



15th Sunday after Pentecost
Granite Falls Lutheran Church
September 5, 2021
9:00 am

Welcome visitors and friends. Prayer request cards and visitor cards can be found in the pews. If you have a prayer request or if you are a visitor you are welcome to fill out a card and place in the offering box for the pastors.

Welcome to the Lord's Table today. When we celebrate the Lord's Supper today, all are welcome. When you come forward by the center aisle, proceed to either side in front of the first pew and return to your seat by the side aisle. **If you prefer grape juice or a gluten free wafer,** just ask the server.

Large Print Bulletins and Earphones (which amplify the sound system) are available from the ushers. Please pick these up in the narthex.

Welcome & Announcements

***Gathering Hymn** "Let Justice Flow Like Streams" #717

***Confession and Forgiveness**

P: Blessed be the holy Trinity, ☩ one God, whose teaching is life, whose presence is sure, and whose love is endless.

C: Amen.

P: Let us confess our sins to the one who welcomes us with an open heart. *Silence is kept for reflection.* God our comforter:

C: like lost sheep, we have gone astray. We gaze upon abundance and see scarcity. We turn our faces away from injustice and oppression. We exploit the earth with our apathy and greed. Free us from our sin, gracious God. Listen when we call out to you for help. Lead us by your love to love our neighbors as ourselves. Amen.

P: All have sinned and fall short of the glory of God.

By the gift of grace in ☩ Christ Jesus, God makes you righteous. Receive with glad hearts the forgiveness of all your sins.

C: Amen.

***Greeting**

P: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

C: And also with you.

***Kyrie and This is the Feast** (sung) pg 147-150

P: *In peace, let us pray to the Lord.* **C: Lord, have mercy.**

P: *For the peace from above.....* **C: Lord, have mercy.**

P: *For the peace of the whole world...* **C: Lord, have mercy.**

P: *For this holy house....* **C: Lord, have mercy.**

P: *Help, save comfort, ...* **C: Amen**

P: *This is the feast of victory for our God, Alleluia..*

C: Worthy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose blood set us free to be people of God. Power and riches and wisdom and strength, and honor and blessing and glory are His. This is the feast of victory for our God. Alleluia. Sing with all the people of God and join in the hymn of all creation: Blessing and honor and glory and might be to God and the Lamb forever. Amen. This is the feast of victory for our God, for the Lamb who was slain has begun his reign. Alleluia. Alleluia.

***Prayer of the Day**

P: Gracious God,

C: throughout the ages you transform sickness into health and death into life. Open us to the power of your presence, and make us a people ready to proclaim your promises to the whole world, through Jesus Christ, our healer and Lord. Amen.

First Lesson Isaiah 35:4-7a

⁴Say to those who are of a fearful heart, "Be strong, do not fear! Here is your God. He will come with vengeance, with terrible recompense. He will come and save you."⁵Then the eyes of the blind shall be opened, and the ears of the deaf unstopped; ⁶then the lame shall leap like a deer, and the tongue of the speechless sing for joy. For waters shall break forth in the wilderness, and streams in the desert; ⁷the burning sand shall become a pool, and the thirsty ground springs of water; the haunt of jackals shall become a swamp, the grass shall become reeds and rushes.

Responsive Psalm Psalm 146

L: ¹Praise the LORD! Praise the LORD, O my soul!

C: ²I will praise the LORD as long as I live; I will sing praises to my God all my life long.

L: ³Do not put your trust in princes, in mortals, in whom there is no help.

C: ⁴When their breath departs, they return to the earth; on that very day their plans perish.

L: ⁵Happy are those whose help is the God of Jacob, whose hope is in the LORD their God,

C: ⁶who made heaven and earth, the sea, and all that is in them; who keeps faith forever;

L: ⁷who executes justice for the oppressed; who gives food to the hungry. The LORD sets the prisoners free;

C: ⁸the LORD opens the eyes of the blind. The LORD lifts up those who are bowed down; the LORD loves the righteous.

L: ⁹The LORD watches over the strangers; he upholds the orphan and the widow, but the way of the wicked he brings to ruin.

C: ¹⁰The LORD will reign forever, your God, O Zion, for all generations. Praise the LORD!

***Gospel Acclamation** (sung) pg 151
Alleluia, Lord to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life, Alleluia

***Gospel** Mark 7:24-37

²⁴From there he set out and went away to the region of Tyre. He entered a house and did not want anyone to know he was there. Yet he could not escape notice, ²⁵but a woman whose little daughter had an unclean spirit immediately heard about him, and she came and bowed down at his feet. ²⁶Now the woman was a Gentile, of Syrophenician origin. She begged him to cast the demon out of her daughter. ²⁷He said to her, "Let the children be fed first, for it is not fair to take the children's food and throw it to the dogs." ²⁸But she answered him, "Sir, even the dogs under the table eat the children's crumbs." ²⁹Then he said to her, "For saying that, you may go — the demon has left your daughter." ³⁰So she went home, found the child lying on the bed, and the demon gone. ³¹Then he returned from the region of Tyre, and went by way of Sidon towards the Sea of Galilee, in the region of the Decapolis. ³²They brought to him a deaf man who had an impediment in his speech; and they begged him to lay his hand on him. ³³He took him aside in private, away from the crowd, and put his fingers into his ears, and he spat and touched his tongue. ³⁴Then looking up to heaven, he sighed and said to him,

"Ephphatha," that is, "Be opened." ³⁵And immediately his ears were opened, his tongue was released, and he spoke plainly. ³⁶Then Jesus ordered them to tell no one; but the more he ordered them, the more zealously they proclaimed it. ³⁷They were astounded beyond measure, saying, "He has done everything well; he even makes the deaf to hear and the mute to speak."

P: The gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to you, O Christ.

Children's Message

Sermon

Hymn of the Day *"Healer of Our Every Ill"* #612

***Apostles Creed**

I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth. I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; he descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and he will come to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

***Prayers of the Church** (sung) #178

P: Made children and heirs of God's promise, we pray for the church, the world, and all in need. Holy One, you bring your people together in worship. Enliven your church. Guide all evangelists, preachers, prophets, and missionaries who seek to share your love through word and deed. Lord in your mercy.

C: *Hear our prayer, hear our prayer, Lord, make us whole: peace to all people, hope for each soul. God of grace, in this place, hear now our prayer.*

P:(after each petition.).... Lord in your mercy.

C: *Hear our prayer, hear now our prayer.*

P: Receive these prayers, O God, and those in our hearts know only to you; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

C: Amen

Offering *"Thy Holy Wings"* #613

Offering Prayer

P: God of abundance,

C: you cause streams to break forth in the desert and manna to rain from the heavens. Accept the gifts you have first given us. Unite them with the offering of our lives to nourish the world you love so dearly; through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

*Great Thanksgiving (sung) (pg.152)

P: *The Lord be with you.* **C: And also with you.**

P: *Lift up your hearts.* **C: We lift them to the Lord.**

P: *Let us give thanks to the Lord our God*

C: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

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*Hymn of Thanksgiving (sung) (pg.153)

C: Holy, holy, holy Lord, Lord God of pow'r and might, heav'n and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.

*Holy Communion Words of Institution / The Lord's Prayer

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever and ever. Amen.

Holy Communion Distribution

Hymns *"You Satisfy the Hungry Heart"* #484
 "As the Grains of Wheat" #465
 "Come to the Table" #481

Post Communion Prayer

P: Lord of life, in the gift of your body and blood you turn the crumbs of our faith into a feast of salvation. Send us forth into the world with shouts of joy, bearing witness to the abundance of your love in Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **C: Amen.**

*Closing Hymn *"Thankful Hearts and Voices Raise"* #205

Pastor Steve Carmany video presentation

*Benediction

*Sending

P: Go in peace. The living Word dwells in you.

C: Thanks be to God.

Worship Participants

Ministers	<i>All of us gathered to worship</i>
Lead Pastor	<i>Mark Manning</i>
Associate Pastor	<i>Paul Drees</i>
Organ/Piano	<i>Lynn Ullrich</i>
Reader	<i>Les Bergquist</i>
Communion Assistants	<i>Dave Haroldson, Les Bergquist</i>

Calendar this week: Please check the church website for changes.

Monday -		Labor Day Office Closed
Tuesday -	7:00 pm	Property & Grounds Meeting
Wednesday	5:30 pm	Executive Council Meeting
	6:30 pm	Education Committee Meeting
	7:00 pm	Confirmation Service Project
Thursday -	2:30 pm	Espresso Time
Friday -		Office Closed
Sunday -	8:30 am	September 11 th Memorial Service
	9:00am	Worship service with FB live

Rally Sunday (First Day of Sunday School) will be NEXT WEEK! Sunday, September 12th. This will be a fun day for the kids and families!

The 75th Anniversary committee is planning a new pictorial church directory using volunteer photographers rather than a directory company. We have a volunteer photographer available on September 12th, 19th & 26th to take informal pictures of our members in the narthex gathering room before and after Sunday services.

Adult Choir Organizational Meeting and Practice on Wednesday night, September 8th, at 7:00 pm.

September 11th Memorial Service: On Sunday, September 12th, we will be holding a short memorial service for all those impacted by the attacks on 9/11. This will take place from 8:30am to 8:45am before worship on Sunday, and will include prayers, scripture, and times for silence and reflection. Everyone is welcome to join this memorial service. Please be aware that the brief service will be more somber than our usual Sunday morning service, as we will be mourning those who were killed twenty years ago, and those of us who are still affected by those events to this day.

Worship Leaders September 12, 2021

Greeters: On a volunteer basis

Usher Team: Scott Jans, Ayden Friese, Caleb Jans, Chad Friese, David Nordaune, Jeff Baker, Steven Anderson, Tyler Nordaune, Willam Flaten

Reader: Peg Heglund