



Morning Worship

May 4, 2025 | 8:40 and 11:00 a.m.

www.lagrave.org

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.

God Calls Us to Worship

The Prelude:

"God of the Prophets"

John Ourensma, Jan Van Westenbrugge

"Anoint them prophets. . . anoint them priests. . . anoint us kings . . .
make us disciples"

"The Church's One Foundation"

David Blackwell, Michael Helman

The Chiming of the Hour

The Introit:

"We Are God's House"

arr. Rob Hobgood

We are God's house of living stones, built for his own habitation; he fills our hearts, his humble thrones, granting us life and salvation. Were two or three to seek his face, he in their midst would show his grace, blessings upon them bestowing.

Yet in this house, an earthly frame, Jesus his children is blessing; higher we come to praise his name, faith in our Savior confessing. Jesus to us his Spirit sent, making with us his covenant, granting his children the kingdom.

*The Processional Hymn: Lift Up Your Hearts 551: 1,2,3,5,6

"All Creatures of Our God and King"

Verse 3: *men and boys, everyone on "alleluia" and*

"O Praise Him"

Verse 5: *women and girls, everyone on "alleluia" and*

"O Praise Him"

*The Greeting—concluded with:
Christ is risen!
Christ is risen indeed! Alleluia!

The Welcome

We Humbly Approach God

The Call to Confession: Philippians 2: 3–7a

The Prayer of Confession and Assurance

*The Hymn of Response: Lift Up Your Hearts 627: 4
“Just as I Am”
**Just as I am, thy love unknown has broken every barrier
down; now to be thine, yea, thine alone, O Lamb of God, I
come, I come.**

The Installation of Office-bearers:

8:40: Deacons—Rachel Scholten, Megan Baumann,
Brad Post, Justin Triemstra

Elders—Cindy Smith, Rich Knorr

11:00: Deacons—Barbara Curphey, Ryan Hekman

Elders—Bert Bowden, Karl Ondersma, Deb Nuiver,
Larry Bos Jr.

*The Hymn of Response: **Worship & Rejoice 575:1,3,4**
“Lord, Whose Love Through Humble Service”

We Respond with Thanksgiving

The Children’s Message, *concluded with:*

Congregation: **The Lord be with you.**

Children: And also with you.

The Pastoral Prayer

Prayer will include this response based on Psalm 145:18

You, Lord, are near to all who call on you,
to all who call on you in truth.

The Anthem:

"Church of God, Elect and Glorious"

Michael D. Costello

Church of God, elect and glorious, holy nation, chosen race, called as God's own special people, royal priests and heirs of grace; know the purpose of your calling, show to all his mighty deeds; tell of love that knows no limits, grace that meets all human needs.

God has called you out of darkness into his most marvelous light, brought his truth to life within you, turned your blindness into sight. Let your light so shine around you that God's name is glorified, and all find fresh hope and purpose in Christ Jesus crucified.

Once you were an alien people, strangers to God's heart of love, but he brought you home in mercy, citizens of heaven above. Let his love flow out to others, let them feel the Father's care, that they too may know his welcome and his countless blessings share.

Church of God, elect and holy, be the people he intends, strong in faith and swift to answer each command your Master sends; royal priests, fulfill your calling through your sacrifice and prayer, give your lives in joyful service, sing his praise, his love declare.

Text: Based on 1 Peter 2:9-12, James E. Seddon, and copyright © 1982 The Jubilate Group (admin, Hope Publishing Co, Carol Stream, IL 60188).
Used by permission under OneLicense #707908

The Offering

**Please sign and pass the Welcome Register found on
the pew in the middle aisle*

The Offertory:

"I Love Your Church, O God"

Healey Willan, Flor Peeters

*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: Matthew 20: 20-28 (p. 1534), *concluded with:*

Minister: This is the Word of the Lord.

Congregation: **Thanks be to God.**

The Sermon: **“Leadership Ambition”**

The Prayer for a Blessing on the Word

We Go in His Peace

*The Closing Hymn: Lift Up Your Hearts 251: 1,2,4

“The Church’s One Foundation”

*The Benediction

*The People’s Response: **Amen.**

*The Choral Amen

*The Benediction

*The Silent Prayer and Carillon Bells

*The Postlude:

“O Lux Beata Trinitas” (O Trinity of Blessed Light) Matthias Weckmann

Rev. Peter Jonker..... minister

Chad Boorsma..... liturgist

Dr. Larry Visserorganist

Levi Huizengapostlude organist

Vocal Quartet, Dr. Rob Hobgood director (8:40)

Becky Rhoda—soprano, Jess Hollenbach—alto,

Jim Elzinga—tenor, Jason Reiffer—bass

Chancel Choir, Dr. Rob Hobgood director (11:00)

Amber & Audrey Schaap.....Cross and Bible Bearers (8:40)

Olivia & Celine Alcumbrack 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: Calvin University senior and LaGrave member

Levi Huizenga studied organ at Calvin and plays this morning's postlude. North German organist and composer Matthias Weckmann (1621-1674) paved the way for the great J. S. Bach (1685-1750) and wrote *O Trinity of Blessed Light*, a piece for full organ with the chorale (hymn) melody played in the pedals in long notes. Weckmann would have played large pipe organs of several ranks in his positions in churches in Dresden and Hamburg.

The flowers on the chancel today are given by **Riley and Barbara Swinehart** in loving memory of their great-granddaughter, **Rosemary Lynn Lamoreaux**, their parents **Cornie and Beatrice Pape, Floyd and Virginia Swinehart**, and Barb's sister, **Marilyn Guikema**.

The May special offering is for In The Image. In The Image operates a "Free" Store in the Burton Heights neighborhood, providing new or gently used items such as clothes, household goods/bedding/furniture/toys.

This evening is Graduate Night! 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.

Livestreaming worship is available at lagrave.org/live

Congratulations Graduates!

Middle School:

Mia Ackerman, Calvin Christian
Eleanor Borgman, Calvin Christian
Liam Broene, West Side Christian
Nora Christner, Hudsonville Christian
John De Waal Malefyt, Hudsonville Christian
Ed Doezema, Grand Rapids Christian
Zander Elenbaas, Grand Rapids Christian
Kacie Hollebeek, Calvin Christian
Evan Hollenbach, Northpointe Christian
Norah Hollenbach, Homeschool
Asher Konyndyk, Ada Christian
Madie Kuiper, Forest Hills Eastern
Brinn Kuipers, Grand Rapids Christian
Penelope Redder, Grand Rapids Christian
Ike Schaap, Northpointe Christian
Kashton Trathen, Northpointe Christian
Hannah VandeGriend, Grand Rapids Christian
Collins Veldkamp, Grand Rapids Christian
Ellisyn Verploegh, Hudsonville Christian

High School:

Deacon Broene, Unity Christian
Ella Busscher, Calvin Christian
Bradley Buter, Grand Rapids Christian
Taylor Cole, South Christian
Max Dekker, Grand Rapids Christian
Abimael Diaz, Grand Rapids Christian
Sien (Luke) Heng, Grand Rapids Christian
Everett Hoekzema Smith, The Potter's House
Michael McMartin, Jenison
Natalie Molenbeek, Grand Rapids Christian
Seth Ondersma, Jenison
Martin Postma, Homeschool
Alex Roberts, Unity Christian

Caden Trathen, Northpointe Christian
Ellie VandeGriend, Grand Rapids Christian
Lily VanderVelde, Grand Rapids Christian
Molly Versluis, Unity Christian

Bachelor's Degree:

Sarah Bour, Calvin University
Psychology; Special Education minor
Allison Gates, Calvin University
B.S. Business Analytics; B.A. Communications
Maya Gates, University of Michigan
B.S. Mechanical Engineering
Maddie Knor, Michigan State University
B.A. Marketing; Real Estate minor
Ethan Koeman, Calvin University
B.S. Engineering: Mechanical Concentration
Mara Konyndyk, Calvin University
Early Childhood & Elementary Education
Kaitlyn McMartin, Hope College
Business; Art minor
Carissa Springvloed, Calvin University
Finance & Accounting; Entrepreneurship minor
Kate Versluis, Grand Valley State University
B.S.W. (Bachelor of Social Work)
Annika Watson, Wheaton College
Environmental Science; French minor

Advanced Degree:

Ryan Gelderloos, University of Missouri
M.A. Economics
Grant Mensonides, Calvin Theological Seminary
Master of Divinity
Christopher Visser, MSU Collage of Osteopathic Medicine
Doctorate of Osteopathic Medicine
Abigail Watson, University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign
M.S. Information & Library Science

Today

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

Koinonia Meal: You are invited to attend the all church Koinonia Meal **today** following the evening service which begins at **5:30pm**. 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!

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**, or Sunday, 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. We will meet in **The Fellowship Hall**.

Global Concerns Prayer Time: 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.



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
- Littles Choir for age 4-2nd grade: lower level Junior Choir room
- Coffee, Fellowship & Card Making: MPR
- Nature Journaling: Parlor
- Engage Youth Ministry: Fellowship Hall
- Developing a Vibrant Prayer Life with Jolene DeHeer: room 200
- Global Concerns Prayer Time: Chapel
- Henry Beets Mission Society: lower level classroom

Next Week's Worship

Next Sunday Morning We will begin a mini sermon series highlighting three of God's promises from the Old Testament. Pastor Jonker will preach on Genesis 9:1-17 and the promise God made after the flood.

Next Sunday Evening Reverend Manion will preach from 1 Kings 19 on the ministry of the prophet Elijah.

Upcoming Events



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

Primers

Thursday, May 8 at 12:00pm

TODAY is the last day to sign up 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. 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.

Moms' Fellowship

Friday, May 16 at 9:30am

Join us for a playground meetup on Friday, May 16 at 9:30am. We will meet at Ottawa Hills Park located at 2060 Oakfield Ave SE, Grand Rapids, 49506. Any questions, please contact Alisha Doezeema alishadoezeema@gmail.com

Organ Recital

Friday, May 16 at 7:30PM

The Grand Rapids Chapter of the American Guild of Organists and LaGrave will present Dr. Caroline Robinson, U of M Organ Faculty

member and internationally renowned performer, in a free organ recital on Friday, May 16 at 7:30 p.m. Robinson will play music of Bairstow, Howells, Bolcom, Bach, Price, and Dupré. A reception will follow the recital.

Calling all men to sing: All men (7th grade and older) are invited to come sing with the men of the Chancel Choir on **Sunday, May 18th at the 8:40 service**. Rehearsals will be held on Wednesday nights, May 7 & 14 from 6:30 to 6:55 in the Junior Choir room. We would ask that you make it to at least one of these rehearsals. Please contact Rob Hobgood at rhobgood@lagrave.org if interested.

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 Wednesday, 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 Saturday, August 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 Wednesday, August 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, September 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

Community Engagement Director News: In April the congregation heard that LaGrave's hiring process for a new full-time staff member was coming to a close, and now we can share the news: Please join us in welcoming Kristin Batts, MSW, as LaGrave's new Community Engagement Director! She will begin work in June. Kristin comes to this role after many years serving the Heartside community at Cherry Health. As a member of LaGrave, she is also familiar with this congregation's gifts and opportunities. Please watch the congregational email this week for a fuller introduction to Kristin.

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.

Transportation Help Needed: We currently have a significant need for people willing to pick up and drop off members with transportation challenges to church. If you are interested or able to help with this need, our 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

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, May 4

Morning Worship.....	8:40 AM
10 O'clock hour	10:00 AM
Morning Worship.....	11:00 AM
Bells Gloria.....	4:40 PM
Evening Service.....	5:30 PM
Koinonia Meal	6:30 PM

Monday, May 5

Executive Committee, Parlor.....	4:00 PM
----------------------------------	---------

Tuesday, May 6

Knitting Group.....	1:15 PM
Welcoming Committee, Parlor	4:30 PM
Bells Jubilate.....	6:30 PM

Wednesday, May 7

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
Pastoral Care Assistants, Parlor.....	2:30 PM
Faith Journey Bible Study, Parlor	6:30 PM
Chancel Choir.....	7:00 PM

Thursday, May 8

Beth Moore & More Bible Study, Parlor	9:30 AM
Primers, MPR.....	12:00 PM

Friday, May 9

Men's Bible Study	8:30 AM
-------------------------	---------

Sunday Volunteers

Assisting This 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, Sally Jonker

6:00: Dave Tornga, Brad Schaap

Assisting Next Week: May 11

Security:

8:40: Dave Versluis, Tim Walcott

9:30: Zach Kruyf

11:00: Jeff Scholtens, Chad Scholtens

Greeters:

8:40: Sharon Etheridge, Marilyn Kortman

11:00: Scott & Sarah Lingenfelter

Ushers:

8:40: Brent Busscher, Sam Schat, Brad Post

11:00: Matt Scholten, Luther Ajim, Merv Kamper, Dave Tornga

6:00: Pete Clover

Prayer Concerns

We praise God for His faithfulness to:

- **Kevin & Anna (Zwiers) Cline**, in the birth of their daughter, Margaret Louise, on Wednesday, April 23 in Chicago, IL.

Let us faithfully pray for:

- **Linda Berkhof**, who is recovering from shoulder replacement surgery.
- **Ray Cornell**, who is receiving rehab at Raybrook after suffering a fall that injured his hip.
- **Tom Duthler**, who is in the hospital for tests and observation.
- **Dorothy Hofman**, who fell and had surgery to repair her broken leg.
- **Dorothy Ondersma**, who is receiving therapy at Provision Senior Living.
- **Steve Palazzolo**, who 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 had knee replacement surgery on Wednesday, April 30.

We Extend our Christian Sympathy to:

- **Peter & Sharlene Jouvstra and Jan Doornbos & George Zandt**, in the death of Peter and Jan's brother, James Jouvstra on Saturday, April 26.
- **Tom & Laura VanderLugt**, in the death of Tom's brother, Bill VanderLugt on Friday, April 25.
- **Shirley Vanderson**, in the death of her daughter, Mary Jo Mousseau, who passed away on Tuesday, April 29.

As members of God's family, remember those who know the gospel but face doubts about Christians or Christianity.

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: Arbin & Bimala Pokharel, who serve in Nepal where Arbin pastors and oversees a church planting movement and Bimala heads a ministry to women at risk of exploitation. Pray that God would use the 20+ people that participated in recent pastoral training as they develop ministries in their towns.

Thank You:

We appreciate and thank our LaGrave family for your thoughts, prayers, visits and gifts following Mary's surgery. We feel blessed.

– Paul and Mary Mitchell