



Third Sunday after Epiphany *Granite Falls Lutheran Church*

January 22, 2023
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.

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

- P: In the name of the Father, and of the ✠ Son, and of the Holy Spirit. **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. **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: In the mercy of almighty God, Jesus Christ was given to die for us, and for his sake God forgives us all our sins. As a called and ordained minister of the church of Christ, and by his authority, I therefore declare to you the entire forgiveness of all your sins, in the name of the Father, and of the ✠ Son, and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

*Gathering Hymn *"I Love to Tell the Story"* #661

*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 Glory to God (sung) pg. 147-149

*Prayer of the Day

Lord God, your loving kindness always goes before us and follows after us. Summon us into your light, and direct our steps in the ways of goodness that come through the cross of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

First Lesson Isaiah 9:1-4

¹ But there will be no gloom for those who were in anguish. In the former time he brought into contempt the land of Zebulun and the land of Naphtali, but in the latter time he will make glorious the way of the sea, the land beyond the Jordan, Galilee of the nations. ² The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light; those who lived in a land of deep darkness on them light has shined. ³ You have multiplied the nation, you have increased its joy; they rejoice before you as with joy at the harvest, as people exult when dividing plunder. ⁴ For the yoke of their burden, and the bar across their shoulders, the rod of their oppressor, you have broken as on the day of Midian.

L: Here ends the first lesson.

C: Thanks be to God.

Responsive Psalm Psalm 27:1,4-9

- L: ¹The LORD is my light and my salvation; whom shall I fear? The LORD is the stronghold of my life; of whom shall I be afraid?
- C: ⁴One thing I asked of the LORD, that will I seek after: to live in the house of the LORD all the days of my life, to behold the beauty of the LORD, and to inquire in his temple.**
- L: ⁵For he will hide me in his shelter in the day of trouble; he will conceal me under the cover of his tent; he will set me high on a rock.
- C: ⁶Now my head is lifted up above my enemies all around me, and I will offer in his tent sacrifices with shouts of joy; I will sing and make melody to the LORD.**
- L: ⁷Hear, O LORD, when I cry aloud, be gracious to me and answer me!
- C: ⁸"Come," my heart says, "seek his face!" Your face, LORD, do I seek. ⁹Do not hide your face from me. Do not turn your servant away in anger, you who have been my help. Do not cast me off, do not forsake me, O God of my salvation!**

Second Lesson 1 Corinthians 1:10-18

¹⁰Now I appeal to you, brothers and sisters, by the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, that all of you be in agreement and that there be no divisions among you, but that you be united in the same mind and the same

purpose. ¹¹For it has been reported to me by Chloe's people that there are quarrels among you, my brothers and sisters. ¹²What I mean is that each of you says, "I belong to Paul," or "I belong to Apollos," or "I belong to Cephas," or "I belong to Christ." ¹³Has Christ been divided? Was Paul crucified for you? Or were you baptized in the name of Paul? ¹⁴I thank God that I baptized none of you except Crispus and Gaius, ¹⁵so that no one can say that you were baptized in my name. ¹⁶(I did baptize also the household of Stephanas; beyond that, I do not know whether I baptized anyone else.) ¹⁷For Christ did not send me to baptize but to proclaim the gospel, and not with eloquent wisdom, so that the cross of Christ might not be emptied of its power. ¹⁸For the message about the cross is foolishness to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God.

L: Here ends the lesson.

C: Thanks be to God.

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

P: The holy gospel according to according to Matthew.

C: Glory to you, O Lord.

***Gospel** Matthew 4:12-23

¹²Now when Jesus heard that John had been arrested, he withdrew to Galilee. ¹³He left Nazareth and made his home in Capernaum by the sea, in the territory of Zebulun and Naphtali, ¹⁴so that what had been spoken through the prophet Isaiah might be fulfilled: ¹⁵"Land of Zebulun, land of Naphtali, on the road by the sea, across the Jordan, Galilee of the Gentiles¹⁶the people who sat in darkness have seen a great light, and for those who sat in the region and shadow of death light has dawned." ¹⁷From that time Jesus began to proclaim, "Repent, for the kingdom of heaven has come near." ¹⁸As he walked by the Sea of Galilee, he saw two brothers, Simon, who is called Peter, and Andrew his brother, casting a net into the sea — for they were fishermen. ¹⁹And he said to them, "Follow me, and I will make you fish for people." ²⁰Immediately they left their nets and followed him. ²¹As he went from there, he saw two other brothers, James son of Zebedee and his brother John, in the boat with their father Zebedee, mending their nets, and he called them. ²²Immediately they left the boat and their father, and followed him. ²³Jesus went throughout Galilee, teaching in their synagogues and proclaiming the good news of the kingdom and curing every disease and every sickness among the people.

P: The gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to you, O Christ.

Children's Message

Sermon

Hymn of the Day "Will You Come and Follow Me" #798

***Apostles Creed**

***Prayers of the Church**

P:(after each petition.).... Merciful God,

C: Receive our prayer.

P: We bring to you our needs and hopes, O God, trusting your wisdom and power revealed in Christ crucified.

C: Amen.

Peace

P: The peace of Christ be with you always.

C: And also with you.

Offering "Here I am, Lord" #574

Offering Prayer

Liberating God,

you break the bonds of injustice and let the oppressed go free.

Receive these offerings in thanksgiving for all your works of merciful power, and shape us as people of your justice and freedom.

You we magnify and adore, through Jesus our Savior, Amen.

***The Lord's Prayer**

***Benediction**

***Closing Hymn** "God's Work, Our Hands" #1000 ACS

***Sending**

P: Go in peace. Follow the way of Jesus.

C: Thanks be to God.

Worship Participants

Ministers

All of us gathered to worship

Interim Pastor

Joyce Capp

Organ/Piano

Lynn Ulrich

Reader

Dana Baldry

Acolytes

Emry Jans, Kiptyn Jans

Next Week's Worship Leaders Jan 29

Greeters: *Aaron Peterson, Jon & Pam Redetzke*
 Reader: *Les Bergquist*
 Acolytes: *Chase Bjorndal, Rori Buchman*
 Usher Group: *Doug Peterson, Michael Aus, Kent Hoffman, Carl Imes, Tim Johnson, Aaron Peterson, Todd Reishus*

News & Announcements

The full report prepared by Dialog Works (Rev. Peter Soli and Rachel Hefte) is now available to read at the church. There are two identical reports, in binders, and they are housed in the GFLC office. Please contact the church office during regular office hours if you wish to read the report. Because of the sensitive content of some sections the council asks that you not remove the binders from the church. That said, copies have been made of the GFLC Recommendations section and are on the table in the Narthex for members to take home and read.

Endowment applications are available for scholarships, missions grants, and building & grounds grants. Applications can be picked up in the back of the church or the church office.

Offering envelopes: As some of you may have noticed, the offering envelopes for the first quarter in 2023 have not arrived yet. The envelope company that we use has had supply chain issues as well as staffing issues. We will not receive any envelopes for January or February, but they assured us that we would have envelopes by the first Sunday in March. In the meantime, we have placed blank envelopes in the narthex, on the table and the usher table. They are also available in the office. You can write your name and date on them. Or you can use old envelopes that you may have.

Bibles: If you would like a bible to use during the worship service, they are located in the bookcase in narthex. Just pick one up before worship and return it after. Note: they are NIV and we use NRSV, so it will be slightly different from what is in worship.

Calendar this week Jan 23rd – 29th

Monday -	1:00 pm	Staff Meeting
Tuesday -	1:00 pm	Sewing Day
	6:00 pm	Outreach Committee meeting
Wednesday -	9:00 am to Noon	YMLC Office Hours
	1:00 pm	Sewing Day
	7:00 pm	Confirmation Class (7 th -9 th)
Thursday -		
Friday -		
Saturday	7:00 am	Men's Bible Study
Sunday -	9:00 am	Worship with FB Live
	10:00	Sunday School

Early registration for Green Lake LM Bible Camp is now open! The GFLC week is July 23rd-27th. We would like all of our youth to have the opportunity to attend so we are offering full scholarships for those who would like to attend. There is a \$50 discount for early registration, which helps us out, so please register by February 16th.

You can register online at: <https://gllm.campbrainregistration.com/>

Name Game

During worship you will hear stories about the disciples. These were Jesus' followers and friends. **Which names from this list did you hear during worship today? Circle them. Then try to find all twelve disciples in the word search!**

Simon Peter	Bartholomew
Andrew	Thomas
James	James
John	Thaddeus
Matthew	Simon
Philip	Judas

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I Love to Tell the Story

#661

I love to tell the story of unseen things above, Of Jesus and his glory, of Jesus and his love. I love to tell the story, because I know it's true; It satisfies my longings as nothing else would do.

Refrain

**I love to tell the story; 'twill be my theme in glory
To tell the old, old story of Jesus and his love.**

I love to tell the story: how pleasant to repeat what seems, each time I tell it, more wonderfully sweet! I love to tell the story, for some have never heard the message of salvation from God's own holy word.

Refrain

I love to tell the story, for those who know it best seem hungering and thirsting to hear it like the rest. And when, in scenes of glory, I sing the new, new song, I'll sing the old, old story that I have loved so long.

Refrain**Will You come and Follow Me**

#798

"Will you come and follow me if I but call your name?
Will you go where you don't know and never be the same?
Will you let my love be shown, will you let my name be known,
will you let my life be grown in you and you in me?"

"Will you leave yourself behind if I but call your name?
Will you care for cruel and kind and never be the same?
Will you risk the hostile stare, should your life attract or scare?
Will you let me answer pray'r in you and you in me?"

"Will you let the blinded see if I but call your name?
Will you set the pris'ners free and never be the same?
Will you kiss the leper clean, and do such as this unseen,
and admit to what I mean in you and you in me?"

"Will you love the you you hide if I but call your name?
Will you quell the fear inside and never be the same?
Will you use the faith you've found to reshape the world around,
through my sight and touch and sound in you and you in me?"

Lord, your summons echoes true when you but call my name.
Let me turn and follow you and never be the same.
In your company I'll go where your love and footsteps show.
Thus I'll move and live and grow in you and you in me.

Here I Am, Lord

#574

"I, the Lord of sea and sky, I have heard my people cry.
All who dwell in dark and sin my hand will save. I, who made the stars
of night, I will make their darkness bright. Who will bear my light to
them? Whom shall I send?"

Refrain:

**Here I am, Lord. Is it I, Lord? I have heard you calling in the
night. I will go, Lord, if you lead me. I will hold your people in my
heart.**

"I, the Lord of snow and rain, I have borne my people's pain.
I have wept for love of them. They turn away.
I will break their hearts of stone, give them hearts for love alone. I will
speak my word to them. Whom shall I send?" **Refrain**

"I, the Lord of wind and flame, I will tend the poor and lame I will set a
feast for them. My hand will save. Finest bread I will provide till their
hearts be satisfied. I will give my life to them. Whom shall I send?"

Refrain**God's Work, Our Hands**

#1000 ACS

God's work, our hands: working together, building a future, repairing
the world, raising up homes, planting new gardens, feeding the hungry
and shelt'ring the cold. Bless, God, our hands as we work in your name,
sharing the good news of your gospel.

God's work, our feet: trav'ling together, following Jesus to places
unknown, walking as friends, marching for freedom, running the race
with God's future the goal. Bless, God, our feet as we follow your way,
sharing the good news of your gospel.

God's work, our voice: singing together, praising, proclaiming to all
who will hear, praying for peace, shouting for justice, claiming God's
love for the lost and the least. Bless, God, our voice as we speak in
your name, sharing the good news of your gospel.

God is at work in and around us: seedlings are sprouting and bread's on
the rise! Washed and set free, humbled and honored,
gifted by grace, we respond in God's love. Bless, God, our lives as we
answer your call, sharing the good news of your gospel.