



**16<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost**  
**Granite Falls Lutheran Church**  
**September 12, 2021**  
**9:00 am**

*“Love through Christ, Live to Serve, Learn to Give”*

**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 plate for the pastors.

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



**Welcome & Announcements**

**Confession and Forgiveness** pg 211

- P: Blessed be the holy Trinity + one God, who forgives all our sin, whose mercy endures forever. **C: Amen.**
- P: God of all Mercy and consolation, come to the help of your people, turning us from our sin to live for you alone. Give us the power of your Holy Spirit that we may confess our sin, receive your forgiveness, and grow into the fullness of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **C: Amen.**
- P: Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another. Most Merciful God,
- C: we confess that we are captive to sin and cannot free ourselves. We have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways, to the glory of your holy name. Amen.**
- P: God, who is rich in mercy, loved us even when we were dead in sin, and made us alive together with Christ. By grace we have been saved. In the name of + Jesus Christ, your sins are forgiven. Almighty God strengthen you with power through the Holy Spirit that Christ may live in your hearts through faith.
- C: Amen.**

**\*Gathering Hymn** “Jesus Loves Me” vs 1&2 #595

**Baptism:** (follow along in the hymnal) ELW pg. 227  
**Rylee Kevin Kleinhuizen**

**\*Gathering Hymn cont.** “Jesus Loves Me” vs 3 #595

**\*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** pg 213-215

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| P: <i>Kyrie eleison</i>   | C: <i>Lord, have mercy</i>   |
| P: <i>Christe eleison</i> | C: <i>Christ, have mercy</i> |
| P: <i>Kyrie eleison</i>   | C: <i>Lord, have mercy</i>   |
- C: *Glory to God, glory to God, glory to God in the highest; glory to God, glory to God, and peace to God’s people on earth.***
- Lord God, heavenly King, almighty God and Father, we worship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glory.*
- Glory to God, glory to God, glory to God in the highest; glory to God, glory to God, and peace to God’s people on earth.*
- Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, Lord God, Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world: have mercy on us; you are seated at the right hand of the Father: receive our prayer.*
- Glory to God, glory to God, glory to God in the highest; glory to God, glory to God, and peace to God’s people on earth.*
- For you alone are the Holy One, you alone are the Lord, you alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit in the glory of God the Father. Amen.*
- Glory to God, glory to God, glory to God the highest; glory to God, glory to God, and peace to God’s people on earth, and peace to God’s people on earth.*

**\*Prayer of the Day**

- P: Let us pray. O God,
- C: through suffering and rejection you bring forth our salvation, and by the glory of the cross you transform our**

**lives. Grant that for the sake of the gospel we may turn from the lure of evil, take up our cross, and follow your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen**

**A Scripture Reading and Prayer for the Opening of Sunday School**  
*(all teachers and helpers stand)*

**First Lesson** Isaiah 50:4

<sup>4</sup>The Lord GOD has given me the tongue of a teacher, that I may know how to sustain the weary with a word. Morning by morning he wakens my ear to listen as those who are taught.

**C: Prayer of Commissioning: Lord GOD, you have called these people to see that our children and students receive the Good News which has sustained this church for so many years. Uphold them in their work, that they might be eager, tireless, and filled with your Holy Spirit. As children of God, help them to teach our Children of God. And finally, help us to thank them for the gift of kindness and care for our church. Amen.** *(teachers and helpers may be seated)*

**Responsive Psalm** Psalm 116: 1-9

L: <sup>1</sup>I love the LORD, because he has heard my voice and my supplications.

C: <sup>2</sup>**Because he inclined his ear to me, therefore I will call on him as long as I live.**

L: <sup>3</sup>The snares of death encompassed me; the pangs of Sheol laid hold on me; I suffered distress and anguish

C: <sup>4</sup>**Then I called on the name of the LORD: "O LORD, I pray, save my life!"**

L: <sup>5</sup>Gracious is the LORD, and righteous; our God is merciful.

C: <sup>6</sup>**The LORD protects the simple; when I was brought low, he saved me.**

L: <sup>7</sup>Return, O my soul, to your rest, for the LORD has dealt bountifully with you

C: <sup>8</sup>**For you have delivered my soul from death, my eyes from tears, my feet from stumbling** <sup>9</sup>**I walk before the LORD in the land of the living. <sup>9</sup>I will walk in the presence of the LORD in the land of the living.**

**Gospel Acclamation** *(sung)*

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*Alleluia. Lord, to who shall we go? Alleluia. You have the words of eternal life. Alleluia, Alleluia.*

**\*Gospel**

Mark 8.27-38

<sup>27</sup>Jesus went on with his disciples to the villages of Caesarea Philippi; and on the way he asked his disciples, "Who do people say that I am?" <sup>28</sup>And they answered him, "John the Baptist; and others, Elijah; and still others, one of the prophets." <sup>29</sup>He asked them, "But who do you say that I am?" Peter answered him, "You are the Messiah." <sup>30</sup>And he sternly ordered them not to tell anyone about him. <sup>31</sup>Then he began to teach them that the Son of Man must undergo great suffering, and be rejected by the elders, the chief priests, and the scribes, and be killed, and after three days rise again. <sup>32</sup>He said all this quite openly. And Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him. <sup>33</sup>But turning and looking at his disciples, he rebuked Peter and said, "Get behind me, Satan! For you are setting your mind not on divine things but on human things." <sup>34</sup>He called the crowd with his disciples, and said to them, "If any want to become my followers, let them deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me. <sup>35</sup>For those who want to save their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake, and for the sake of the gospel, will save it. <sup>36</sup>For what will it profit them to gain the whole world and forfeit their life? <sup>37</sup>Indeed, what can they give in return for their life? <sup>38</sup>Those who are ashamed of me and of my words in this adulterous and sinful generation, of them the Son of Man will also be ashamed when he comes in the glory of his Father with the holy angels."

P: The gospel of the Lord.

**C: Praise to you, O Christ.**

**Children's Message**

**Sermon**

**Hymn of the Day** "Take My Life that I May Be" #685

**\*Prayers of the Church** *(sung response #752)*

P: Made children and heirs of God's promise, we pray for the church, the world, and all in need. . . . . Revealing God, you have made yourself known through bread and wine, water and word. Continue to nurture your church, that it is a place where your presence is experienced and shared. Hear us O God,

## News & Announcements

**C:** *Lord, Listen to your children praying, Lord, Send your Spirit in this place; Lord, listen to your children praying, send us love, send us pow'r, send us grace.*

**P:** .....(after each petition.).... Hear us O God,.

**C:** *Lord, Listen to your children praying,..... send us grace.*

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

**C:** **Amen.**

### Peace

**P:** The peace of Christ be with you always.

**C:** **And also with you.**

**Offering**                    *"We Plow the Fields and Scatter"*                    #681

### \*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

**\*Closing Hymn**    *"God, Whose Farm is All Creation"*                    #734

### Pastor Peter Soli

### \*Benediction

**P:** The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord's face shine on you with grace and mercy. The Lord look upon you with favor and + give you peace.

**C:** **Amen**

### \*Sending

**P:** Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

**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>Darlene Santjer</i>

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

Monday -	9:00 am	WELCA Board Meeting
Tuesday -	10:30 am	Staff Meeting
	6:00 pm	worship/Music Committee
	6:30 pm	Outreach Committee Mtg.
	7:30 pm	Council Meeting
Wednesday-	11:30 am	Staff Lunch
	5:30 pm	Education Committee Mtg.
	7:00 pm	Confirmation Class
Thursday -	6:30 pm	Stewardship Committee
Sunday -	9:00am	Worship service with FB live
	10:00 am	Sunday School / 7 <sup>th</sup> grade class

Welcome to worship on Rally Sunday, the special day we kick off our year of Sunday School, Children's Church, and Confirmation!

**Congratulations on the baptism of Rylee Kevin Kleinhuizen**, son of Tyler & Courtney Kleinhuizen. Rylee's sponsors are Holly & Jason Ims, Katie & Nick Hageman, Kalli Knudson, and Trista & Steve Jakel. We welcome you to the Granite Falls Lutheran Church family!

**\*\*Get your photo taken for the directory!\*\*** *The 75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary committee is planning a new pictorial church directory* using volunteer photographers rather than a directory company. We have a volunteer photographer available **today**, and on September 19<sup>th</sup> & 26<sup>th</sup> to take informal pictures of our members in the narthex gathering room before and after Sunday services. This is also available during the week by appointment and some Sundays in October.

**\*\* Mark your Calendars!** Altar Guild cleaning will be Monday, October 4<sup>th</sup>! Even if you are not an Altar Guild member you are welcome to help clean! Let's make our beautiful church shine for the Bishop installation on October 9<sup>th</sup>.

**Sunday, September 26<sup>th</sup>, as part of the Anniversary celebration, Pastors Bruce Kuenzel and Pastor Bob Dahl** will be visiting GFLC during worship.

We keep the family of Ardyth Vos in our prayers. Her funeral will be at GFLC on Monday, September 13<sup>th</sup>, at 1:00pm.

The September newsletter is on the table in the narthex as well as emailed out.

## ***Grandparent & Grandchild retreat***

Green Lake Bible Camp is going to be hosting a Grandparent and Grandchild retreat November 6<sup>th</sup>-7<sup>th</sup>, and we are hoping to send a group! This one night retreat will offer a unique opportunity to spend time doing camp activities, while also learning more about your faith together! With intergenerational bible studies, worship, activities, and more, this is your chance to spend intentional time together while playing in God's creation! *The registration deadline is Oct. 29<sup>th</sup>.* The cost is \$75 per adult, and \$25 per youth. If you would be interested, please contact the church office ([reception@granitefallslutheran.com](mailto:reception@granitefallslutheran.com) or 320-564-3746 )

## ***SWMN Junior High Youth Gathering***

The Junior High Youth Gathering is back! This year will include Joe Davis, AGAPE\*, and mass gatherings with worship, singing, and building relationships with other youth from our synod. Nightlife includes swimming, games, food, dancing, service projects, and much more! We had a blast when we went to this in 2019, and we're excited to bring another group. Registration is open for 6<sup>th</sup>-9<sup>th</sup> graders, and begins September 20<sup>th</sup>, and closes October 17<sup>th</sup>. We have two date options, Nov. 19-20 or Nov. 20 (just the day, no overnight). We will be figuring out the overall cost as the event gets closer. If you would be interested, please contact Pastor Paul ( [pastorpaul@granitefallslutheran.com](mailto:pastorpaul@granitefallslutheran.com) or 320-564-3746 ).

## **9/11 Memorial Service**

8:30am

Hymn                    *"Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence"*        vs 2-4    #490

Responsive Psalm 13

L: How long, O Lord? Will you forget me forever?  
How long will you hide your face from me?

**C: How long must I bear pain in my soul,  
and have sorrow in my heart all day long?**

L: How long shall my enemy be exalted over me?  
Consider and answer me, O Lord my God!

**C: Give light to my eyes, or I will sleep the sleep of death,  
and my enemy will say, "I have prevailed";  
my foes will rejoice because I am shaken.**

L: But I trusted in your steadfast love;  
my heart shall rejoice in your salvation.

**C: I will sing to the Lord,  
because he has dealt bountifully with me.**

Reading:

Time for Silence:

Closing Song:                    *"Bring Peace to Earth Again"*                    #700

### **Worship Leaders September 19, 2021**

**Greeters:** On a volunteer basis

**Usher Team:** Scott Santjer, Bradley Burgeson, Bill Dinesen, Myron Hagelstrom, Michael Hoffman, Steven Johnson

**Communion:** Kaye Thorkelson, Shawnn Martin, Val Santjer, Val Hoffman