



“God’s Work. Our Hands.”

Granite Falls Lutheran Church

September 19, 2021

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 box 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.

Welcome & Announcements

***Gathering Hymn** “God Work, Our Hands” *see insert*
(To the tune of Earth and All Stars)

*Confession and Forgiveness

P: Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God, whose teaching is life, whose presence is sure, and whose love is endless.

C: Amen.

P: Let us confess our sins to the one who welcomes us with an open heart.

Silence is kept for reflection.

P: God our comforter:

C: like lost sheep, we have gone astray. We gaze upon abundance and see scarcity. We turn our faces away from injustice and oppression. We exploit the earth with our apathy and greed. Free us from our sin, gracious God. Listen when we call out to you for help. Lead us by your love to love our neighbors as ourselves. Amen.

P: All have sinned and fall short of the glory of God. By the gift of grace in † Christ Jesus, God makes you righteous. Receive with glad hearts the forgiveness of all your sins.

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 This is the Feast (sung) pg 147-150

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: *This is the feast of victory for our God, Alleluia..*

C: Worthy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose blood set us free to be people of God. Power and riches and wisdom and strength, and honor and blessing and glory are His. This is the feast of victory for our God. Alleluia. Sing with all the people of God and join in the hymn of all creation: Blessing and honor and glory and might be to God and the Lamb forever. Amen. This is the feast of victory for our God, for the Lamb who was slain has begun his reign. Alleluia. Alleluia.

*Prayer of the Day

P: O God, our teacher and guide,

C: you draw us to yourself and welcome us as beloved children. Help us to lay aside all envy and selfish ambition, that we may walk in your ways of wisdom and understanding as servants of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

***Gospel Acclamation** (sung) pg 151
Alleluia, Lord to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life, Alleluia

*Gospel Matthew 5:14-16

¹⁴You are the light of the world. A city built on a hill cannot be hid. ¹⁵No one after lighting a lamp puts it under the bushel basket, but on the lampstand, and it gives light to all in the house. ¹⁶In 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.

P: The gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to you, O Christ.

Children's Message

Sermon

Hymn of the Day *"Lead Me, Guide Me"* #768

*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: Made children and heirs of God's promise, we pray for the church, the world, and all in need. God of community, we pray for the church around the world. Unite us in our love for you. Help us overcome our divisions, that we are encouraged to work together for your sake, 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: God of consolation, we give you thanks for our loved ones who have died and pray for all who grieve today. Shine your grace on all your saints. Receive these prayers, O God, and those in our hearts known only to you; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

C: Amen.

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

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

Hymns *"Although I Speak with Angel's Tongue"* #644
"In Christ There Is No East or West" #650

Post Communion Prayer

P: Lord of life, in the gift of your body and blood you turn the crumbs of our faith into a feast of salvation. Send us forth into the world with shouts of joy, bearing witness to the abundance of your love in Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

C: Amen.

***Closing Hymn** *"The Lord Now Sends Us Forth"* #538

*Benediction

*Sending

P: Go in peace. God's Work now rests in Our Hands!

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>
Communion Assistants	<i>Kaye Thorkelson, Shawnn Martin, Val Santjer, Val Hoffman</i>

Next week's worship leaders September 26, 2021

Greeters: on a volunteer basis

Reader: Kaye Thorkelson

Ushers Team: Craig Bakkelund, Paul Hoernemann, Craig Opdahl, Todd Reishus, Keith Sorenson, William Upton

October 3, we will welcome back former staff member/**Youth Director, Jenny (Hager) Reder** to our worship service. Jenny will bring us up on what God has been doing in her life, and be available for fellowship.

God's Work Our Hands

to the tune of Earth and All Stars

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.

News & Announcements

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

Monday -	7:00 pm	Prairie Arts Chorale
Tuesday -	10:30 am	Staff Meeting
Wednesday -	5:00 pm	Endowment Committee Meeting
	7:00 pm	Church Choir Practice
Thursday -	2:30 pm	Espresso Time
Saturday	7:00 am	Men's Bible Study at Hardee's
Sunday -	9:00am	Worship service with FB live
	10:00am	Sunday School & 7 th Grade class

****Get your photo taken for the directory!**** *The 75th Anniversary committee is planning a new pictorial church directory* using volunteer photographers rather than a directory company. We have a volunteer photographer available **today**, and next Sunday, September 26th, to take informal pictures of our members in the narthex gathering room before and after Sunday services. This is also available during the week by appointment and some Sundays in October.

“God’s Work. Our Hands.” Congregational Project: Let’s make our church shine for the Bishop installation on October 9th! *Looking for cleaning volunteers.*

1. The Altar Guild cleaning will be Monday, October 4th! Even if you are not an Altar Guild member you are welcome to help clean!
2. On Thursday, October 7th we will have a volunteer cleaning day of the rest of the church. There will be a list of tasks and we are asking for people to signup if you are willing to help clean that day. Times are very flexible. If you have questions talk to the project organizer Karla Bjorndal.

Next Sunday, September 26th, as part of the Anniversary celebration, Pastors Bruce Kuenzel and Pastor Bob Dahl will be visiting GFLC during and after worship. Rolls will be provided for coffee time in the basement.

Adult Choir will be practicing on Wednesday nights at 7:00 pm and Sunday mornings at 10:15. Singing is good for the soul and we invite you to join us. We ask that choir members wear a mask and will be seated 3 feet apart. Bring a friend. More information and schedules are available from Joyce Manning or contact the church office.

On Sunday, October 3 we will be having a special 7th Grade Student Bible Presentation at the 9 am worship service. Students have prepared for this memorable event with the help of family involvement by parents, godparents and grandparents.