



# Second Sunday in Easter Granite Falls Lutheran Church

April 11, 2021  
9:00 am & 11:00 am

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

## Welcome, Announcements & Greetings

Endowment Committee Temple Talk: Craig Bakkellund

## \*Gathering Hymn

“Come, You Faithful, Raise the Strain” vs. 1-3 #363

## \*Thanksgiving for Baptism:

P: Alleluia! Christ is risen.

**C: Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia!**

P: Refreshed by the resurrection life we share in Christ, let us give thanks for the gift of baptism.

*Water may be poured into the font as the presiding minister gives thanks.*

We thank you, risen Christ, for these waters where you make us new, leading us from death to life, from tears to joy. Breathe your peace on your church when we hide in fear. Clothe us with your mercy and forgiveness. Send us companions on our journey as we share your life. Make us one, risen Christ. To you be given all praise, with the Holy Spirit, in the glory of God, now and forever.

**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 (sung) pg 147-148

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**

**Hymn of Praise:** “Come, You Faithful, Raise the Strain” vs. 4,5 #363

## \*Prayer of the Day

P: Almighty God,

**C: ,with joy we celebrate the day of our Lord’s resurrection. By the grace of Christ among us, enable us to show the power of the resurrection in all that we say and do, 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

Acts 4:32-35

## Responsive Psalm:

Psalm 133

L: <sup>1</sup>How very good and pleasant it is when kindred live together in unity!

**C: <sup>2</sup>It is like the precious oil on the head, running down upon the beard, on the beard of Aaron, running down over the collar of his robes.**

L: <sup>3</sup>It is like the dew of Hermon, which falls on the mountains of Zion.

**C: For there the LORD ordained his blessing, life forevermore.**

## Second Lesson

1 John 1:1--2:2

## \*Gospel

John 20:19-31

P: The Holy Gospel according to John

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

<sup>19</sup>When it was evening on that day, the first day of the week, and the doors of the house where the disciples had met were locked for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said, “Peace be with you.” <sup>20</sup>After he said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord. <sup>21</sup>Jesus said to them again, “Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you.” <sup>22</sup>When he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, “Receive the Holy Spirit. <sup>23</sup>If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained.”

<sup>24</sup>But Thomas (who was called the Twin), one of the twelve, was not with them when Jesus came. <sup>25</sup>So the other disciples told him, “We have seen the Lord.” But he said to them, “Unless I see the mark of the nails in his hands, and put my finger in the mark of the nails and my hand in his side, I will not believe.”

<sup>26</sup>A week later his disciples were again in the house, and Thomas was with them. Although the doors were shut, Jesus came and stood among

them and said, "Peace be with you." <sup>27</sup>Then he said to Thomas, "Put your finger here and see my hands. Reach out your hand and put it in my side. Do not doubt but believe." <sup>28</sup>Thomas answered him, "My Lord and my God!" <sup>29</sup>Jesus said to him, "Have you believed because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have come to believe."

<sup>30</sup>Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of his disciples, which are not written in this book. <sup>31</sup>But these are written so that you may come to believe that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God, and that through believing you may have life in his name.

P: The gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to you, O Christ.

### Children's Message

*(Children's Church - age 4 thru 1st grade go to Children's Church)*

### Sermon

Hymn of the Day      *"We Walk By Faith"*      #635

### \*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 response #752)*

P: Alive in the risen Christ by the power of the Holy Spirit, we bring our prayers before God who promises to hear us and answer in steadfast love. You shower your church with grace, O God. Unite the whole church on earth, so that with one heart it testifies to the resurrection of Jesus Christ with power and love. Hear us, O God.

C: ***Lord, Listen to your children praying, Lord, Send your Spirit in this place; Lord, listen to your children praying, send us love, send us pow'r, send us grace.***

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

C: ***Lord, Listen to your children praying,..... send us grace.***

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

C: Amen.

P: Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus Christ taught us...

### \*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.

\*Closing Hymn      *"The Peace of the Lord"*      #646

### \*Benediction

### \*Sending

P: Alleluia! Christ is risen.

C: **Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia!**

P: Go in peace. Share the good news. Alleluia!

C: **Thanks be to God. Alleluia**

### 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>
Reader (9:00am)	<i>Dar Hanson</i>

### **GFLC 75th Anniversary Celebration!**

**We are excited to commemorate the 75th anniversary** of our church (plus one due to COVID protocols preventing us from doing this last year). We are contacting former pastors and sons/daughters of the congregation to join us in recognizing this milestone. **Our kickoff Sunday will be May 16, 2021**, and other commemoration events will be spread throughout the next six months. Tentative plans include an outdoor service with a picnic in late August and conclude with a service of thanksgiving for all our blessings at Granite Falls Lutheran in late November. There will also be one or two commemorative items available for purchase and we hope to create a new pictorial directory with the help of our own volunteer photographers and online directory programs. Watch for more details on all events!

## First Lesson Acts 4:32-35

<sup>32</sup>Now the whole group of those who believed were of one heart and soul, and no one claimed private ownership of any possessions, but everything they owned was held in common. <sup>33</sup>With great power the apostles gave their testimony to the resurrection of the Lord Jesus, and great grace was upon them all. <sup>34</sup>There was not a needy person among them, for as many as owned lands or houses sold them and brought the proceeds of what was sold. <sup>35</sup>They laid it at the apostles' feet, and it was distributed to each as any had need.

## Second Lesson 1 John 1:1--2:2

<sup>1</sup>We declare to you what was from the beginning, what we have heard, what we have seen with our eyes, what we have looked at and touched with our hands, concerning the word of life—<sup>2</sup>this life was revealed, and we have seen it and testify to it, and declare to you the eternal life that was with the Father and was revealed to us—<sup>3</sup>we declare to you what we have seen and heard so that you also may have fellowship with us; and truly our fellowship is with the Father and with his Son Jesus Christ. <sup>4</sup>We are writing these things so that our joy may be complete.

<sup>5</sup>This is the message we have heard from him and proclaim to you, that God is light and in him there is no darkness at all. <sup>6</sup>If we say that we have fellowship with him while we are walking in darkness, we lie and do not do what is true; <sup>7</sup>but if we walk in the light as he himself is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus his Son cleanses us from all sin. <sup>8</sup>If we say that we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. <sup>9</sup>If we confess our sins, he who is faithful and just will forgive us our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness. <sup>10</sup>If we say that we have not sinned, we make him a liar, and his word is not in us.

<sup>2:</sup><sup>1</sup>My little children, I am writing these things to you so that you may not sin. But if anyone does sin, we have an advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous; <sup>2</sup>and he is the atoning sacrifice for our sins, and not for ours only but also for the sins of the whole world.

## News & Announcements

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

Monday - 9:00 am WELCA Board Meeting  
Tuesday – 6:30 pm Outreach Committee Meeting  
6:30 pm Property & Grounds Meeting  
6:30 pm Worship/Music Committee Meeting  
7:30 pm Council Meeting  
Thursday 5:30 pm Endowment Meeting  
Saturday 7:00 am Men's Bible Study  
Sunday - Worship service at 9am & 11am with FB live at 9am.  
10:00 am Sunday school  
10:00 am Semi-Annual Congregational Meeting

**Endowment Grant Applications** can be found on the table in the Narthex as well as the bookcase in the east entrance

**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 box for the pastors.

**On Sunday April 18, 2021 will be our semi-annual Congregational Meeting at 10:00 am after our 9:00am worship service.** Copies of the annual report are available on table in the Narthex and east entry.

**The Daily devotional books for April, May & June** can be found on the table in the Narthex as well as the bookcase in the east entrance. Take one home and include it with your daily devotions.

**Pastor Paul is going to lead a trip to the Boundary Waters June 16-22<sup>nd</sup>** (the land of 10,000 pine trees). This is for current 8<sup>th</sup> graders and older (adults too!) There is a sign up in the Narthex if you're interested for this year, next year, or would be interested in supporting!

### Want to Sign Up for Electronic Giving?

Go to the Granite Falls Lutheran Website. ([www.granitefallslutheran.com](http://www.granitefallslutheran.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.

**The April newsletter** can be found on the table in the Narthex as well as the bookcase in the east entrance.

### Come, You Faithful, Raise the Strain



1 Come, you faith-ful, raise the strain of tri-um-phant glad-ness!  
2 'Tis the spring of souls to-day: Christ has burst his pris-on,  
3 Now the queen of sea-sons, bright with the day of splen-dor,  
4 Nei-ther could the gates of death, nor the tomb's dark por-tal,  
5 Al-le-lu-ia! now we cry to our Lord im-mor-tal,



God has brought forth Is-ra-el in-to joy from sad-ness,  
and from three days' sleep in death as a sun has ris-en.  
with the roy-al feast of feasts comes its joy to ren-der;  
nor the watch-ers, nor the seal, hold you as a mor-tal:  
who tri-um-phant burst the bars of the tomb's dark por-tal;



loosed from Pha-raoh's bit-ter yoke Ja-cob's sons and daugh-ters;  
All the win-ter of our sins, long and dark, is fly-ing  
comes to glad Jer-u-sa-lem, who with true af-fec-tion  
but to-day, a-mong your own, you ap-pear, be-stow-ing  
Al-le-lu-ia! with the Son God the Fa-ther prais-ing;



led them with un-moist-ened foot through the Red Sea wa-ters.  
from the Light to whom we give laud and praise un-dy-ing.  
wel-comes in un-wea-ried strain Je-sus' res-ur-rec-tion!  
your deep peace, which ev-er-more pass-es hu-man know-ing.  
Al-le-lu-ia! yet a-gain to the Spir-it rais-ing.

Text: John of Damascus, c. 696–c. 754; tr. John Mason Neale, 1818–1866, alt.  
Music: GAUDEAMUS PARITER, Johann Horn, 1490–1547

### We Walk by Faith #635

We walk by faith and not by sight; with gracious words draw near,  
O Christ, who spoke as none e'er spoke: "My peace be with you here."

We may not touch your hands and side, nor follow where you trod;  
But in your promise we rejoice, And cry, "My Lord and God!"

Help then, O Lord, our unbelief; and may our faith abound  
To call on you when you are near and seek where you are found.

For you, O resurrected Lord, Are found in means divine:  
Beneath the water and the word, beneath the bread and wine.

And when our life of faith is done, In realms of clearer light  
May we behold you as you are, with full and endless sight.

### The Peace of the Lord

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The peace of the Lord, the peace of the Lord,  
the peace of the Lord, the peace of the Lord,  
the peace of the Lord is for you and for me,  
and also for all of God's children.  
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The peace of the Lord, the peace of the Lord,  
the peace of the Lord, the peace of the Lord,  
the peace of the Lord is among us right now,  
so open yourselves to receive it.  
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The peace of the Lord, the peace of the Lord,  
the peace of the Lord, the peace of the Lord,  
the peace of the Lord kept within cannot live,  
so open yourselves now to share it.  
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