



Sixth Sunday of Easter
Granite Falls Lutheran Church

May 22, 2022
9:00 am

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

Welcome Pads. In each pew is a black 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..

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 *“Lift High the Cross”* #660

Thanksgiving for Baptism

P: Alleluia! Christ is risen.

C: Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia! Amen.

P: In the waters of baptism, we have passed over from death to life with Jesus Christ, and we are a new creation. For this saving mystery, and for this water, let us bless God, who was, who is, and who is to come.

C: We thank you, God, for your river of life, flowing freely from your throne: through the earth, through the city, through every living thing. You rescued Noah and his family from the flood; You opened wide the sea for the Israelites. Now in these waters you flood us with mercy, and our sin is drowned forever. You open the gate of righteousness and we pass safely through. Amen.

P: In Jesus Christ, you calm and trouble the waters. You nourish us and enclose us in safety. You call us forth and send us out. In lush and barren places, you are with us. You have become our salvation. Now breathe upon this water and awaken your church once more. Claim us again as your beloved and holy people. Quench our thirst; cleanse our hearts; wipe away every tear. To

you, our Beginning and our End, our Shepherd and Lamb, be honor, glory, praise, and thanksgiving, 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 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 the 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: O Lord God, you teach us that without love, our actions gain nothing.

C: Pour into our hearts your most excellent gift of love, that, made alive by your Spirit, we may know goodness and peace, through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen

Scripture

Acts 16:6-15

⁶They went through the region of Phrygia and Galatia, having been forbidden by the Holy Spirit to speak the word in Asia. ⁷When they had come opposite Mysia, they attempted to go into Bithynia, but the Spirit of Jesus did not allow them; ⁸so, passing by Mysia, they went down to Troas. ⁹During the night Paul had a vision: there stood a man of Macedonia pleading with him and saying, "Come over to Macedonia and help us." ¹⁰When he had seen the vision, we immediately tried to cross over to Macedonia, being convinced that God had called us to proclaim the good

news to them. ¹¹We set sail from Troas and took a straight course to Samothrace, the following day to Neapolis, ¹²and from there to Philippi, which is a leading city of the district of Macedonia and a Roman colony. We remained in this city for some days. ¹³On the sabbath day we went outside the gate by the river, where we supposed there was a place of prayer; and we sat down and spoke to the women who had gathered there. ¹⁴A certain woman named Lydia, a worshiper of God, was listening to us; she was from the city of Thyatira and a dealer in purple cloth. The Lord opened her heart to listen eagerly to what was said by Paul. ¹⁵When she and her household were baptized, she urged us, saying, "If you have judged me to be faithful to the Lord, come and stay at my home." And she prevailed upon us.

Gospel John 14:25-29

²⁵I have said these things to you while I am still with you. ²⁶But the Advocate, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, will teach you everything, and remind you of all that I have said to you. ²⁷Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you. I do not give to you as the world gives. Do not let your hearts be troubled, and do not let them be afraid. ²⁸You heard me say to you, 'I am going away, and I am coming to you.' If you loved me, you would rejoice that I am going to the Father, because the Father is greater than I. ²⁹And now I have told you this before it occurs, so that when it does occur, you may believe.

P: The gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to you, O Christ.

Children’s Message

Sermon

Hymn of the Day *"This Is the Spirit’s Entry Now”* #448

A Recognition of Those Graduating From High School

P: You were named and called in baptism, called forth to receive Holy Scriptures, called forth to receive Holy Communion, called forth to profess your Faith in your Confirmation of Faith, and now you are called forth one more time, with your parents and guardians, as you prepare for graduation. Please come forward with your parents and guardians as I read your names: *(names are read)*

L: These quilts are more than fabric and batting; they symbolize the care this congregation has had for you during these many years of growth. They symbolize how we want to continue to support, encourage and sustain your faith in the years to come. *(Parent/guardian places quilt on student’s shoulders.)*

P: This community cares for and loves you, as you go out into the world. We hope that these quilts are a sign of that love in your lives, and a reminder of the love God has for each one of you. Once you were held as babies; now you are held as children of God and brothers and sisters in Christ.

Parents: May this quilt always be a sign of our love and God’s love in Christ, wherever Life might take you, and wherever Christ is with you.

P: May the blessings of God continue to accompany you, graduates, in the coming days and years. Amen.

*Autumn Ladwig Kiersten Luepke Riley Enstad
Jack Tjosvold Patrick Hoerneman*

***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: Set free from captivity to sin and death, we pray to the God of resurrection for the church, people in need, and all of creation. God of new life, open your church to the unexpected ways your Spirit is at work. Guide bishops, pastors, deacons, and lay leaders in their visioning, partnership, and planning. Surround us with your peace. 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: In your mercy, O God, respond to these prayers, and renew us by your life-giving Spirit; through Jesus Christ, our Savior.

C: Amen.

Offering: *"Abide with Me”* #629

Offering Prayer

P: Living God, you gather the wolf and the lamb to feed together in your peaceable reign, and you welcome us all at your table. Reach out to us through this meal, and show us your wounded and risen body, that we may be nourished and believe in Jesus Christ, our Savior and 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 "My Life Flows On in Endless Song" #763

Announcements

Benediction

Sending

P: Alleluia! Christ is risen.

C: Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia!

P: Go in peace. Tell what God has done.

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>
Reader	<i>Patrick Hoernemann</i>

Usher team next week: Scott Bjorndal, Dan Walters, Dave Haroldson, Dwayne Erickson, Jerry Lemcke, Jon Redetzke, Steven Bjorndal.

Congratulations to the following HS Seniors:

Patrick Hoernemann	North Dakota State Univ.- Computer Engineering
Riley Enstad	Alexandria Technical College
Kiersten Luepke	University of MN - Biomedical Engineering
Jack Tjosvold	Pursuing a career at Tjosvold Equipment
Autumn Ladwig	MN State Univ., Moorhead - Photo Journalism & Music

News & Announcements

Learn About the GFLC Endowment Fund: There will be presentation to clear up some misunderstandings or lack of information on how endowment works. The presentation will be after the worship service today. It will begin 9 minutes after the benediction. It will only be 13 minutes long. The presentation will be in the family room. All are welcome.

Friends are welcome to join in a **birthday celebration today for Lori Carter** from 1:30pm to 3:00pm. "80 & Fabulous!" This will be held in the fellowship hall here at church.

Next Sunday, May 29 will be our next **"Improvised By the Spirit" Worship** where *you* choose the hymns, *you* read the lessons, *you* write the prayer petitions, and *you* help with the sermon. We had a great time with this on the 5th Sunday in January, and we are excited about using it on the 5th Sunday in May as well. **But remember:** *you* have to be there to make requests, so plan on attending--and participating--and following the lead of the Spirit!

Calendar this week:

Monday -	1:00 pm	Staff Meeting
Tuesday -	9:00 am	Sewing Day
Wednesday -	9:00 am	Sewing Day
Thursday -	2:30 pm	Espresso Time
Friday -		
Saturday	7:00 am	Men's Bible Study
Sunday -	9:00 am	Worship service with FB live
Monday -		Memorial Day – Office Closed

On June 4th, at 4:00pm, Paul and Anna Drees will be celebrating their marriage at GFLC. They had a small COVID wedding last year, and are excited to have a larger renewal ceremony this year! **All are welcome to attend the ceremony at 4:00pm**, some pews will be set aside for traveling guests. Due to the large number of traveling guests & restrictions around space, dinner following the ceremony will be by invite only. **Paul and Anna would be thrilled to have everyone join them for a potluck at 11:30am on Sunday, June 5th, in the GFLC basement.** Please do not feel any need to give gifts, the couple already has everything they need! If you would like to give a gift, please make a contribution in the couples' honor to: the Neighbors United Food Shelf, or Give Directly (givedirectly.org), or to the couples' honeymoon fund. They are excited to celebrate with y'all!

Check the greeting card rack for new additions for Graduation, Father's Day, Wedding cards, etc. \$1.00 per card. The rack is located by the elevator.

We are taking donations for our Kasota Stone Restoration Project! At our semi-annual meeting, we voted to enter into a contract with Mid-Continental Restoration Company for the sum of \$131,688 for this restoration, and our Council has established a special Dedicated Account for it! Please write '**Kasota Stone**' in the memo line of your donations. For cash donations please use an envelope from the narthex and add the memo on the envelope. Thanks for your generosity, and watch as we continue to raise money for this project!



**Granite Falls Lutheran Church
Vacation Bible School
June 27th to June 30th 2022
1:00 pm to 5:30 pm
(**Preschool - see bottom of page**)**

Open for kids (*GFLC member or not*) entering **1st thru 6th grades!**

VBS will be led by camp counselors from Shetek Lutheran Ministries. at GFLC. Snacks will be provided. This is a fun event to praise God and share his word.

We will be having staff from Shetek Bible Camp come to lead VBS, and could really use some volunteers to help out! This would be a wonderful experiences for High Schoolers, retired folks, stay-at-home parents, or anyone looking to help either prepare food or help lead children. You can volunteer for one to four days, whatever works for your schedule.

**Registration will be completely online. Registration Deadline is June 13th.
\$ 10.00 per student. (\$20.00 max/family)**

To Register:

Go to www.shetek.org, click on Register, then create an account. (if you don't already have one) During registration you will be asked for a Group Hold ID (GHR ID): Enter: GraniteDay Fill out the required forms.

If you would be interested in volunteering, please contact the church office at reception@granitefallslutheran.com or 320-564-3746.

NEW this year!!!

****Preschool Parent/Child VBS June 27th to June 30th, ages two through kindergarten** from 4:30 pm to 5:30 pm. GFLC is putting this event on with our own excellent volunteers...but you have to register with us so we know who/how many to expect. There will be a lesson, snack, craft, music and some games. **BUT YOU HAVE TO LET US KNOW AHEAD OF TIME.**

Call the office to register. 320-564-3746
There is no charge for preschool VBS.



****There is a volunteer sign-up board in the narthex. ****

We still need, (3-4) volunteers per day to help the camp staff, (2-3) snack preparers and servers per day, and (1-2) hosts for the camp staff.

Watch for a food sign up sheet if you wish to contribute snacks for VBS.

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:**

This Is the Spirit's Entry Now

#448

This is the Spirit's entry now: the water and the word, the cross of Jesus on your brow, the seal both felt and heard.

This miracle of life reborn comes from the Lord of breath; the sinless one from life was torn; our life comes through his death.

Let water be the sacred sign that we must die each day to rise again by his design as followers of his way.

Renewing Spirit, hear our praise for your baptismal power that washes us through all our days. Come, cleanse again this hour.

Abide with Me

#629

Abide with me, fast falls the eventide. The darkness deepens; Lord, with me abide. When other helpers fail and comforts flee, help of the helpless, oh, abide with me.

Swift to its close ebbs out life's little day; earth's joys grow dim, its glories pass away; change and decay in all around I see; O thou who changest not, abide with me.

I need thy presence ev'ry passing hour; what but thy grace can foil the tempter's pow'r? Who like thyself my guide and stay can be? Through cloud and sunshine, oh, abide with me.

I fear no foe, with thee at hand to bless; ills have no weight, and tears no bitterness. Where is death's sting? Where, grave, thy victory? I triumph still, if thou abide with me!

Hold thou thy cross before my closing eyes, shine through the gloom, and point me to the skies; heav'n's morning breaks, and earth's vain shadows flee; in life, in death, O Lord, abide with me.

My Life Flows On in Endless Song

#763

My life flows on in endless song; above earth's lamentation, I catch the sweet, though far-off hymn that hails a new creation.

Refrain:

No storm can shake my inmost calm while to the Rock I'm clinging. Since Christ is Lord of heaven and earth, how can I keep from singing?

Through all the tumult and the strife, I hear that music ringing. It finds an echo in my soul. How can I keep from singing?

Refrain:

What though my joys and comforts die? The Lord my Savior liveth. What though the darkness gather round? Songs in the night he giveth. **Refrain**

The peace of Christ makes fresh my heart, a fountain ever springing! All things are mine since I am his! How can I keep from singing? **Refrain:**