



Eighth Sunday after Pentecost Granite Falls Lutheran Church

***July 18, 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.

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

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.**



Welcome & Announcements

***Gathering Hymn** *"What a Friend We Have in Jesus"* #742

Baptism *(follow along in the hymnal)* ELW pg. 227

***Confession and Forgiveness**

P: Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God, the God of manna, the God of miracles, the God of mercy.

C: Amen.

P: Drawn to Christ and seeking God's abundance, let us confess our sin. *(Silence for reflection)*
God, our provider,

C: help us. It is hard to believe there is enough to share. We question your ways when they differ from the ways of the world in which we live. We turn to our own understanding rather than trusting in you. We take offense at your teachings and your ways. Turn us again to you. Where else can we turn? Share with us the words of eternal life and feed us for life in the world. Amen.

P: Beloved people of God: in Jesus, the manna from heaven, you are fed and nourished. By Jesus, the worker of miracles, there is

always more than enough. Through Jesus, † the bread of life, you are shown God's mercy: you are forgiven and loved into abundant life.

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: O God,

C: powerful and compassionate, you shepherd your people, faithfully feeding and protecting us. Heal each of us, and make us a whole people, that we may embody the justice and peace of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

Scripture

Psalm 23

¹The LORD is my shepherd, I shall not want. ²He makes me lie down in green pastures; he leads me beside still waters; ³he restores my soul. He leads me in right paths for his name's sake. ⁴Even though I walk through the darkest valley, I fear no evil; for you are with me; your rod and your staff - they comfort me. ⁵You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies; you anoint my head with oil; my cup overflows. ⁶Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life, and I shall dwell in the house of the LORD my whole life long.

Children's Message

Sermon

Hymn of the Day *"My Life Flows On in Endless Song"* #763

*Prayers of the Church

P: Rooted in Christ and sustained by the Spirit, we offer our prayers for the church, the world, and all of creation. Tend your church, O God. Encourage bishops, pastors, and deacons in their proclamation of the gospel. Raise up new leaders and encourage those pursuing a call to ministry. Embolden all the baptized to embody your love and justice. Hear us, O God.

C: Your mercy is great.

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

C: Your mercy is great.

P: We lift these and all our prayers to you, O God, confident in the promise of your saving love; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

C: Amen.

Offering *"Precious Lord, Take My Hand"* #773

Offering Prayer

P: Jesus, Bread of life, you have set this table with your very self, and called us to the feast of plenty. Gather what has been sown among us, and strengthen us in this meal. Make us to be what we receive here, your body for the life of the world.

*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.

(preface continues)

*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	<i>"Let Us Break Bread Together"</i>	#471
	<i>"All Who Hunger, Gather Gladly"</i>	#461

Post Communion Prayer

P: Jesus, Bread of life, we have received from your table more than we could ever ask. As you have nourished us in this meal, now strengthen us to love the world with your own life. In your name we pray.

C: Amen.

***Closing Hymn** *"Come Thou Font of Every Blessing"* #807

***Benediction**

***Sending**

P: Go in peace. You are the body of Christ.

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>
Special Guest	<i>Capt. Bradley Thom, CHC USN (ret)</i>
Organ/Piano	<i>Lynn Ullrich</i>
Reader	<i>Chad Friese</i>
Communion Assistants	<i>Les Bergquist</i>
	<i>Rita Christianson</i>
	<i>Amy Hoerneman</i>

News & Announcements

We welcome Bentley Robert Bloch into the body of Christ and into the mission we share. Bentley is the son of Hannah Gullickson & Mason Bloch. His sponsors are Natasha Gullickson and Brody Bloch



Attention bike riders and cowboy/cowgirl wannabes! **On July 21st, we will have a Bike Rodeo, followed by a worship service.** The Rodeo will begin at 6:00pm, and the worship service will start at 7:00pm. The Bike Rodeo will consist of several different games of skill, such as THE PONY EXPRESS (where bikers are timed in their delivery of a package), THE LONG COAST (where bikers pedal as fast as they can, then coast as far as they can), THE MIDNIGHT RIDER (where bikers lay down to sleep, but are woken and must complete a course as quickly as possible) AND OTHER EVENTS. We will be giving out prizes for different age categories. IF YOU are interested in volunteering to help make this happen, please email Pastor Paul at pastor paul@granitefalls lutheran.com OR speak to him in person OR send a telegram/call the office.

VBS Registration will be completely online.

Registration Deadline is July 25th.

ONLY ONE WEEK left to REGISTER! Vacation Bible School is August 9th - 12th: 9:00 am – 2:30 pm.

VBS is open for all kiddos (member or not) entering 1st thru 6th grades. \$10 per student. (\$20 max/family) The children who have done this in the past have had an absolute blast, and we expect the same fun experience this year! As we have done in recent years, we will be having staff from Shetek Bible Camp come to lead VBS. Contact the church office for registration information.

****Volunteers needed for VBS**.** If you can volunteer some of your time to assist the camp counselors, please sign up on the table in the narthex or call the church office. We need a few people each day. Older youth are very welcome to help out!!

We are looking for food donations for VBS. If you can help out, please sign up on the table in the narthex.



Granite Falls Lutheran is formulating a Security Management Plan using materials recommended by our insurer, Brotherhood Mutual, and we need 4-5 people to serve on a task force to assemble the plan. If you are interested or have some experience in security policies, please contact Pastor M to help us out!

Volunteers are needed to bring goodies for Sunday morning coffee. There is a sign-up sheet on the large table in the narthex. Thank you to everyone who has volunteered!

Calendar this week:

Please check the church website for changes.

Monday -	10:30 am	Staff Meeting
Tuesday -		
Thursday -	2:30 pm	Espresso Time
	6:30 pm	Stewardship Committee Meeting
Friday -		Office Closed
Sunday -	9:00am	Worship service with FB live

VBS
DON'T FORGET
TO SIGN UP!

What a Friend We Have in Jesus

What a friend we have in Jesus, all our sins and griefs to bear!
What a privilege to carry everything to God in prayer!
Oh, what peace we often forfeit; oh, what needless pain we bear
All because we do not carry everything to God in prayer!

Have we trials and temptations? Is there trouble anywhere?
We should never be discouraged take it to the Lord in prayer.
Can we find a friend so faithful who will all our sorrows share?
Jesus knows our every weakness take it to the Lord in prayer.

Are we weak and heavy laden, cumbered with a load of care?
Precious Savior, still our refuge take it to the Lord in prayer.
Do your friends despise, forsake you? Take it to the Lord in prayer.
In his arms he'll take and shield you; you will find a solace there.

My Life Flows On in Endless Song

My life flows on in endless song; above earth's lamentation,
I catch the sweet, though far-off hymn that hails a new creation.

Refrain:

No storm can shake my inmost calm while to the Rock I'm clinging.
Since Christ is Lord of heaven and earth, how can I keep from singing?

Through all the tumult and the strife, I hear that music ringing.
It finds an echo in my soul. How can I keep from singing?

Refrain:

What though my joys and comforts die? The Lord my Savior liveth.
What though the darkness gather round? Songs in the night he giveth.

Refrain:

The peace of Christ makes fresh my heart, a fountain ever springing!
All things are mine since I am his! How can I keep from singing?

Refrain:

Precious Lord, Take My Hand

Precious Lord, take my hand, lead me on, let me stand,
I am tired, I am weak, I am worn.
Through the storm, through the night, lead me on to the light.
Take my hand, precious Lord, lead me home.

When my way grows drear, precious Lord, linger near,
when my life is almost gone,
hear my cry, hear my call, hold my hand lest I fall.
Take my hand, precious Lord, lead me home.

When the darkness appears and the night draws near,
and the day is past and gone,
at the river I stand, guide my feet, hold my hand.
Take my hand, precious Lord, lead me home.

Let Us Break Bread Together

Let us break bread together on our knees;
Let us break bread together on our knees.
When I fall on my knees, With my face to the rising sun,
O Lord, have mercy on me.

Let us drink wine together on our knees;
Let us drink wine together on our knees.
When I fall on my knees, With my face to the rising sun,
O Lord, have mercy on me.

Let us praise God together on our knees;
Let us praise God together on our knees.
When I fall on my knees, With my face to the rising sun,
O Lord, have mercy on me.

“All Who Hunger Gather Gladly”

All who hunger, gather gladly; holy manna is our bread.
Come from wilderness and wand’ring. Here in truth we will be fed.
You that yearn for days of fullness, all around us is our food.
Taste and see the grace eternal. Taste and see that God is good.

All who hunger, never strangers; seeker, be a welcome guest.
Come from restlessness and roaming. Here in joy we keep the feast.
We that once were lost and scattered in communion’s love have stood.
Taste and see the grace eternal. Taste and see that God is good.

All who hunger, sing together, Jesus Christ is living bread.
Come from loneliness and longing. Here in peace we have been fed.
Blest are those who from this table live their days in gratitude.
Taste and see the grace eternal. Taste and see that God is good.

Come Thou Fount of Every Blessing

Come, thou Fount of every blessing, tune my heart to sing thy grace;
streams of mercy, never ceasing, call for songs of loudest praise.
While the hope of endless glory fills my heart with joy and love,
teach me ever to adore thee; may I still thy goodness prove.

Here I raise my Ebenezer: “Hither by thy help I’ve come”;
and I hope, by thy good pleasure, safely to arrive at home.
Jesus sought me when a stranger, wandering from the fold of God;
he, to recue me from danger, interposed his precious blood.

Oh, to grace how great a debtor daily I’m constrained to be;
let that grace now like a fetter bind my wandering heart to thee.
Prone to wander, Lord, I feel it; prone to leave the God I love.
Here’s my heart, oh, take and seal it; seal it for thy courts above.