



**20th Sunday after Pentecost  
Granite Falls Lutheran Church**

**October 10, 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**

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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**

*“Gather Us In”*

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**\*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**

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P: *Kyrie eleison*

**C: Lord, have mercy**

P: *Christe eleison*

**C: Christ, have mercy**

P: *Kyrie eleison*

**C: Lord, have mercy**

**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,

**C: Almighty and ever-living God, increase in us your gift of faith, that, forsaking what lies behind and reaching out to what lies ahead, we may follow the way of your commandments and receive the crown of everlasting joy, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen**

## Scripture Lesson

Hebrews 4:12-16

<sup>12</sup>Indeed, the word of God is living and active, sharper than any two-edged sword, piercing until it divides soul from spirit, joints from marrow; it is able to judge the thoughts and intentions of the heart.

<sup>13</sup>And before him no creature is hidden, but all are naked and laid bare to the eyes of the one to whom we must render an account. <sup>14</sup>Since, then, we have a great high priest who has passed through the heavens, Jesus, the Son of God, let us hold fast to our confession. <sup>15</sup>For we do not have a high priest who is unable to sympathize with our weaknesses, but we have one who in every respect has been tested as we are, yet without sin. <sup>16</sup>Let us therefore approach the throne of grace with boldness, so that we may receive mercy and find grace to help in time of need.

## 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 10: 17-27

<sup>17</sup>As he was setting out on a journey, a man ran up and knelt before him, and asked him, "Good Teacher, what must I do to inherit eternal life?" <sup>18</sup>Jesus said to him, "Why do you call me good? No one is good but God alone. <sup>19</sup>You know the commandments: 'You shall not murder; You shall not commit adultery; You shall not steal; You shall not bear false witness; You shall not defraud; Honor your father and mother.'" <sup>20</sup>He said to him, "Teacher, I have kept all these since my youth." <sup>21</sup>Jesus, looking at him, loved him and said, "You lack one thing; go, sell what you own, and give the money to the poor, and you will have treasure in heaven; then come, follow me." <sup>22</sup>When he heard this, he was shocked and went away grieving, for he had many possessions. <sup>23</sup>Then Jesus looked around and said to his disciples, "How hard it will be for those who have wealth to enter the kingdom of God!" <sup>24</sup>And the disciples were perplexed at these words. But Jesus said to them again, "Children, how hard it is to enter the kingdom of God! <sup>25</sup>It is easier for a camel to go through the eye of a needle than for someone who is rich to enter the kingdom of God." <sup>26</sup>They were greatly astounded and said to one another, "Then who can be saved?" <sup>27</sup>Jesus looked at them and said, "For mortals it is impossible, but not for God; for God all things are possible."

P: The gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to you, O Christ.

## Children's Message

## Sermon

## Hymn of the Day

*"Spirit, Open My Heart"*

*see insert*

## \*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 response #752)*

P: Made children and heirs of God's promise, we pray for the church, the world, and all in need. Uniting God, you call forth different gifts in those who follow you. Encourage us to welcome the benefits and blessings of the whole church in teaching, preaching, prophecy, healing, and more. Lord, in your mercy.

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.)*.... Lord, in your mercy.

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

P: Make us confident in your promise of salvation and support us in our own journey of faith. Lord, in your mercy,

C: **Amen.**

## Peace

P: The peace of Christ be with you always.

C: **And also with you.**

## Offering

*"Praise and Thanksgiving"*

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## \*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

*"Shine Jesus Shine"*

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## \*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>
Piano	<i>Lynn Ullrich</i>
Keyboard	<i>Elaine Halverson</i>
Guitar	<i>Dallas Iverson</i>
Banjo	<i>Pastor Paul Drees</i>
Reader	<i>Mark Sannerud</i>

### Spirit, Open My Heart

*Refrain*

Spir-it, o - pen my heart to the joy and pain of  
 liv-ing. As you love may I love, in re - ceiv - ing  
 and in giv - ing. Spir - it, o - pen my heart.

1 God, re - place my ston - y heart with a heart that's  
 2 Write your love up - on my heart as my law, my  
 3 May I weep with those who weep; share the joy of

kind and ten - der. All my cold - ness and  
 goal, my sto - ry. In each thought, word, and  
 friend and neigh - bor. As I live from day to

*Refrain*

fear to your grace I now sur - ren - der.  
 deed, may my liv - ing bring you glo - ry.  
 day, love will be my fin - est la - bor.

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## News & Announcements

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

Monday -	7:00 pm	Prairie Arts Chorale
Tuesday -	10:30 am	Staff Meeting
	6:00 pm	Worship/Music Committee Meeting
	6:30 pm	Outreach Committee Meeting
	7:30 pm	Council Meeting
Wednesday -	2:00 pm	GF Care Center Worship
	7:00 pm	Confirmation Service Project
	7:00 pm	Choir Practice
Thursday -	2:30 pm	Espresso Time
	5:30 pm	Education Committee Meeting
Saturday	7:00 am	Men's Bible Study at Hardee's
Sunday -	9:00 am	Worship service with FB live
	10:00 am	Sunday School

**Today is the return of our Celebration worship services.** Right now the plan is to have them once a month on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday. If you have suggestions for hymns and songs to sing, please let the office know so that we can try to use them when possible.

**We send prayers to the family of Greg Vos.** Services for Greg will be held today at 2:00 pm at GFLC. Blessed be his memory.

**We are pleased to announce that we are going to have New Member Classes again this fall! \*\* Note new dates\*\*** All members (new or old!) are welcome to join us for some time of learning and fellowship. The first class is on November 14th, 10:05am to 11:00am (on Christian history and Theology). The second class is on November 21st, from 10:05am to 11:00am (on the history of GFLC, and how the church works today). If you've ever wondered what the church (staff, pastors, volunteers, endowment, etc) does besides celebrate worship on Sunday, the second class is for you! Light refreshments will be provided.

**\*\*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 Sunday, October 24<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.

**Thank you** to everyone who contributed to “God’s Work. Our Hands” Congregational Church Cleaning Project. The church looks amazing from top to bottom. **Also Thank You to our GFLC members who assisted with the installation services for Bishop Dee Pederson.**

**Adult Choir will be practicing** on Wednesday nights at 7:00 pm. Singing is good for the soul and we invite you to join us. We ask that choir members wear a mask and will be seated 3 feet apart. Bring a friend. More information and schedules are available from Joyce Manning or contact the church office.

**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. 28<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).

**Next Sunday, October 17th**, as part of the Anniversary celebration, **Pastor Bruce Kuenzel will be visiting GFLC** during and after worship. Rolls will be provided for coffee time in the basement.

**A Celebration of Life Service for Darlene Ulmer** will be held on Tuesday, October 19, at 1:00 pm at Anderson-TeBeest Funeral Chapel in Granite Falls MN.

**Worship Leaders for October 17, (Next Sunday)**

**Greeters:** Volunteer

**Usher Team:** Jeff Koepke, Doug McCoss, Jeff Mensink, Keith Sandberg, Paul Sheggeby, Mark Wilson

**Reader:** Kathy Hendrickson

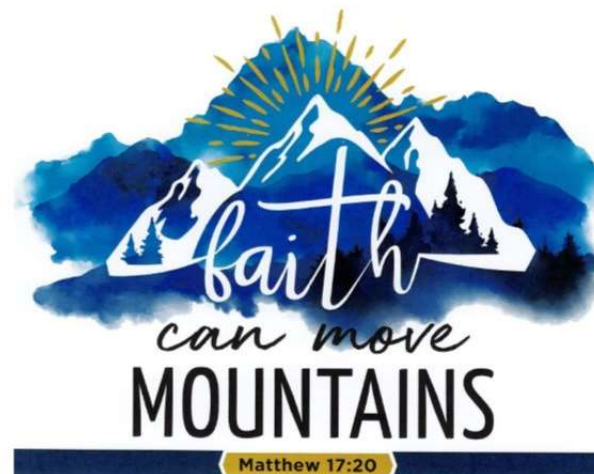
**Communion Assistant:** Steve Nordaune, Dorian Grove, Kathy Hendrickson, Roger Abel

## JR High Youth Gathering!

Grades 6 - 9

Contact the Church office to register!

Registration deadline is October 14th!



SW MN Synod Jr. High Youth Gathering

Nov. 19-20 / 20 / ~~20-21~~, 2021

Willmar Conference Center &  
Best Western Plus/Holiday Inn Express

Willmar, MN

More info and Registration is online at:

[swmelca.org/event/jhyg2021](http://swmelca.org/event/jhyg2021)

Cost: \$ 25 per person

- Includes excellent programming, a gathering t-shirt, evening snack and breakfast.