

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.

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

Christian Summer Camp Support: Do you wish you could send your child to a Christian summer camp but the cost is challenging? The deacons may be able to assist with those camp fees. Contact your district deacon or Vicki Gelderloos at gelderloosfam@mac.com for more information.

Calendar

Sunday, April 27

Morning Worship.....	8:40 AM
10 O'clock hour	10:00 AM
Morning Worship.....	11:00 AM
Bells Gloria.....	4:40 PM
CREW, Vault	5:30 PM
MSYG, MPR	5:30 PM
Evening Service.....	6:00 PM

Monday, April 28

Evangelistic Outreach, Library	5:30 PM
Mission Committee, Parlor	6:00 PM
Communications Committee, Library.....	7:00 PM
Women's Book Club, Parlor	7:30 PM

Tuesday, April 29

Bells Jubilate.....	6:15 PM
Worship Committee, Parlor.....	7:00 PM

Wednesday, April 30

Men's Morning Bible Study, LL	8:00 AM
Women's Morning Bible Study, Library	9:00 AM
Spiritual Journey Bible Study, LL.....	9:30 AM
Women's Mid Morning Study, Parlor	10:00 AM
Intercessory Prayer, Chapel	1:15 PM
Facilities Committee, Parlor.....	4:00 PM
Chancel Choir.....	7:00 PM

Thursday, May 1

Beth Moore & More Bible Study, Parlor	9:30 AM
LaGrave Night Out.....	6:30 PM

Friday, May 2

Men's Bible Study.....	8:30 AM
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Sunday Volunteers

Assisting This 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, Jeff Dekker

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

6:00: John Dekker

Assisting Next Week: May 4

Security:

8:40: Jeff Dekker, Ian Smith

9:30: Harvey DeMaagd

11:00: Kevin Scholten. Judy Scholten

Greeters:

8:40: Galen & Thelma Meyer, Mark & Tracy Brant

11:00: Jon & Sue Pastoor, Jeff & Kara Plantinga Family

Ushers:

8:40: Tim Walcott, Peter Ackerman, John Schat,
James VanHekken

11:00: Cal Thorne, Jim Oppenhuizen

6:00: Dave Tornga, Brad Schaap

Prayer Concerns

We praise God for His faithfulness to:

- **Chris Hirt**, who is in remission after successful cancer treatments.
- **Emily Oosterhouse**, in the birth of her daughter, Cayleigh Marie Oosterhouse, on Wednesday, April 16.
- **Glenn Sundstrom**, who will celebrate his 97th birthday on Tuesday, May 6.

Let us faithfully pray for:

- **Linda Berkhof**, who had shoulder replacement surgery on Thursday, April 24.
- **Mary Mitchell**, who had surgery to address uterine cancer on Wednesday, April 16.
- **Dorothy Ondersma**, who has been transferred to Provision Senior Living to continue her recovery.
- **Steve Palazzolo**, has been diagnosed with acute myeloid leukemia and is receiving inpatient chemotherapy.
- **Mamuani Postma**, who has a non-cancerous brain tumor and is awaiting treatment options.
- **Barb Verduin**, who is having knee replacement surgery on Monday, April 27.

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

We Extend our Christian Sympathy to:

- **Gerri Tiggleman and family**, in the death of her husband, **Andy Tiggleman**, on Wednesday, April 23. His funeral service is pending.
- **Harriet Hasper and family**, in the death of her husband, **Bob Hasper**, on Thursday, April 24. His funeral service is pending.

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, Sherri Kanten, Anita MacDonald (John Postmus' daughter), Beth Mulder, Jeanne VandenBerg, Sharon VanHouten, Barb Voskuil

those with other continuing needs – Sandy Buter, Sandra Destrempe, Rob Entingh, Marge Hoogeboom, Harris Kiekoever, Rich Postma, Jim VandenBerg, Bill VanDyk, Paul Wright, Joyce Zwiers

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

Missionary Concern of the Week: African Widow and Orphan Support (AWOS), which rehabilitates women and children whose husbands/fathers have been killed by Muslim extremists in Nigeria. Thank God for amazing women from church societies that sound the alarm of enemy attacks, donate funds, and work with the AWOS team to minister rehabilitation.

New Members:

Bob & Patti Harris, who have transferred their membership from Monroe Community CRC, Grand Rapids, MI.

Thank You:

During my time of diagnosis, rehabilitation therapy, and recovery, I have been and continue to be, blessed by the love of Christ through the many expressions of prayer, caring, and encouragement from Pastors Peter and Kristy, and our LaGrave family of faith. I look forward to returning to worship, small groups, and fellowship as God leads.

– Helene Mitchell

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ, Thank you so much for caring for Andy and I during my hip replacement. From visits to rides, from meals to cookies, from cards and notes to phone calls, and for countless prayers – we are overwhelmed with your love for us – for God's love through each of you. Thank you.

– Gerri Tiggelman