

## Lamb of God

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Your only Son, no sin to hide, but you have sent him from your side to walk upon the guilty sod and to become the Lamb of God.

### Refrain:

**O Lamb of God, sweet Lamb of God, I Love the holy Lamb of God. Oh, wash me in your precious blood, my Jesus Christ, the Lamb of God.**

Your gift of love we crucified. We laughed and scorned him as he died. The humble king we named a fraud and sacrificed the Lamb of God. I was so lost, I should have died, but you have brought me to your side to be led by your staff and rod and to be called a lamb of God. **Refrain:**

## My Life Flows On in Endless Song

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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**



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

*March 26, 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.

**Large Print Bulletins and Earphones** (which amplify the sound system) are available from the ushers. Please pick these up in the narthex.

**Our theme this week is,** Think of a time when tears welled up inside you and spilled over in weeping, not because of something joyful, but because of deep sorrow. Sometimes our sorrows arise of experience that are simply and profoundly sad. Other times our sorrows arise out of experiences that are marked by our won regrets. And still other times, it is both. Our experiences of regret can be powerful, even to the point of debilitating. In such times, we can get lost in the all that is unfinished, the "what ifs" and the "if onlys." Naming and facing our regrets, however, can actually help us turn hindsight into insight so that even our regrets can be experiences of call for us that move us to something different in the future. When Jesus arrives at Lazarus' tomb after Lazarus died, he weeps. We don't really know the cause of his weeping, but I imagine that regret may have been part of his heartache. He wasn't there when Lazarus was ill. A beloved friend has died. Deep sorrow has ensued. There were things unfinished. Jesus' weeping calls to us amid our own regrets in a host of ways that not only comfort us but also move us to new ways of being and doing.

### **Welcome & Announcements**

#### **\*Call to Worship**

**P:** In the name of the Father, and of the  $\text{✝}$  Son, and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

**P:** Out of the depths I cry to you, O LORD

**C: Lord, hear my voice!**

**P:** In the tombs of death

**C: You search for us.**

**P:** Beneath our grave clothes

**C: You see your beloved ones.**

**P:** With our tears

**C: Are mingled your own.**

**P:** We wait for you, Oh Lord,

**C: And In your Word we hope.**

**P:** For we trust that you will call us

**C: From death to life.**

**\*Gathering Hymn** “*Oh, for a Thousand Tongues to Sing*” vs. 1,3-5 #886

**\*Confession of Sin and Absolution**

P: Gracious God,

**C: We confess that we bind and entomb others and that our own lives are marked by grave clothes and tombs. Forgive us for our death-dealing ways. Call us by name. Unbind us from all that is life-destroying so that cross-marked and Spirit sealed we might live your abundant, resurrected life now. Through Jesus Christ, Our Savior and Lord, Amen**

P: God who is rich in mercy, slow to anger, and abounding in steadfast love has come to us in Jesus, who by his holy cross has redeemed the world. Buried with Christ by baptism into death, your sins are forgiven in †Jesus’ name. Cross-marked and Spirit-sealed, you are raised to new life. Almighty God strengthen you in faith to live each day renewed in God’s call for your life.

**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

**\*Prayer of the Day**

Help us, O God, to give our regrets to you and to go forward today, confident in your mercy. Bind up the wounds of our mistakes. Help us to learn from our regrets so that we might live more faithfully in each tomorrow. Forgive us our sins, and raise us to new life today. In the name of †Jesus, **Amen.**

**Responsive Psalm** Psalm 130

L: <sup>1</sup>Out of the depths I cry to you, O LORD.

**C: <sup>2</sup>LORD, hear my voice! Let your ears be attentive to the voice of my supplications!**

L: <sup>3</sup>If you, O LORD, should mark iniquities, LORD, who could stand?

**C: <sup>4</sup>But there is forgiveness with you, so that you may be revered.**

L: <sup>5</sup>I wait for the LORD, my soul waits, and in his word I hope;

**C: <sup>6</sup>my soul waits for the LORD more than those who watch for the morning, more than those who watch for the morning.**

L: <sup>7</sup>O Israel, hope in the LORD! For with the LORD there is steadfast love, and with him is great power to redeem.

**C: <sup>8</sup>It is he who will redeem Israel from all its iniquities.**

L: Here ends the reading **C: Thanks be to God**

**Oh, for a Thousand Tongues to Sing** #886

Oh, for a thousand tongues to sing my great Redeemer’s praise,  
the glories of my God and king, the triumphs of his grace!

The name of Jesus charms our fears and bids our sorrows cease,  
sings music in the sinner’s ears, brings life and health and peace.

He speaks, and lis-t’ning to his voice, new life the dead receive;  
the mournful, broken hearts rejoice, the humble poor believe.

Look into him, your Savior own, O fallen human race!

Look and be saved through faith alone, be justified by grace!

**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.

## News & Announcements

**Noisy Offering Today - March 26th!!** Proceeds go to Neighbors United Resource Center Food Shelf. Cash donations give flexibility to purchase what the community needs. Give graciously.

**Family swim day at the KCC TODAY 1-4 pm.** Come and join the fun.

**March 29/Wednesday--7 PM Chancel Choir and Handbell Choir** Joint Rehearsal (Meet in the Sanctuary right after the Lenten worship service)

**Next Sunday, April 2<sup>nd</sup>, the family of Stan & Darlene Santjer** is hosting a gathering to celebrate their 80<sup>th</sup> birthdays. You are welcome to join this celebration in the fellowship hall following worship.

**The nominating committee** has made significant progress in their work towards having a full slate of names for the congregation to vote on at the Semi-Annual Meeting, Sunday April 30, 2023. However, there are some important positions that still require nominations: Council Secretary; Committee members-Worship and Music (1), Stewardship (2), Nominating (6). Please prayerfully consider serving our congregation in a leadership position.

**GFLC continues to grow.** We have several people who are wanting to join the congregation. We are working on the date for an upcoming new member class. Would you or someone you know be interested in joining GFLC? **More information to come or call the office.**

### Calendar this week 3/27-4/2

Monday -	1:00 pm	Staff Meeting
Tuesday -	1:00 pm	Quilting
	5:30 pm	Executive Committee Meeting
Wednesday -	9:00-12:00 pm	YMLC Office Hours
	1:00 pm	Quilting
	5:45-6:15 pm	Lenten Supper
	6:30 pm	Mid-Week Lenten Service
	7:00 pm	Joint Choir/Handbell practice
Thursday		
Friday		
Saturday	7:00 am	Men's Bible Study
Sunday	9:00 am	Worship with FB Live
	10:00 am	Sunday School

### \*Gospel Acclamation (sung)

P: The Holy gospel according to John.

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

### \*Gospel John 11:17-45

<sup>17</sup>When Jesus arrived, he found that Lazarus had already been in the tomb four days. <sup>18</sup>Now Bethany was near Jerusalem, some two miles away, <sup>19</sup>and many of the Jews had come to Martha and Mary to console them about their brother. <sup>20</sup>When Martha heard that Jesus was coming, she went and met him, while Mary stayed at home. <sup>21</sup>Martha said to Jesus, "Lord, if you had been here, my brother would not have died. <sup>22</sup>But even now I know that God will give you whatever you ask of him." <sup>23</sup>Jesus said to her, "Your brother will rise again." <sup>24</sup>Martha said to him, "I know that he will rise again in the resurrection on the last day." <sup>25</sup>Jesus said to her, "I am the resurrection and the life. Those who believe in me, even though they die, will live, <sup>26</sup>and everyone who lives and believes in me will never die. Do you believe this?" <sup>27</sup>She said to him, "Yes, Lord, I believe that you are the Messiah, the Son of God, the one coming into the world." <sup>28</sup>When she had said this, she went back and called her sister Mary, and told her privately, "The Teacher is here and is calling for you." <sup>29</sup>And when she heard it, she got up quickly and went to him. <sup>30</sup>Now Jesus had not yet come to the village, but was still at the place where Martha had met him. <sup>31</sup>The Jews who were with her in the house, consoling her, saw Mary get up quickly and go out. They followed her because they thought that she was going to the tomb to weep there. <sup>32</sup>When Mary came where Jesus was and saw him, she knelt at his feet and said to him, "Lord, if you had been here, my brother would not have died." <sup>33</sup>When Jesus saw her weeping, and the Jews who came with her also weeping, he was greatly disturbed in spirit and deeply moved. <sup>34</sup>He said, "Where have you laid him?" They said to him, "Lord, come and see." <sup>35</sup>Jesus began to weep. <sup>36</sup>So the Jews said, "See how he loved him!" <sup>37</sup>But some of them said, "Could not he who opened the eyes of the blind man have kept this man from dying?" <sup>38</sup>Then Jesus, again greatly disturbed, came to the tomb. It was a cave, and a stone was lying against it. <sup>39</sup>Jesus said, "Take away the stone." Martha, the sister of the dead man, said to him, "Lord, already there is a stench because he has been dead four days." <sup>40</sup>Jesus said to her, "Did I not tell you that if you believed, you would see the glory of God?" <sup>41</sup>So they took away the stone. And Jesus looked upward and said, "Father, I thank you for having heard me. <sup>42</sup>I knew that you always hear me, but I have said this for the sake of the crowd standing here, so that they may believe that you sent me." <sup>43</sup>When he had said this, he cried with a loud voice, "Lazarus, come

out!" <sup>44</sup>The dead man came out, his hands and feet bound with strips of cloth, and his face wrapped in a cloth. Jesus said to them, "Unbind him, and let him go." <sup>45</sup>Many of the Jews therefore, who had come with Mary and had seen what Jesus did, believed in him.

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

### Children's Message

### Sermon

**Hymn of the Day**      *"In the Cross of Christ I Glory"*      #324

### \*Apostles' Creed

### \*Prayers of the Church

P: ....(after each petition.)....Merciful God,  
C: **Receive our prayer.**  
P: We lift our prayers to you, O God, trusting in your steadfast love and your promise to renew your whole creation; through Jesus Christ our Savior.  
C: **Amen.**

### Peace

P: The peace of Christ be with you always.  
C: **And also with you.**

**Offering/Noisy Offering**      *"Lamb of God"*      #336

### Offering Prayer

God of good gifts, receive these and all our offerings as we present them in faithful service for the sake of your gospel. Use us and what we have gathered in feeding the world with our love, through Jesus Christ our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

### \*The Lord's Prayer

### \*Benediction

**\*Closing Hymn**      *"My Life Flows On in Endless Song"*      #763

### \*Sending

P: Go in peace. Serve in love.  
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>Pat Sheggeby</i>
Acolytes	<i>Lincoln Santjer, Mason Enstad</i>

### Youth Lenten Supper Assistants Wednesday March 29<sup>nd</sup>:

Kyla Smith, Jack Mensink, Gavin Torvik, Liam Anderson, Vanessa Ochoa

### Worship Leaders on Wednesday, March 29<sup>nd</sup>

<b>Acolytes:</b>	Emry Jans, Kiptyn Jans
<b>Reader:</b>	Paul Hoernemann
<b>Ushers:</b>	Scott Santjer, Bill Dinesen, Myron Hagelstrom, Mike Hoffman, Brad Burgeson, Kyle TeBeest, Steven Johnson

### Next Sunday's Worship Leaders April 2<sup>nd</sup>

Greeters:	Kathy & Barry Anderson, Lori Carter
Reader:	Kathy Anderson
Acolytes:	Chase Bjorndal, Roci Buchman
Ushers:	Scott Santjer,

### **Lenten Supper Menu**

**Wed. March 29,** Chicken Wild Rice Soup, Chili, Cheese on a bun, Dessert

### *Holy Week Schedule*

Palm Sunday, April 2 <sup>nd</sup>	9:00am Worship
Maundy Thursday, April 6 <sup>th</sup>	7:00pm Worship
Good Friday, April 7 <sup>th</sup>	7:00pm Worship
Easter Sunday, April 9 <sup>th</sup>	7:30am, 9:00am, & 10:30am Worship