

**Upper St. Croix Parish**  
**Grantsburg: Central, Atlas, St. Croix Falls**

**April 12, 2020**  
**Easter Sunday**

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\*This bulletin is for a home service.

- *Prepare to worship God with your body and spirit. Gather together with your family members at a place where it is appropriate for worshipping God.*

**PASSING OF THE GREETINGS**

*The passing of the Greet is a time to briefly greet your family members with the Risen Christ. "Christ is risen!"*

**We Celebrate New Life in Christ**

**\*CALL TO WORSHIP** Responsive

Rejoice, heavenly power!

Sing, choirs of angels!

Exult, all creation around God's throne!

Jesus Christ, our King, is risen!

Sound the trumpet of salvation!

**Rejoice, heavenly power!**

**Sing, choirs of angels!**

**Jesus Christ, our King, is risen!**

**Amen.**

**\*OPENING HYMN**

*He Lives*

**UMH 310**

*(You may choose another song as you prefer.)*

**OPENING PRAYER** Unison

**God of life, through Jesus Christ you have bestowed upon the world the light of life. Sanctify this new fire, and grant that our hearts and minds may also be kindled with a holy desire to shine forth with the brightness of Christ's rising, that we may attain to the feast of everlasting light; through Jesus Christ our Lord.**

**Amen.**

**Proclamation of God's Word**

**\*THE GOSPEL LESSON**

**Matthew 28:1-10**

28 After the sabbath, as the first day of the week was dawning, Mary Magdalene and the other Mary went to see the tomb. 2 And suddenly there was a great earthquake; for an angel of the Lord, descending from heaven, came and rolled back the stone and sat on it. 3 His appearance was like lightning, and his clothing white as snow. 4 For fear of him the guards shook and became like dead men. 5 But the angel said to the women, "Do not be afraid; I know that you are looking for Jesus who was crucified. 6 He is not here; for he has been raised, as he said. Come, see the place where he lay. 7 Then go quickly and tell his disciples, 'He has been raised from the dead, and indeed he is going ahead of you to Galilee; there you will see him.' This is my message for you." 8 So they left the tomb quickly with fear and great joy, and ran to tell his disciples. 9 Suddenly Jesus met them and said, "Greetings!" And they came to him, took hold of his feet, and worshiped him. 10 Then Jesus said to them, "Do not be afraid; go and tell my brothers to go to Galilee; there they will see me."

This is the word of God for the people of God.

**Thanks be to God.**

**SERMON**

*"There They will See Me"*

**Pastor Jenny Lee**

*(One of your family members may read my written sermon.)*

**We Respond to God's Word**

**RESPONDING PRAYER** Unison

**Mighty God, meet us here, we worship you beyond our understanding. You appear to us from afar, yet touch us where we are. As we love you at first, lead us to love you consistently even with difficulties. You love spans time and space, yet wraps itself around us here and now. Faithful God, we come seeking the things that are above. Amen.**

**PRESENTATION OF OUR TITHES AND OFFERINGS**

*(Please prepare an offering, and send it to the church, or bring it to the church later when you come to the church next.)*

**PRAYER OF DEDICATION** Unison

O God, no gift we bring is adequate to return the love you have given us in the Christ-event. Anoint these expressions of our thanksgiving with power to accomplish your will among our neighbors and in your world. In response to your grace, we rededicate ourselves to serve in faithfulness wherever you may lead. Thanks be to you, O God, for the new life you have granted. Amen.

**We Go Forth to Love God and Serve One Another**

\*HYMN *I Need Thee Every Hour* **UMH 397**

\*THE LORD'S PRAYER Unison

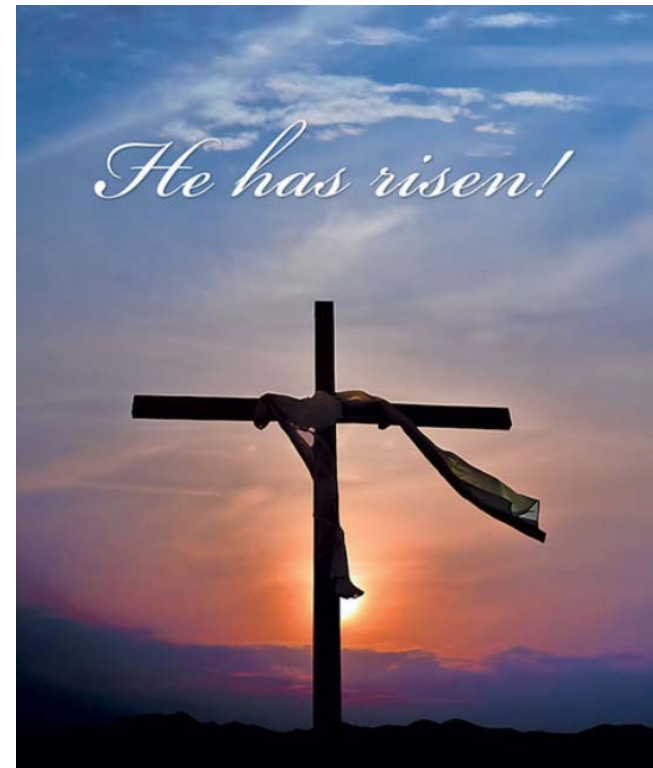
**God bless you, and stay well!**

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**ONE Parish THREE Churches**

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**The United Methodist Church**

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