



Tenth Sunday after Pentecost Granite Falls Lutheran Church

August 1, 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** *"Blest Be the Tie That Binds"* #656

*Confession and Forgiveness

P: Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God, the God of manna, the God of miracles, the God of mercy.

C: Amen.

P: Drawn to Christ and seeking God's abundance, let us confess our sin. *(Silence for reflection)* God, our provider,

C: help us. It is hard to believe there is enough to share. We question your ways when they differ from the ways of the world in which we live. We turn to our own understanding rather than trusting in you. We take offense at your teachings and your ways. Turn us again to you. Where else can we turn? Share with us the words of eternal life and feed us for life in the world. Amen.

P: Beloved people of God: in Jesus, the manna from heaven, you are fed and nourished. By Jesus, the worker of miracles, there is always more than enough. Through Jesus, † the bread of life, you are shown God's mercy: you are forgiven and loved into abundant 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 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: Let us pray. O God,

C: eternal goodness, immeasurable love, you place your gifts before us; we eat and are satisfied. Fill us and this world in all its need with the life that comes only from you, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

*Scripture Acts 17:22-34

²²Then Paul stood in front of the Areopagus and said, "Athenians, I see how extremely religious you are in every way. ²³For as I went through the city and looked carefully at the objects of your worship, I found among them an altar with the inscription, 'To an unknown god.' What therefore you worship as unknown, this I proclaim to you. ²⁴The God who made the world and everything in it, he who is Lord of heaven and earth, does not live in shrines made by human hands, ²⁵nor is he served by human hands, as though he needed anything, since he himself gives to all mortals life and breath and all things. ²⁶From one ancestor he made all nations to inhabit the whole earth, and he allotted the times of their existence and the boundaries of the places where they would live, ²⁷so that they would search for God and perhaps grope for him and find him - though indeed he is not far from each one of us. ²⁸For 'In him we

live and move and have our being'; as even some of your own poets have said, 'For we too are his offspring.' ²⁹Since we are God's offspring, we ought not to think that the deity is like gold, or silver, or stone, an image formed by the art and imagination of mortals. ³⁰While God has overlooked the times of human ignorance, now he commands all people everywhere to repent, ³¹because he has fixed a day on which he will have the world judged in righteousness by a man whom he has appointed, and of this he has given assurance to all by raising him from the dead." ³²When they heard of the resurrection of the dead, some scoffed; but others said, "We will hear you again about this." ³³At that point Paul left them. ³⁴But some of them joined him and became believers, including Dionysius the Areopagite and a woman named Damaris, and others with them.

Children's Message

Sermon

Hymn of the Day *"Guide Me Ever, Great Redeemer"* #618

*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: Rooted in Christ and sustained by the Spirit, we offer our prayers for the church, the world, and all of creation. You call your church to be the body of Christ. Awaken all the baptized to the gifts you provide for caring out the work of ministry. Where the church is divided, knit us together and restore the unity of the faith. 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 lift these and all our prayers to you, O God, confident in the promise of your saving love; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

C: Amen.

Offering *"Let Us Go Now to the Banquet"* #523

Offering Prayer

P: Jesus, Bread of life, you have set this table with your very self, and called us to the feast of plenty. Gather what has been sown among us, and strengthen us in this meal. Make us to be what we receive here, your body for the life of the world.

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

Hymns *"I Am the Bread of Life"* #485

"In the Singing" #466

Communion Prayer

P: Jesus, Bread of life, we have received from your table more than we could ever ask. As you have nourished us in this meal, now strengthen us to love the world with your own life in your name we pray.

C: Amen.

***Closing Hymn** *"Open Your Ears, O Faithful People"* #519

*Benediction

*Sending

P: Go in peace. You are the body of Christ.

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>Peg Heglund, Di Lalim, Karla Bjorndal</i>

Next Week: Worship leaders August 8, 2021

Greeters: *Stan and Darlene Santjer*

Reader: *Dana Baldry*

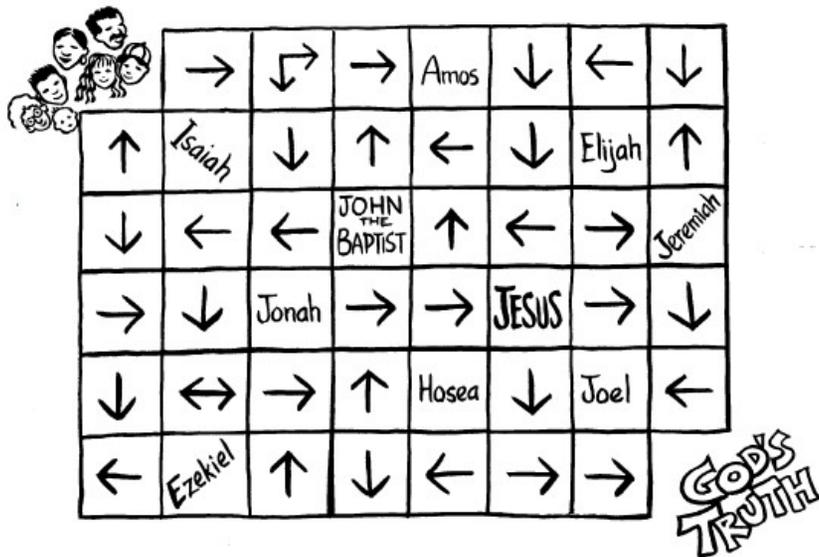
Usher Team: *Mark Jensen (capt), Dean Baldry, Jim Fromm, Joe Hauger,, Tim Opdahl, Ryan Reishus, Mark Sannerud.*

The straight truth

God's prophets speak the truth to God's people.

Bring these people through the maze to God's truth.

Follow the arrows to find the right path.



News & Announcements

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

Monday -	10:30 am	Staff Meeting
Tuesday -	5:30 pm	Executive Committee
	7:00 pm	Property Committee Meeting
Wednesday -	6:30 pm	Education Meeting
Friday -		Office Closed
Sunday -	9:00am	Worship service with FB live

****Volunteers needed for VBS**.** If you can volunteer some of your time to assist the camp counselors, please sign up on the table in the narthex or call the church office. We need a few people each day. Older youth are very welcome to help out!!

We are looking for food donations for VBS. If you can help out, please sign up on the table in the narthex.



Granite Falls Lutheran is formulating a Security Management Plan using materials recommended by our insurer, Brotherhood Mutual, and we need 4-5 people to serve on a task force to assemble the plan. If you are interested or have some experience in security policies, please contact Pastor M to help us out!

Volunteers are needed to bring goodies for Sunday morning coffee. There is a sign-up sheet on the large table in the narthex. Thank you to everyone who has volunteered!

“Blest Be the Tie That Binds” #656

Blest be the tie that binds our hearts in Christian love;
the unity of heart and mind is like to that above.

Before our Father’s throne we pour our ardent prayers;
our fears, our hopes, our aims are one, our comforts and our cares.

We share our mutual woes, our mutual burdens bear,
and often for each other flows the sympathizing tear.

From sorrow, toil, and pain, and sin we shall be free;
and perfect love and friendship reign through all eternity.

Guide Me Ever, Great Redeemer #618

Guide me ever, great Redeemer, pilgrim through this barren land.
I am weak, but you are mighty; hold me with your pow’rful hand.
Bread of heaven, bread of heaven, feed me now and evermore,
feed me now and evermore.

Open now the crystal fountain where the healing waters flow;
let the fire and cloudy pillar lead me all my journey through.
Strong deliv’rer, strong deliv’rer, shield me with your mighty arm,
shield me with your mighty arm.

When I tread the verge of Jordan, bid my anxious fears subside;
death of death and hell’s destruction, land me safe on Canaan’s side.
Songs of praises, songs of praises I will raise forevermore,
I will raise forevermore.

I Am the Bread of Life # 485

“I am the Bread of life. You who come to me shall not hunger,
and who believe in me shall not thirst.
No one can come to me unless the Father beckons.”

Refrain:
“And I will raise you up, and I will raise you up,
and I will raise you up on the last day.”

“The bread that I will give is my flesh for the life of the world,
and if you eat of this bread, you shall live forever,
you shall live forever.” **Refrain:**

“Unless you eat of the flesh of the Son of Man and drink of his blood, and
drink of his blood, you shall not have life within you.” **Refrain:**

“I am the resurrection, I am the life. If you believe in me,
even though you die, you shall live forever.” **Refrain:**

Yes, Lord, I believe that you are the Christ,
the Son of God, who have come into the world.

In the Singing

#466

In the singing, in the silence, in the hands expectant, open,
in the blessing, in the breaking, in your presence at this table,

Refrain:

Jesus Christ, Jesus Christ, be the wine of grace;
Jesus Christ, Jesus Christ, be the bread of peace.

In the question, in the answer, in the moment of acceptance,
in the heart’s cry, in the healing, in the circle of your people. *Refrain*

Refrain:

Jesus Christ, Jesus Christ, be the wine of grace;
Jesus Christ, Jesus Christ, be the bread of peace.

Open Your Ears, O Faithful People #519

Open your ears, O faithful people,
open your ears and hear God's word.
Open your hearts, O royal priesthood,
God has come to you.

Refrain

God has spoken to the people, hallelujah! (*Torah ora, Torah ora, hallelujah!*)
God has spoken words of wisdom, hallelujah! (*Torah ora, Torah ora, hallelujah!*)
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They who have ears to hear the message,
they who have ears, now let them hear;
they who would learn the way of wisdom,
let them hear God's word. *Refrain*