



**Third Sunday in Lent**  
**Granite Falls Lutheran Church**

**March 7, 2021**  
**9:00 am & 11:00 am**

*“Love through Christ, Live to Serve, Learn to Give”*

**Welcome, Announcements & Greetings**

**\*Gathering Hymn**

9:00 am *“In the Cross of Christ I Glory”* #324  
 11:00 am *“Baptized and Set Free”* vs 1&2 #453

**Baptism** (11:00am) Georgianna Elise Gill pg. 227  
*“Baptized and Set Free”* vs 3&4 #453

**\*Confession and Forgiveness**

P: Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God, the keeper of the covenant, the source of steadfast love, our rock and our redeemer.

**C: Amen.**

P: God hears us when we cry, and draws us close in Jesus Christ. Let us return to the one who is full of compassion.

P: Fountain of living water,

**C: pour out your mercy over us. Our sin is heavy, and we long to be free. Rebuild what we have ruined and mend what we have torn. Wash us in your cleansing love. Make us alive in the Spirit to follow in the way of Jesus, as healers and restorers of the world you so love. Amen.**

P: Beloved, God’s word never fails. The promise rests on grace: by the saving love of Jesus Christ, the wisdom and power of God, your sins are † forgiven, and God remembers them no more. Journey in the way of Jesus.

**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.**

*(9:00 am only)* **\*Kyrie and Glory to God** (sung) pg 147-149

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: *Glory to God in highest, and peace to God’s people on earth.*

**C: Lord God, heavenly King, almighty God and Father, we worship you we give you thanks, we praise you for your glory. Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, Lord God, Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world: have mercy on us; you are seated at the right hand of the Father; receive our prayer. For you alone are the Holy One, you alone are the Lord, you alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit, in the glory of God the Father. Amen.**

**\*Prayer of the Day**

P: Holy God,

**C: 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.**

**\*Gospel**

Luke 6:6-19

P: The Holy Gospel according to Luke.

**C: Glory to you, O Lord.**

<sup>6</sup>On another sabbath he entered the synagogue and taught, and there was a man there whose right hand was withered. <sup>7</sup>The scribes and the Pharisees watched him to see whether he would cure on the sabbath, so that they might find an accusation against him. <sup>8</sup>Even though he knew what they were thinking, he said to the man who had the withered hand, "Come and stand here." He got up and stood there. <sup>9</sup>Then Jesus said to them, "I ask you, is it lawful to do good or to do harm on the sabbath, to save life or to destroy it?" <sup>10</sup>After looking around at all of them, he said to him, "Stretch out your hand." He did so, and his hand was restored. <sup>11</sup>But they were filled with fury and discussed with one another what they might do to Jesus.

<sup>12</sup>Now during those days he went out to the mountain to pray; and he spent the night in prayer to God. <sup>13</sup>And when day came, he called his disciples and chose twelve of them, whom he also named apostles: <sup>14</sup>Simon, whom he named Peter, and his brother Andrew, and James, and John, and Philip, and Bartholomew, <sup>15</sup>and Matthew, and Thomas,

and James son of Alphaeus, and Simon, who was called the Zealot,<sup>16</sup> and Judas son of James, and Judas Iscariot, who became a traitor.<sup>17</sup> He came down with them and stood on a level place, with a great crowd of his disciples and a great multitude of people from all Judea, Jerusalem, and the coast of Tyre and Sidon.<sup>18</sup> They had come to hear him and to be healed of their diseases; and those who were troubled with unclean spirits were cured.<sup>19</sup> And all in the crowd were trying to touch him, for power came out from him and healed all of them.

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

**Children’s Message**

(afterwards - age 4 thru 1<sup>st</sup> grade go downstairs for Children’s Church)

**Sermon**

**Hymn of the Day**      *“Canticle of the Turning”*      #723

*(9:00 am only)*    **\*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: Relying on the promises of God, we pray boldly for the church, the world, and all in need. There is no God before you. Purify the faith of your church, that your people place their trust in nothing beside you. Your name is holy. Guide your church, that in every situation your people’s words and actions honor your name. Lord, in your mercy.

**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.**

P: .....*(after each petition.)*.... Lord, in your mercy.

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

P: We entrust ourselves and all our prayers to you, O faithful God, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

**C: 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**

**Hymn**      *“I Am the Bread of Life”*      #485

**Communion Prayer**

P: God of steadfast love, at this table you gather your people into one body for the sake of the world. Send us in the power of your Spirit, that our lives bear witness to the love that has made us new in Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

**C: Amen.**

**\*Closing Hymn**      *“Lift High the Cross”*      #660

**\*Benediction**

**\*Sending**

P: Go in peace. Share the good news.

**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>
Organ/Piano	<i>Lynn Ullrich</i>

## News & Announcements

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

Tuesday – 1:00 pm Staff Meeting  
6:30 pm Outreach Committee Meeting  
6:30 pm Worship & Music Committee Meeting  
6:30 pm Property & Grounds Committee Meeting  
7:30 pm Council Meeting  
Wednesday – 7:00 pm Mid-week Lenten worship  
8:00 pm New Member Class  
Thursday 2:30 pm Espresso Time  
Sunday - Worship service at 9am & 11am with FB live at 9am.

**God's blessings on the baptism today of Georgiana Elise Gill** (at the 11:00 service). Her parents are Logan & Hailey Gill. Her sponsors are Mallory Lund and Michael Gill.



**Order forms for Easter Flowers are available.** This is a fundraiser for Altar Guild. Forms can be turned into the church office. The deadline for ordering is **March 25<sup>th</sup>**.

**Daylight Savings time is next weekend (March 14<sup>th</sup>)!** Set your clocks ahead an hour before going to bed on Saturday night so you aren't an hour late to church on Sunday!

**New Member Classes:** We are having new member classes! **These are open to anyone who would like to learn about Christian history or theology!** The first class will take place on March 10th, at 8:00pm (after Lenten worship) and the second class will take place on March 17th, at 8:00pm (after Lenten worship). Hope to see you there!

**The Nominating Committee** has begun meeting to seek nominees for the various committee openings. We are seeking individuals who have a willingness to serve our church in various roles. If you would like to volunteer, please let the office know and they will pass along your interest!

**Pastor Paul is going to lead a trip to the Boundary Waters** June 16-22<sup>nd</sup> (the land of 10,000 candy bars). This is for current 8<sup>th</sup> graders and older (adults too!) If you would be interested or want more information, please email Pastor Paul at [pastor paul@granitefallslutheran.com](mailto:pastor paul@granitefallslutheran.com)!

**Pastor Paul is leading a book club!** We will be continuing our study of 'Jesus and Nonviolence: A Third Way' by Walter Wink in March. If you weren't able to make it in February, you are welcome to join in March! We will meet on March 25<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 pm in the fellowship hall. We will also make this available on Facebook Live. We would love to see you there!

**March is Food Share Month** and we would like to help our local food shelf as much as possible. **We will have a noisy offering on March 28<sup>th</sup>. Donations of food are also accepted.** Just place them in the wooden crate in the Narthex. **Monetary donations are accepted any time.** If you would like to donate to the local food shelf and have your contribution listed on your annual GFLC giving statement, please use one of the envelopes provided on the table in the narthex labeled "Food Shelf Donation", write your name on the envelope and put it in the offering box. Make checks payable to Granite Falls Lutheran and be sure to list 'food shelf' in the memo. Cash is absolutely accepted as well!



**Easter Lily \$15**



**Kalanchoe \$15**



**Geranium Pot \$15**

### *Easter Flowers*

Fundraiser for  
GFLC Altar Guild

Order by March 25

# STRETCH YOUR DONATION

GIVE MORE BY MAKING A CASH DONATION TO YOUR LOCAL FOOD SHELF.

Financial donations go further due to access to food banks and discount purchasing programs, allowing food shelves to purchase items most needed in their community.

**YOUR \$10 FOOD DONATION**



VS.

**YOUR \$10 FINANCIAL DONATION**



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## First Communion

We will celebrate First Communion with our 5th Grade Class and their families at the 11:00am worship service on Palm Sunday, March 28.

## Holy Week Services

***Palm Sunday - March 28th***

***9:00 – Palm Sunday Service***

***11:00 - First Communion Service***

***Maundy Thursday:***

***April 1<sup>st</sup> - 7:00 pm***

***Good Friday:***

***April 2<sup>nd</sup> - 7:00 pm***

***Easter Sunday:***

***April 4<sup>th</sup>***

***7:30 am***

***9:00 am***

***10:30 am***

## Want to Sign Up for Electronic Giving?

Go to the Granite Falls Lutheran Website. ([www.granitfallslutheran.com](http://www.granitfallslutheran.com)) On the home page you will see a link titled "Give Online" towards the upper right part of your screen. From there you will be able to complete the easy sign-up. This is a simple way to pre-arrange offerings to the church.

## 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.

## Lift High the Cross #660

*Refrain:*

*Lift high the cross, the love of Christ proclaim till all the world adore  
his sacred name.*

Come, Christians, follow where our captain trod, our king victorious,  
Christ, the Son of God.

*Refrain:*

All newborn servants of the Crucified bear on their brows the seal of  
him who died.

*Refrain:*

O Lord, once lifted on the glorious tree, as thou has promised, draw us  
all to thee.

*Refrain:*

So shall our song of triumph ever be: praise to the Crucified for victory!

*Refrain:*

*Lift high the cross, the love of Christ proclaim till all the world adore  
his sacred name.*

## Canticle of the Turning #723

My soul cries out with a joyful shout  
that the God of my heart is great,  
and my spirit sings of the wondrous things  
that you bring to the ones who wait.  
You fixed your sight on your servant's plight,  
and my weakness you did not spurn,  
so from east to west shall my name be blest.  
Could the world be about to turn?

*Refrain*

*My heart shall sing of the day you bring.  
Let the fires of your justice burn.  
Wipe away all tears, for the dawn draws near,  
and the world is about to turn.*

Though I am small, my God, my all,  
you work great things in me,  
and your mercy will last from the depths of the past  
to the end of the age to be.  
Your very name puts the proud to shame,  
and to those who would for you yearn,  
you will show your might, put the strong to flight,  
for the world is about to turn. *Refrain*

From the halls of pow'r to the fortress tow'r,  
not a stone will be left on stone.  
Let the king beware for your justice tears  
ev'ry tyrant from his throne.  
The hungry poor shall weep no more,  
for the food they can never earn;  
there are tables spread, ev'ry mouth be fed,  
for the world is about to turn. *Refrain*

Though the nations rage from age to age,  
we remember who holds us fast:  
God's mercy must deliver us  
from the conqueror's crushing grasp.  
This saving word that our forebears heard  
is the promise which holds us bound,  
till the spear and rod can be crushed by God,  
who is turning the world around. *Refrain*