



## 9th Sunday after Pentecost Granite Falls Lutheran Church

August 7, 2022  
9:00 am

**Welcome Pads.** In each pew is a welcome pad. Please sign in and let us know you were here. If you have any information that has changed such as your address, a new phone number etc. please include that so we can update our records. If you are a visitor please provide all your information so that we might follow up with you. When you are finished please send the pad back to the center aisle.

**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

**\*Gathering Hymn** "God, Who Stretched the Spangled Heavens" #771

### \*Confession and Forgiveness

P: Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God, whose steadfast love endures forever. C: Amen.

P: Merciful God,

**C: we confess that we have not followed your path but have chosen our own way. Instead of putting others before ourselves, we long to take the best seats at the table. When met by those in need, we have too often passed by on the other side. Set us again on the path of life. Save us from ourselves and free us to love our neighbors. Amen.**

P: Hear the good news! God does not deal with us according to our sins but delights in granting pardon and mercy. In the name of † Jesus Christ, your sins are forgiven. You are free to love as God loves.

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: Almighty God,

**C: you sent your Holy Spirit to be the life and light of your church. Open our hearts to the riches of your grace, that we may be ready to receive you wherever you appear, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

### Scripture Reading Genesis 15:1-6

<sup>1</sup>After these things the word of the LORD came to Abram in a vision, "Do not be afraid, Abram, I am your shield; your reward shall be very great." <sup>2</sup>But Abram said, "O Lord GOD, what will you give me, for I continue childless, and the heir of my house is Eliezer of Damascus?" <sup>3</sup>And Abram said, "You have given me no offspring, and so a slave born in my house is to be my heir." <sup>4</sup>But the word of the LORD came to him, "This man shall not be your heir; no one but your very own issue shall be your heir." <sup>5</sup>He brought him outside and said, "Look toward heaven and count the stars, if you are able to count them." Then he said to him, "So shall your descendants be." <sup>6</sup>And he believed the LORD; and the LORD reckoned it to him as righteousness.

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

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

### \*Gospel Luke 12:32-40

<sup>32</sup>Do not be afraid, little flock, for it is your Father's good pleasure to give you the kingdom. <sup>33</sup>Sell your possessions, and give alms. Make purses for yourselves that do not wear out, an unfailing treasure in heaven, where no thief comes near and no moth destroys. <sup>34</sup>For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also. <sup>35</sup>Be dressed for action and have your lamps lit; <sup>36</sup>be like those who are waiting for their master to return from the wedding banquet, so that they may open the door for him as soon as he comes and knocks. <sup>37</sup>Blessed are those slaves whom the master finds alert when he

comes; truly I tell you, he will fasten his belt and have them sit down to eat, and he will come and serve them. <sup>38</sup>If he comes during the middle of the night, or near dawn, and finds them so, blessed are those slaves. <sup>39</sup>But know this: if the owner of the house had known at what hour the thief was coming, he would not have let his house be broken into. <sup>40</sup>You also must be ready, for the Son of Man is coming at an unexpected hour."

P: The gospel of the Lord.

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

## Children's Message

## Sermon

**Hymn of the Day**                      *"Blessed Assurance"*                      #638

## \*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: Trusting in God's extraordinary love, let us come near to the Holy One in prayer. Let your lovingkindness be upon your church. Fill all who proclaim the gospel with your Spirit. Equip your flock to speak your word of promise and hope in the midst of fear and uncertainty. Merciful God,

**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.*** Merciful God.

P: .....*(after each petition.)*.... Let us pray.

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

P: Receive the prayers of your children, merciful God, and hold us forever in your steadfast love; through Jesus Christ, our holy Wisdom.

**C: Amen.**

**Offering**                      *"The God of Abraham Praise"*                      #831

## Offering Prayer

P: God of abundance:

**C: you have set before us a plentiful harvest. As we feast on your goodness, strengthen us to labor in your field, and equip us to bear fruit for the good of all, in the name of Jesus. 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.***

*(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**                      *"Soul Adorn Yourself with Gladness"*                      #488

*"Create in Me a Clean Heart"*                      #188

## At-home Communion Blessing

## Post Communion Prayer

P: Life-giving God,

**C: through this meal you have bandaged our wound and fed us with your mercy. Now send us forth to live for others, both friend and stranger, that all may come to know your love. This we pray in the name of Jesus. Amen.**

**Closing Hymn**                      *"How Great Thou Art"*                      #856

## Announcements

## Benediction

## Sending

P: Go in peace. Love your neighbor.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

## Worship Participants

Ministers	<i>All of us gathered to worship</i>
Associate Pastor	<i>Paul Drees</i>
Organ/Piano	<i>Lynn Ullrich</i>
Reader	<i>Kathy Hendrickson</i>
Communion Assistants	<i>David Haroldson</i> <i>Rita Christianson</i> <i>Kathy Hendrickson</i>

### Worship Leaders on August 14, 2022

Reader	<i>Darlene Santjer</i>
Usher Team	<i>Scott Santjer, Bradlee Burgeson, Bill Dinesen, Myron Hagelstrom, Mike Hoffman, Steven Johnson, Kyle TeBeest</i>

## *News & Announcements*

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

Monday -	9:00 am	WELCA Board Meeting
	1:00 pm	Staff Meeting
Tuesday -	6:00 pm	Worship & Music Meeting
	7:30 pm	Council Meeting
Wednesday -	9:00 to Noon	YMLC Office hours
	1:00 pm	Granite Ridge
	2:00 pm	GFH Care Center Worship
	3:00 pm	Henry Hill Worship
Thursday -	2:30 pm	Espresso Time
Friday -		
Saturday	7:00 am	Men's Bible Study
Sunday -	9:00 am	Worship service with FB live

### ***WELCA LWR school kits are being collected:***

Kits have been assembled and are in need of:

- 70-80 sheet notebooks (no loose-leaf paper)

Donations can be placed in the donation box in the Narthex.

## ***Granite Falls Lutheran Church Committee Openings***

Please consider serving your congregation by being part of the GFLC Council. There are two council positions open two Stewardship positions open and one Audit Committee position, four nominating committee positions. Contact the church office for more information.



We need your extra gifts to complete our **Kasota Stone Restoration Project!** Thank you for **over \$94,000** of donations to date, on our way to reaching our goal of \$133,000! When making a donation by check be sure to write "Kasota Stone" on the memo line; for cash donations please use an envelope from the narthex and add the memo to the envelope. **Thank you for your continued generosity as we move toward this goal!**

**God, Who Stretched the Spangled Heavens #771**

God, who stretched the spangled heavens infinite in time and place, flung the suns in burning radiance through the silent fields of space: we, your children in your likeness, share inventive pow'rs with you; great Creator, still creating, show us what we yet may do.

We have ventured worlds undreamed of since the childhood of our race; known the ecstasy of winging through untraveled realms of space; probed the secrets of the atom, yielding unimagined pow'r, facing us with life's destruction or our most triumphant hour.

As each far horizon beckons, may it challenge us anew: children of creative purpose, serving others, hon'ring you. May our dreams prove rich with promise; each endeavor well begun; great Creator, give us guidance till our goals and yours are one.

**“Blessed Assurance” #638**

Blessed assurance, Jesus is mine! Oh, what a foretaste of glory divine! Heir of salvation, purchase of God, born of his Spirit, washed in his blood. This is my story, this is my song, praising my Savior all the day long: this is my story, this is my song, praising my Savior all the day long.

Perfect submission, perfect delight, visions of rapture now burst on my sight; angels descending bring from above echoes of mercy, whispers of love. This is my story, this is my song, praising my Savior all the day long: this is my story, this is my song, praising my Savior all the day long.

Perfect submission, all is at rest; I in my Savior am happy and blest, watching and waiting, looking above, filled with his goodness, lost in his love. This is my story, this is my song, praising my Savior all the day long: this is my story, this is my song, praising my Savior all the day long.

**The God of Abraham Praise #831**

The God of Abr'ham praise, who reigns enthroned above; Ancient of everlasting days, and God of love "I Am the One I Am"-- by earth and heav'n confessed; I bow and bless the sacred name forever blest.

The God of Abr'ham praise! At your supreme command from earth I rise and seek the joys at your right hand. I all on earth forsake its wisdom, fame, and pow'r and you my only portion make, my shield and tow'r.

The God of Abr'ham praise! Your all-sufficient grace shall guide me all my pilgrim days in all my ways. You deign to call me friend; you call yourself my God! And you will save me to the end through Jesus' blood.

Your promise you have sworn; I on your oath depend. I shall, on eagle wings upborne, to heav'n ascend. I shall behold your face; I shall your pow'r adore, and sing the wonders of your grace forevermore.

**Soul, Adorn Yourself with Gladness #488**

Soul, adorn yourself with gladness, leave the gloomy haunts of sadness, come into the daylight's splendor, there with joy your praises render. Bless the one whose grace unbounded this amazing banquet founded; Christ, though heav'nly, high, and holy, deigns to dwell with you most lowly.

Hasten as a bride to meet him, eagerly and gladly greet him. There he stands already knocking; quickly, now, your gate unlocking, open wide the fast-closed portal, saying to the Lord immortal: "Come, and leave your loved one never; dwell within my heart forever."

Now in faith I humbly ponder over this surpassing wonder that the bread of life is boundless though the souls it feeds are countless; with the choicest wine of heaven, Christ's own blood to us is given. Oh, most glorious consolation, pledge and seal of my salvation.

Jesus, source of lasting pleasure, truest friend, and dearest treasure, peace beyond all understanding, joy into all life expanding; humbly now, I bow before you, love incarnate, I adore you; worthily let me receive you, and, so favored, never leave you.

**“Create in Me a Clean Heart”**

**#186**

Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me. Cast me not away from your presence, and take not your Holy Spirit from me, restore to me the joy of your salvation, and uphold me with your free Spirit.

**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;  
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;  
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!

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;  
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 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!”  
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!