



## Third Sunday in Lent Granite Falls Lutheran Church

March 3, 2024  
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 plate 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

#### \*Confession and Forgiveness

AM: Blessed be the holy Trinity, ☩ one God, who forgives all our sin, whose mercy endures forever. **Amen.**

AM: Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid: cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you and worthily magnify your holy name, through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

AM: Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another. Gracious God,

**C: have mercy on us. We confess that we have turned from you and given ourselves into the power of sin. We are truly sorry and humbly repent. In your compassion forgive us our sins, known and unknown, things we have done and things we have failed to do. Turn us again to you, and uphold us by your Spirit, so that we may live and serve you in newness of life through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. 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 you 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. **Amen.**

\*Gathering Hymn    *"In the Cross of Christ I Glory"*    #324

#### \*Greeting

AM: 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 Glory to God    (sung)

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#### \*Prayer of the Day

AM: Let us pray.

C: **Holy God, through your Son you have called us to live faithfully and act courageously. Keep us steadfast in your covenant of grace, and teach us the wisdom that comes only through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.**

#### First Lesson

Exodus 20:1-17

<sup>1</sup>Then God spoke all these words: <sup>2</sup>I am the LORD your God, who brought you out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery; <sup>3</sup>you shall have no other gods before me. <sup>4</sup>You shall not make for yourself an idol, whether in the form of anything that is in heaven above, or that is on the earth beneath, or that is in the water under the earth. <sup>5</sup>You shall not bow down to them or worship them; for I the LORD your God am a jealous God, punishing children for the iniquity of parents, to the third and the fourth generation of those who reject me, <sup>6</sup>but showing steadfast love to the thousandth generation of those who love me and keep my commandments. <sup>7</sup>You shall not make wrongful use of the name of the LORD your God, for the LORD will not acquit anyone who misuses his name. <sup>8</sup>Remember the sabbath day, and keep it holy. <sup>9</sup>Six days you shall labor and do all your work. <sup>10</sup>But the seventh day is a sabbath to the LORD your God; you shall not do any work — you, your son or your daughter, your male or female slave, your livestock, or the alien resident in your towns. <sup>11</sup>For in six days the LORD made heaven and earth, the sea, and all that is in them, but rested the seventh day; therefore the LORD blessed the sabbath day and consecrated it. <sup>12</sup>Honor your father and your mother, so that your days may be long in the land that the LORD your God is giving you. <sup>13</sup>You shall not murder. <sup>14</sup>You shall not commit adultery. <sup>15</sup>You shall not steal. <sup>16</sup>You shall not bear false witness against your neighbor. <sup>17</sup>You shall not covet your neighbor's house; you shall not covet your neighbor's wife, or male or female slave, or ox, or donkey, or anything that belongs to your neighbor.

#### Responsive Psalm

Psalm 19

L: <sup>1</sup>The heavens are telling the glory of God; and the firmament proclaims his handiwork.

C: <sup>2</sup>**Day to day pours forth speech, and night to night declares knowledge.**

L: <sup>3</sup>There is no speech, nor are there words; their voice is not heard;

C: <sup>4</sup>**yet their voice goes out through all the earth, and their words to the end of the world. In the heavens he has set a tent for the sun,**

L: <sup>5</sup>which comes out like a bridegroom from his wedding canopy, and like a strong man runs its course with joy.

**C: <sup>6</sup>Its rising is from the end of the heavens, and its circuit to the end of them; and nothing is hid from its heat.**

L: <sup>7</sup>The law of the LORD is perfect, reviving the soul; the decrees of the LORD are sure, making wise the simple;

**C: <sup>8</sup>the precepts of the LORD are right, rejoicing the heart; the commandment of the LORD is clear, enlightening the eyes;**

L: <sup>9</sup>the fear of the LORD is pure, enduring forever; the ordinances of the LORD are true and righteous altogether.

**C: <sup>10</sup>More to be desired are they than gold, even much fine gold; sweeter also than honey, and drippings of the honeycomb.**

L: <sup>11</sup>Moreover by them is your servant warned; in keeping them there is great reward.

**C: <sup>12</sup>But who can detect their errors? Clear me from hidden faults.**

L: <sup>13</sup>Keep back your servant also from the insolent; do not let them have dominion over me. Then I shall be blameless, and innocent of great transgression.

**C: <sup>14</sup>Let the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart be acceptable to you, O LORD, my rock and my redeemer.**

L: Here ends the lessons    **C: Thanks be to God**

**\*Gospel Acclamation**                      *(sung)*                      *pg 151b*

P: The holy gospel according to John.    **C: Glory to you, O Lord.**

**\*Gospel**    John 2:13-22

<sup>13</sup>The Passover of the Jews was near, and Jesus went up to Jerusalem. <sup>14</sup>In the temple he found people selling cattle, sheep, and doves, and the money changers seated at their tables. <sup>15</sup>Making a whip of cords, he drove all of them out of the temple, both the sheep and the cattle. He also poured out the coins of the money changers and overturned their tables. <sup>16</sup>He told those who were selling the doves, "Take these things out of here! Stop making my Father's house a marketplace!" <sup>17</sup>His disciples remembered that it was written, "Zeal for your house will consume me." <sup>18</sup>The Jews then said to him, "What sign can you show us for doing this?" <sup>19</sup>Jesus answered them, "Destroy this temple, and in three days I will raise it up." <sup>20</sup>The Jews then said, "This temple has been under construction for forty-six years, and will you raise it up in three days?" <sup>21</sup>But he was speaking of the temple of his body. <sup>22</sup>After he was raised from the dead, his disciples remembered that he had said this; and they believed the scripture and the word that Jesus had spoken.

P: The gospel of the Lord.    **C: Praise to you, O Christ.**

**Children's Message**

**Sermon**

**Hymn of the Day**                      *"How Great Thou Art"*                      #856

**\*Apostles' Creed**

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**\*Prayers of the Church**

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

**C: Your mercy is great.**

P: Accompany us on our journey, God of grace, and receive the prayers of our hearts, through Jesus Christ, our Savior.

**C: Amen.**

**Peace**

AM: The peace of Christ be with you always. **C: And also with you.**

**Offering/Noisy Offering**    *"When I Survey the Wondrous Cross"*    #803

**Offering Prayer**

Jesus, you are the bread of life and the host of this meal. Bless these gifts that we have gathered that all people may know your goodness. Feed us not only with this holy food but with hunger for justice and peace. We pray this in your name. **Amen.**

**\*Great Thanksgiving**    *(spoken)*                      *(pg.152)*  
*(preface continues)*

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

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

**Holy Communion Distribution**                      *"Lamb of God"*    *(pg 154)*

**Hymns**                      *"Built on a Rock"*                      #652

*"Oh God, You Search Me"*                      #1082 ACS

**In-home Communion Blessing**

**Post Communion Prayer**

P: Generous God, at this table we have tasted your immeasurable grace. As grains of wheat are gathered into one bread, now make us one loaf to feed the world; in the name of Jesus, the Bread of life.    **C: Amen.**

**\*Benediction**

**\*Closing Hymn**                      *"God of Grace and God of Glory"*                      #705

**\*Sending**

AM: Go in peace. Share your bread.    **C: Thanks be to God.**

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## Worship Participants

Ministers	<i>All of us gathered to worship</i>
Interim Pastor	<i>Deborah Nissen</i>
Assisting Minister	<i>Jon Barber</i>
Organ/Piano	<i>Lynn Ullrich</i>
Acolytes	<i>Emma Eisenbacher, Mario Ochoa</i>
Reader	<i>Kathy Anderson</i>
Communion Assistants	<i>*Taylor Bakkelund, Mark Sannerud, *Dana Baldry, Joanelle Sannerud</i>

### **Worship Leaders Wednesday, March 6, 2024**

Reader	<i>Sue Bergquist</i>
Acolytes	<i>Addison Fagen, Gunnar Fagen</i>
Ushers	<i>Doug Peterson, Carl Imes, Tim Johnson, Mike Aus, Aaron Peterson, Todd Reishus, Kent Hoffman</i>

### **Worship Leaders next Sunday, March 10, 2024**

Greeters	<i>Mark &amp; Joanelle Sannerud, Tim &amp; Susie Johnson</i>
Reader	<i>Nicolle Kotek</i>
Acolytes	<i>Tenley Anderson, Samantha Paulson</i>
Ushers	<i>Mark Jensen, Dean Baldry, Joe Hauger, Keith Sorenson, Jim Fromm, Mark Sannerud, Tim Opdahl</i>

### **March's Thankful Thought: Acts 4:32**

All the believers were one in heart and mind. No one claimed that any of his possessions was his own, but they shared everything they had.  
*Blessings, Stewardship Committee*

## *News & Announcements*

**Noisy Offering TODAY** is for the local food shelf!

**Easter Flower order forms** are available on the narthex table.  
Deadline for ordering is March 10<sup>th</sup>!

**Daylight Saving Time, is March 10<sup>th</sup>.** Spring Forward next Sat/Sun or you will be very late for church!

**Wednesday, March 6th,  
Lenten Supper 5:30 to 6:15 pm,  
Lenten worship at 6:30 pm.**

The menu this week:  
*Chili, Cheese Sandwich, Relish Tray, Bars, & Beverage*

### **Calendar this week**

Monday -		
Tuesday -	5:00 pm	Outreach Committee
	6:00 pm	Executive Committee
	7:00 pm	Property Committee
Wednesday -	9:00 am to Noon	YMLC Office Hours
	5:30 pm	Education Committee
	5:30-6:15 pm	Lenten Meal
	6:30 pm	Lenten Worship Service
	7:15 pm	Chancel Choir Practice
Thursday -	5:30 pm	Worship & Music Committee
Friday -		
Saturday	7:00 am	Men's Bible Study
Sunday -	9:00 am	Worship with FB Live

## LENT SCHEDULE

### *Mid-week worship services*

March 6, 13, & 20.

*Meal 5:30 pm - 6:15 pm*

Worship at 6:30 pm

### *Maundy Thursday Worship w/Holy Communion*

March 28, 7:30 pm

### *Good Friday Worship Tenebrae Service*

March 29, 7:30 pm

### *Easter Worship Services w/Holy Communion*

Sunday, March 31<sup>st</sup>

7:30 am, 9:00 am, & 10:30 am

**\$25** *Easter Flowers* **\$25**

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Order Deadline is March 10th  
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Easter Lily



Mums (Lavender, Purple, White, or Yellow)

**In the Cross of Christ I Glory** #324

In the cross of Christ I glory, tow'ring o'er the wrecks of time.  
All the light of sacred story gathers round its head sublime.

When the woes of life o'er take me, hopes deceive and fears annoy,  
never shall the cross forsake me; lo, it glows with peace and joy.

When the sun of life bliss is beaming light and love upon my way, from  
the cross the radiance streaming adds more luster to the day.

Bane and blessing, pain and pleasure, by the cross are sanctified;  
peace is there that knows no measure, joys that through all time abide.

**How Great Thou Art** #856

O Lord my God, when I in awesome wonder consider all the works thy  
hand hath made, I see the stars, I hear the mighty thunder, thy pow'r  
throughout the universe displayed;

**Refrain:** Then sings my soul, my savior God to thee, how great thou  
art! How great thou art! Then sings my soul, my Savior God, to thee,  
how great thou art! How great thou art!

When through the woods and forest glades I wander, I hear the birds  
sing sweetly in the trees; when I look down from lofty mountain  
grandeur and hear the brook and feel the gentle breeze;

**Refrain:**

But when I think that God, his Son not sparing, sent him to die, I  
scarce can take it in, that on the cross my burden gladly bearing he  
bled and died to take away my sin;

**Refrain:**

When Christ shall come, with shout of acclamation, and take me home,  
what joy shall fill my heart! Then I shall bow in humble adoration and  
there proclaim, "My God how great thou art!"

**Refrain:**

**When I Survey the Wondrous Cross** #803

When I survey the wondrous cross On which the prince of glory died,  
My richest gain I count but loss And pour contempt on all my pride.

Forbid it, Lord, that I should boast Save in the death of Christ, my God;  
All the vain things that charm me most, I sacrifice them to his blood.

See, from his head, his hands, his feet, Sorrow and love flow mingled  
down. Did e'er such love and sorrow meet, Or thorns compose so rich a  
crown?

Were the whole realm of nature mine, That were a present far too  
small; Love so amazing, so divine, Demands my soul, my life, my all.

**Built on a Rock** #652

Built on a rock the church shall stand, even when steeples are falling  
crumbled have spires in ev'ry land, bells still are chiming and calling--  
calling the young and old to rest, calling the souls of those distressed,  
longing for life everlasting.

Surely, in temples made with hands God the Most High is not  
dwelling—high in the heav'ns his temple stands, all earthly temples  
excelling. Yet God who dwells in heav'n above deigns to abide with us  
in love, making our bodies his temple.

Christ builds a house of living stones: we are his own habitation; he  
fills our hearts, his humble thrones, granting us life and salvation.  
Where two or three will seek his face, he in their midst will show his  
grace, blessings upon them bestowing.

Yet in this house, an earthly frame, Jesus the children is blessing; hither  
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.

Through all the passing years, O Lord, grant that, when church bells are  
ringing, many may come to hear your Word, who here this promise is  
bringing: "I know my own, my own know me; you, not the world, my  
face shall see; my peace I leave with you. Amen.

**Oh God, You Search Me** #1082 ACS

O God, you search me and you know me. All my thoughts lie open to  
your gaze. When I walk or lie down you are before me: ever the maker  
and keeper of my days.

You know my resting and my rising. You discern my purpose from  
afar, and with love everlasting you besiege me: in ev'ry moment of life  
or death, you are.

Before a word is on my tongue, Lord, you have known its meaning through and through. You are with me beyond my understanding: God of my present, my past, and future, too.

Although your Spirit is upon me, still I search for shelter from your light. There is nowhere on earth I can escape you: even the darkness is radiant in your sight.

For you created me and shaped me, gave me life within my mother's womb. For the wonder of who I am, I praise you: safe in your hands, all creation is made new.

**God of Grace and God of Glory #705**

God of Grace and God of Glory, on your people pour your pow'r;  
crown your ancient church's story; bring its bud to glorious flow'r.  
Grant us wisdom, grant us courage for the facing of this hour, for the facing of this hour.

Lo! The hosts of evil round us scorn the Christ, assail his ways! From the fears that long have bound us free our hearts to faith and praise.  
Grant us wisdom, grant us courage for the living of these days, for the living of these days.

Cure your children's warring madness; bend our pride to your control;  
shame our wanton, selfish gladness, rich in things and poor in soul.  
Grant us wisdom, grant us courage, lest we miss your kingdom's goal,  
lest we miss your kingdom's goal.

Save us from weak resignation to the evils we deplore; let the gift of your salvation be our glory evermore. Grant us wisdom, grant us courage, serving you whom we adore, serving you whom we adore.