



Sixth Sunday of Easter *Granite Falls Lutheran Church*

May 5, 2024
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.

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

***Confession and Forgiveness**

AM: Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God, who forgives all our sin, whose mercy endures forever. **Amen.**

AM: Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid: cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you and worthily magnify your holy name, through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

AM: Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another. Gracious God,

C: have mercy on us. We confess that we have turned from you and given ourselves into the power of sin. We are truly sorry and humbly repent. In your compassion forgive us our sins, known and unknown, things we have done and things we have failed to do. Turn us again to you, and uphold us by your Spirit, so that we may live and serve you in newness of life through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

P: God, who is rich in mercy, loved us even when we were dead in sin, and made us alive together with Christ. By grace you have been saved. In the name of † Jesus Christ, your sins are forgiven. Almighty God strengthen you with power through the Holy Spirit, that Christ may live in your hearts through faith. **Amen.**

***Gathering Hymn** *"We Know That Christ is Raised"* #449

***Greeting**

AM: 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.

Chancel Choir *"The First Song of Isaiah"* (congregation joins on refrain)

***Prayer of the Day**

AM: Let us pray.

C: O God, you have prepared for those who love you joys beyond understanding. Pour into our hearts such love for you that, loving you above all things, we may obtain your promises, which exceed all we can desire; through Jesus Christ, your Son and our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

SS Teacher Recognition

Responsive Psalm Psalm 98

L: ¹O sing to the LORD a new song, for he has done marvelous things. His right hand and his holy arm have gotten him victory.

C: ²The LORD has made known his victory; he has revealed his vindication in the sight of the nations.

L: ³He has remembered his steadfast love and faithfulness to the house of Israel. All the ends of the earth have seen the victory of our God.

C: ⁴Make a joyful noise to the LORD, all the earth; break forth into joyous song and sing praises.

L: ⁵Sing praises to the LORD with the lyre, with the lyre and the sound of melody.

C: ⁶With trumpets and the sound of the horn make a joyful noise before the King, the LORD.

L: ⁷Let the sea roar, and all that fills it; the world and those who live in it.

C: ⁸Let the floods clap their hands; let the hills sing together for joy ⁹at the presence of the LORD, for he is coming to judge the earth. He will judge the world with righteousness, and the peoples with equity.

L: Here ends the lesson

C: Thanks be to God

Wee Praise Choir *"He's Got the Whole World In His Hands"*
"Jesus Loves Me"

Children's Message

Kids of the Rock *"I Will Call Upon The Lord"*

***Gospel Acclamation** (sung) pg 151

P: The holy gospel according to John. **C: Glory to you, O Lord.**

***Gospel** John 15:9-17

[Jesus said:] ⁹As the Father has loved me, so I have loved you; abide in my love. ¹⁰If you keep my commandments, you will abide in my love, just as I have kept my Father's commandments and abide in his love. ¹¹I have said these things to you so that my joy may be in you, and that your joy may be complete.

¹²This is my commandment, that you love one another as I have loved you. ¹³No one has greater love than this, to lay down one's life for one's friends. ¹⁴You are my friends if you do what I command you. ¹⁵I do not call you servants any longer, because the servant does not know what the master is doing; but I have called you friends, because I have made known to you everything that I have heard from my Father. ¹⁶You did not choose me but I chose you. And I appointed you to go and bear fruit, fruit that will last, so that the Father will give you whatever you ask him in my name. ¹⁷I am giving you these commands so that you may love one another.

P: The gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to you, O Christ.

Sermon

Hymn of the Day "Jesu, Jesu, Fill Us with Your Love" #708

***Apostles' Creed**

***Prayers of the Church**

AM:(after each petition.).... God of grace,

C: hear our prayer.

P: Into your hands, most merciful God, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in your abiding love; through Jesus Christ, our resurrected and living Lord. **C: Amen.**

Peace

AM: The peace of Christ be with you always.

C: And also with you.

Offering/Noisy Offering "Jesus Loves Me!" #595

Offering Prayer

Risen One, you call us to believe and bear fruit. May the gifts that we offer here be signs of your abiding love. Form us to be your witnesses in the world, through Jesus Christ, our true vine. **Amen.**

***Great Thanksgiving** (spoken) (pg.152-153)

(preface continues)

***Holy Communion Words of Institution / The Lord's Prayer**

Holy Communion Distribution "Lamb of God" (pg 154)

Hymns "Beautiful Savior" #838

"Alleluia! Sing to Jesus" #392

In-home Communion Blessing

Post Communion Prayer

P: Shepherding God, you have prepared a table before us and nourished us with your love. Send us forth from this banquet to proclaim your goodness and share the abundant mercy of Jesus, our redeemer and friend. **C: Amen.**

***Benediction**

***Closing Hymn** "Joyful, Joyful We Adore Thee" #836

***Sending**

AM: Alleluia! Go in peace. Rejoice and be glad.

C: Thanks be to God. Alleluia

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Worship Participants

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| Ministers | <i>All of us gathered to worship</i> |
| Interim Pastor | <i>Deborah Nissen</i> |
| Assisting Minister | <i>Taylor Bakkelund</i> |
| Greeters | <i>Doug & Nicole Jans, Al & Barb Lund</i> |
| Organ/Piano | <i>Lynn Ullrich</i> |
| Acolytes | <i>Hanna Bjorndal, Grace Krueger</i> |
| Reader | <i>Darlene Santjer</i> |
| Communion Assistants | <i>*Dana Baldry, *Jon Tjosvold, Gail Aus, Val Santjer</i> |

Worship Leaders next Sunday, May 12.

Greeters *Jim & Kathy Hendrickson, Pat & Paul Sheggeby*
Reader *Kathy Hendrickson*
Acolytes *Addison Fagen, Gunnar Fagen*
Ushers *Doug Peterson, Carl Imes, Tim Johnson, Mike Aus, Aaron Peterson, Todd Reishus, Kent Hoffman*

News & Announcements

NOISY OFFERING TODAY!!!!

There will be a Noisy Offering held TODAY, May 5th, with the proceeds going towards Vacation Bible School.

Community dinner reminder on May 19th. Pre dinner music provided by the Building Bridges Choir at 4:15 pm and meal at 5:00 pm. Join in fellowship, music and fun! Everyone welcome.

MEMORIAL DAY TRIBUTE AT THE MAY 26TH SUNDAY SERVICE

We would like to recognize our veterans who are no longer with us. Please drop off or email pictures (recent or in uniform) of your beloved family veterans. Please include: Name, Branch of Service (US Army, Navy, etc.) years served (if known). We would like the photos by Sunday, May 19th, to ensure they are included in the slideshow/video. You may email to office@granitefallslutheran.com or drop off at the office. If your loved one was submitted in the past, there is no need to resubmit

May's Thankful Thought:

2 Corinthians 9:6-7

Remember this: whoever sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and whoever sows generously will also reap generously. Each man should give what he has decided in his heart to give, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver.

Blessings, Stewardship Committee

Calendar this week

Monday -
Tuesday - 10:30a-12:30p WELCA Salad Luncheon
5:00 pm Outreach Committee
5:30 pm Executive Committee Meeting
7:00 pm Property Committee Meeting
Wednesday - 1:00 pm Worship at Granite Ridge
2:00 pm Worship at GFH Care Center
5:30 pm Education Committee Meeting
5:30 pm Worship & Music Committee
7:00 pm Pre Confirmation Gr. 6th
Thursday - 2:30 pm Espresso Time
Friday -
Saturday 7:00 am Men's Bible Study
Sunday - 9:00 am Worship with FB Live

GRANITE FALLS LUTHERAN CHURCH WOMEN

Spring Salad Luncheon

Tuesday, May 7, 2024
10:30 AM – 12:30 PM

Menu
Variety of Salads
Ham & Turkey Sandwiches
Bars & Beverage

Free Will Offering for the Meal

Available for Sale
Baked Goods,
Quilts, Greeting Cards

Future Dates to Remember

- May 11th** - Evelyn Olson funeral 11:00 am
- May 19th** - High School Senior Sunday during worship
- May 19th** - Community Dinner
- May 25th** - Dennis Kessler Prayer Service 4:00 pm at the KCC
- May 27th** - Installation of newly elected Council & Committee members

We Know That Christ Is Raised #449

We know that Christ is raised and dies no more. Embraced by death, he broke its fearful hold, and our despair he turned to blazing joy. Hallelujah!

We share by water in his saving death. Reborn, we share with him an Easter life, as living members of our Savior Christ. Hallelujah!

The Father's splendor clothes the Son with life. The spirit's fission shakes the church of God. Baptized, we live with God the Three in One. Hallelujah!

A new creation comes to life and grows as Christ's new body takes on flesh and blood. The universe restored and whole will sing: Hallelujah!

Jesu, Jesu, Fill Us with Your Love #708

***Refrain:* Jesu, Jesu, fill us with your love, show us how to serve the neighbors we have from you.**

Kneels at the feet of his friends, silently washes their feet, master who acts as a slave to them. *Refrain*

Neighbors are wealthy and poor, varied in color and race, neighbors are near us and far away. *Refrain*

These are the ones we will serve, these are the ones we will love; all these are neighbors to us and you. *Refrain*

Kneel at the feet of our friends, silently washing their feet: this is the way we will live with you. *Refrain*

"Jesus Loves Me" #595

Jesus loves me, this I know, for the Bible tells me so! Little ones to him belong: they are weak, but he is strong.

Refrain: Yes, Jesus loves me! Yes, Jesus loves me! Yes, Jesus loves me! The Bible tells me so.

Jesus loves me, he who died heaven's gate to open wide; he will wash away my sin, let his little child come in. *Refrain*

Jesus loves me! He will stay close beside me all the way; when at last I come to die, he will take me home on high. *Refrain*

Beautiful Savior #838

Beautiful Savior, King of creation, Son of God and Son of Man! Truly I'd love thee, truly I'd serve thee, light of my soul, my joy, my crown.

Fair are the meadows, fair are the woodlands, robed in flow'rs of blooming spring; Jesus is fairer, Jesus is purer, He makes our sorrowing spirit sing.

Fair is the sunshine, fair is the moonlight, bright the sparkling stars on high; Jesus shines brighter, Jesus shines purer than all the angels in the sky.

Beautiful Savior, Lord of the nations, Son of God and Son of Man! Glory and honor, praise adoration, now and forevermore be thine!

Alleluia! Sing to Jesus #392

Alleluia! Sing to Jesus; his the scepter, his the throne; Alleluia! his the triumph, his the victory alone. Hark! The songs of peaceful Zion thunder like a mighty flood: "Jesus out of ev'ry nation has redeemed us by his blood."

Alleluia! Not as orphans are we left in sorrow now; Alleluia! he is near us; faith believes, nor questions how. Though the cloud from sight received him when the forty days were o'er, shall our hearts forget his promise: "I am with you evermore"?

Alleluia! Bread of heaven, here on earth our food, our stay; Alleluia! here the sinful flee to you from day to day. Intercessor, friend of sinners, earth's redeemer, hear our plea where the songs of all the sinless sweep across the crystal sea.

Alleluia! King eternal, Lord omnipotent we own: Alleluia! born of Mary, earth your footstool, heav'n your throne. As within the veil you entered, robed in flesh, our great high priest, here on earth both priest and victim in the eucharistic feast.

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Joyful, Joyful We Adore Thee #836

Joyful, joyful we adore thee, God of glory, Lord of love! Hearts unfold like flow'rs before thee, praising thee, their sun above. Melt the clouds of sin and sadness, drive the gloom of doubt away. Giver of immortal gladness, fill us with the light of day.

All thy works with joy surround thee, earth and heav'n reflect thy rays, stars and angels sing around thee, center of unbroken praise. Field and forest, vale and mountain, flow'ry meadow, flashing sea, chanting bird, and flowing fountain call us to rejoice in thee.

Thou art giving and forgiving, ever blessing, ever blest, well spring of the joy of living, ocean depth of happy rest! Thou our Father, Christ our brother, all who live in love are thine; teach us how to love each other, lift us to the joy divine!