



## ***Fifth Sunday in Epiphany*** ***Granite Falls Lutheran Church***

***February 5, 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.

**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.

**If you would like a bible to use during the worship service,** they are located in the bookcase in the narthex. Just pick one up before worship and return it after.

### **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**

*"Gather Us In"*

#532

#### **\*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. 147-149*

#### **\*Prayer of the Day**

**Lord God, with endless mercy you receive the prayers of all who call upon you. By your Spirit show us the things we ought to do, and give us the grace and power to do them, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

#### **Chancel Choir**

*"Jesus, Teach Me"*

#### **First Lesson**

Isaiah 58: 1-9a

<sup>1</sup>Shout out; do not hold back! Lift up your voice like a trumpet! Announce to my people their rebellion, to the house of Jacob their sins. <sup>2</sup>Yet day after day they seek me and delight to know my ways, as if they were a nation that practiced righteousness and did not forsake the ordinance of their God; they ask of me righteous judgments; they want God on their side. <sup>3</sup>"Why do we fast, but you do not see? Why humble ourselves, but you do not notice?" Look, you serve your own interest on your fast day and oppress all your workers. <sup>4</sup>You fast only to quarrel and to fight and to strike with a wicked fist. Such fasting as you do today will not make your voice heard on high. <sup>5</sup>Is such the fast that I choose, a day to humble oneself? Is it to bow down the head like a bulrush and to lie in sackcloth and ashes? Will you call this a fast, a day acceptable to the LORD? <sup>6</sup>Is not this the fast that I choose: to loose the bonds of injustice, to undo the straps of the yoke, to let the oppressed go free, and to break every yoke? <sup>7</sup>Is it not to share your bread with the hungry and bring the homeless poor into your house; when you see the naked, to cover them and not to hide yourself from your own kin? <sup>8</sup>Then your light shall break forth like the dawn, and your healing shall spring up quickly; your vindicator shall go before you; the glory of the LORD shall be your rear guard. <sup>9</sup>Then you shall call, and the LORD will answer; you shall cry for help, and he will say, "Here I am."

#### **Responsive Psalm**

Psalms 112:1-9

L: <sup>1</sup>Praise the LORD! Happy are those who fear the LORD, who greatly delight in his commandments.

C: <sup>2</sup>**Their descendants will be mighty in the land; the generation of the upright will be blessed.**

L: <sup>3</sup>Wealth and riches are in their houses, and their righteousness endures forever.

- C:** <sup>4</sup>**They rise in the darkness as a light for the upright; they are gracious, merciful, and righteous.**
- L:** <sup>5</sup>It is well with those who deal generously and lend, who conduct their affairs with justice.
- C:** <sup>6</sup>**For the righteous will never be moved; they will be remembered forever.**
- L:** <sup>7</sup>They are not afraid of evil tidings; their hearts are firm, secure in the LORD.
- C:** <sup>8</sup>**Their hearts are steady; they will not be afraid; in the end they will look in triumph on their foes.**
- L:** <sup>9</sup>They have distributed freely; they have given to the poor;
- C:** **their righteousness endures forever; their horn is exalted in honor.**

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

**P:** The holy gospel according to Matthew.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

**\*Gospel** Matthew 5:13-20

<sup>13</sup>“You are the salt of the earth, but if salt has lost its taste, how can its saltiness be restored? It is no longer good for anything but is thrown out and trampled under foot. <sup>14</sup>“You are the light of the world. A city built on a hill cannot be hid. <sup>15</sup> People do not light a lamp and put it under the bushel basket; rather, they put it on the lampstand, and it gives light to all in the house. <sup>16</sup> In the same way, let your light shine before others, so that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father in heaven. <sup>17</sup>“Do not think that I have come to abolish the Law or the Prophets; I have come not to abolish but to fulfill. <sup>18</sup> For truly I tell you, until heaven and earth pass away, not one letter not one stroke of a letter, will pass from the law until all is accomplished. <sup>19</sup> Therefore, whoever breaks one of the least of these commandments and teaches others to do the same will be called least in the kingdom of heaven, but whoever does them and teaches them will be called great in the kingdom of heaven. <sup>20</sup> For I tell you, unless your righteousness exceeds that of the scribes and Pharisees, you will never enter the kingdom of heaven.

**P:** The gospel of the Lord.

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

## Children’s Message

### Sermon

**Hymn of the Day** “This Little Light of Mine” #677

### \*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** “Christ, Be Our Light” #715

## 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.**

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

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

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

**Holy Communion Distribution** “O Lamb of God” (pg 154)

### Hymns

“For the Troubles and the Sufferings” (sing twice) ACS #1051

“God, Be the Love to Search and Keep Me” ACS # 1084

## In-home Communion Blessing

### Post Communion Prayer

**P:** Holy One, we thank you for the healing that springs forth abundantly from this table. Renew our strength to do justice, love kindness, and journey humbly with you. **Amen.**

## \*Benediction

**\*Closing Hymn** “Lord, Whose Love in Humble Service” #712

## \*Sending

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

**C: Thanks be to God.**

## Worship Participants

|                      |   |
|----------------------|---|
| Ministers            | <i>All of us gathered to worship</i>                                  |
| Interim Pastor       | <i>Joyce Capp</i>   |
| Interim Pastor       | <i>Deborah Nissen</i>   |
| Organ/Piano          | <i>Lynn Ullrich</i>   |
| Reader               | <i>Karla Bjorndal</i>   |
| Communion Assistants | <i>Keith Sandberg, Karla Bjorndal,<br/>Gail Aus, Melissa Helgeson</i> |

### Next Week's Worship Participants Feb. 12

Greeters: *Doug & Nicole Jans, Pat Kubly*  
 Reader: *Kathy Hendrickson*  
 Acolytes: *Abbie Winter, Alyssa Moe*  
 Usher Group: *Jeff Koepke, Keith Sandberg, Paul Sheggeby, Jeff Mensink, Jack Mensink, Mark Wilson, Kelly Ullrich*

## *News & Announcements*

**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/>

**The February newsletter** was emailed out this past week. A hard copy can be picked up on the table in the Narthex. Check out what is happening at GFLC!

**Christ in Our Home daily devotional** books for Jan., Feb. & March can be found on the table in the narthex as well as the rack in the east entry.

**The Lenten Theme for this season** can be found in the newsletter. Check it out!

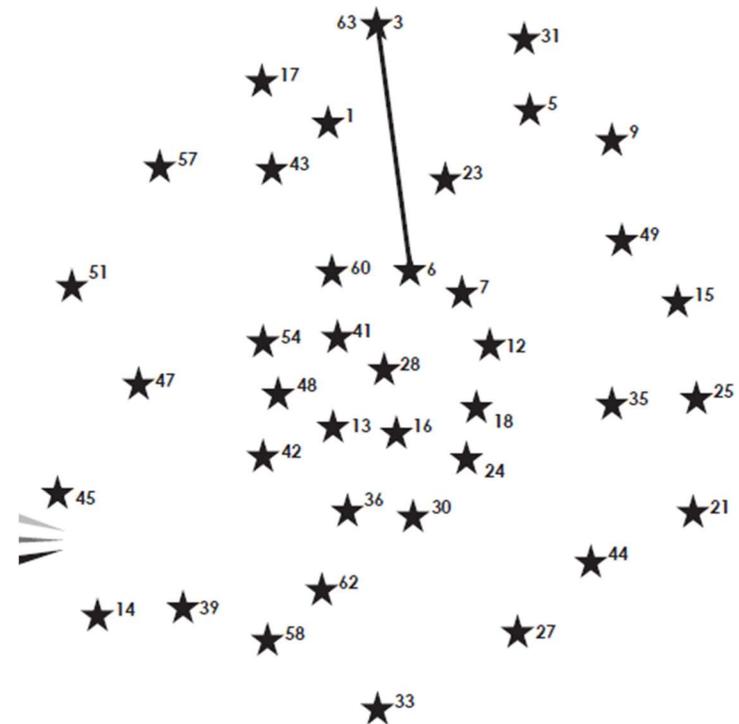
**The SW MN Senior High Youth Gathering** will be held March 10<sup>th</sup>-11<sup>th</sup>. Check out the newsletter for more information.

## **Calendar this week**

|             |                 |   |
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| Monday -    | 1:00 pm         | Staff Meeting   |
| Tuesday -   | 5:30 pm         | Executive Committee mtg.                                  |
|             | 6:00 pm         | Outreach Committee mtg.                                   |
|             | 7:00 pm         | Property & Grounds committee mtg.                         |
|             | 7:00 pm         | Stephen's Ministers mtg.                                  |
| Wednesday - | 9:00 am to Noon | YMLC Office Hours   |
|             | 1:00 pm         | Worship at Granite Ridge                                  |
|             | 2:00 pm         | Worship at GFH Care Center                                |
|             | 7:00 pm         | 6 <sup>th</sup> Grade Pre-confirmation class              |
|             | 7:00 pm         | 7 <sup>th</sup> -9 <sup>th</sup> Grade Confirmation class |
| Thursday -  | 2:30 pm         | Espresso Time   |
| Friday -    |                 |   |
| Saturday    | 7:00 am         | Men's Bible Study   |
| Sunday -    | 9:00 am         | Worship with FB Live                                      |

## **Constellation Station**

Connect the stars to make an Epiphany constellation. Start with 3 and move through all the multiples of 3 in order. The first connection is done for you.



**Gather Us In # 532**

Here in this place the new light is streaming, now is the darkness vanished away; see in this space our fears and our dreamings, brought here to you in the light of this day. Gather us in, the lost and forsaken, gather us in, the blind and the lame; call to us now, and we shall awaken, we shall arise at the sound of our name.

We are the young, our lives are a mystery, we are the old who yearn for your face; we have been sung throughout all of history, called to be light to the whole human race. Gather us in, the rich and the haughty, gather us in, the proud and the strong; give us a heart, so meek and so lowly, give us the courage to enter the song.

Here we will take the wine and the water, here we will take the bread of new birth, here you shall call your sons and your daughters, call us anew to be salt for the earth. Give us to drink the wine of compassion, give us to eat the bread that is you; nourish us well, and teach us to fashion lives that are holy and hearts that are true.

Not in the dark of buildings confining, not in some heaven, light years away...here in this place the new light is shining, now is the kingdom, and now is the day. Gather us in and hold us forever, gather us in and make us your own; gather us in, all peoples together, fire of love in our flesh and our bone.

**This Little Light of Mine # 677**

This little light of mine, I'm goin'-a let it shine; this little light of mine, I'm goin'-a let it shine; this little light of mine, I'm goin'-a let it shine; let it shine, let it shine, let it shine.

Every where I go, I'm goin'-a let it shine; every where I go, I'm goin'-a let it shine; every where I go, I'm goin'-a let it shine; let it shine, let it shine, let it shine.

Jesus gave it to me, I'm goin'-a let it shine; Jesus gave it to me, I'm goin'-a let it shine; Jesus gave it to me, I'm goin'-a let it shine; let it shine, let it shine, let it shine.

This little light of mine, I'm goin'-a let it shine; this little light of mine, I'm goin'-a let it shine; this little light of mine, I'm goin'-a let it shine; let it shine, let it shine, let it shine.

**Christ, Be Our Light #715**

Longing for light, we wait in darkness. Longing for truth, we turn to you. Make us your own, your holy people, light for the world to see.

*Refrain:*

*Christ, be our light! Shine in our hearts. Shine through the darkness.*

*Christ, be our light! Shine in your church gathered today.*

Longing for peace, our world is troubled. Longing for hope, many despair. Your word alone has pow'r to save us. Make us your living voice.

*Refrain:*

Longing for food, many are hungry. Longing for water, many still thirst. Make us your bread, broken for others, shared until all are fed.

*Refrain:*

Longing for shelter, many are homeless. Longing for warmth, many are cold. Make us your building, sheltering others, walls made of living stone.

*Refrain:*

Many the gifts, many the people, many the hearts that yearn to belong, Let us be servants to one another, signs of your kingdom come.

*Refrain:*

**For the Troubles and the Sufferings**

**ACS 1051**

For the troubles and the sufferings of the world, God, we call upon your mercy: the whole creation's laboring in pain! Lend an ear to the rising cry for help from oppressed and hopeless people: Come! Hasten your salvation, healing love! We pray for peace, the blessed peace that comes from making justice, to cover and embrace us. Have mercy, Lord! We pray for pow'r, the pow'r that will sustain your people's witness: until your kingdom comes. Kyrie eleison!

**God, Be the Love to Search and Keep Me**

**ACS 1084**

God, be the love to search and keep me; God, be the prayer to move my voice;  
God, be the strength to now uphold me:

*Refrain*

O Christ, surround me; O Christ, surround me.

Bind to myself the name of Holy, great cloud of witnesses enfold; prophets,  
apostles, angels witness: *Refrain*

Brightness of sun and glow of moonlight, flashing of lightning, strength of  
wind, depth of the sea to soil of planet: *Refrain*

Walking behind to hem my journey, going ahead to light my way, and from  
beneath, above, and all ways: *Refrain*

Christ in the eyes of all who see me, Christ in the ears that hear my voice,  
Christ in the hearts of all who know me: *Refrain*

**Lord, Whose Love in Humble Service #712**

Lord, whose love in humble service bore the weight of human need, who  
upon the cross, forsaken, worked your mercy's perfect deed: we, your  
servants, bring the worship not of voice alone, but heart; consecrating to  
your purpose ev'ry gift which you impart.

Still your children wander homeless; still the hungry cry for bread; still the  
captives long for freedom; still in grief we mourn our dead. As you, Lord,  
in deep compassion healed the sick and freed the soul, by your Spirit send  
your power to our world to make it whole.

As we worship, grant us vision, till your love's revealing light in its height  
and depth and greatness dawns upon our quickened sight, making known  
the needs and burdens your compassion bids us bear, stirring us to ardent  
service, your abundant life to share.

Called by worship to your service, forth in your dear name we go, to the  
child, the youth, the aged, love in living deeds to show; hope and health,  
good-will and comfort, counsel, aid, and peace we give, that your servants,  
Lord, in freedom may your mercy know and live.