

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

**April 19, 2020**  
**Second Sunday of Easter**

\*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 worshiping God.*

**PASSING OF THE GREETINGS**

*The passing of the Peace is a time to briefly greet your family members with the peace of Christ. “Peace be with You!”*

**We Celebrate New Life in Christ**

**\*CALL TO WORSHIP**    Responsive

We have entered this place with a confident expectations.  
Let us be open to the One who greets us here at our home.

**God, who is everywhere, welcomes us here at our worship place; our hearts are filled with joyous anticipation.**

This is a special place with the peace and grace of God.  
We are glad for one another in God’s awesome presence.

**God tests our faith and examines our family;  
our creator gives us counsel and instructs us.**

Let us praise our God, revealed to us in Jesus Christ.  
Glory and honor to the One whose Spirit we receive.

**In Christ, we are born anew to a living hope.  
In the Spirit’s blessing, we know true peace. Amen.**

**\*OPENING HYMN**      *Thine Be the Glory*                  UMH 308  
(*You may choose another song as you prefer.*)

**OPENING PRAYER**    Unison

**O God, you are always before us, even in the midst of grievous trials. We are tested in the fires of loss and grief. We are swayed by out doubts and fears. Assure us once more that we are not alone, that you do not abandon us. Help us in our challenging time**

together to focus on the pleasant places where you have led us and on the goodly heritage that is ours. We dwell secure in your caring presence. We pray in the name of Jesus Christ. Amen.

**Proclamation of God’s Word**

**\*THE GOSPEL LESSON**

**John 20:19-31**

19 When it was evening on that day, the first day of the week, and the doors of the house where the disciples had met were locked for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said, “Peace be with you.” 20 After he said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord. 21 Jesus said to them again, “Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you.” 22 When he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, “Receive the Holy Spirit. 23 If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained.”

24 But Thomas (who was called the Twin), one of the twelve, was not with them when Jesus came. 25 So the other disciples told him, “We have seen the Lord.” But he said to them, “Unless I see the mark of the nails in his hands, and put my finger in the mark of the nails and my hand in his side, I will not believe.”

26 A week later his disciples were again in the house, and Thomas was with them. Although the doors were shut, Jesus came and stood among them and said, “Peace be with you.” 27 Then he said to Thomas, “Put your finger here and see my hands. Reach out your hand and put it in my side. Do not doubt but believe.” 28 Thomas answered him, “My Lord and my God!” 29 Jesus said to him, “Have you believed because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have come to believe.”

30 Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of his disciples, which are not written in this book. 31 But these are written so that you may come to believe that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God, and that through believing you may have life in his name. This is the word of God for the people of God.

**Thanks be to God.**

**SERMON**      "Ask God If You Are in Doubt"      **Pastor Jenny Lee**  
*(One of your family members may read my written sermon.)*

**We Respond to God's Word**

**RESPONDING PRAYER**    Unison

O Risen Christ, whose presence was real to your first disciples, come among us in spite of the barriers we erect. Breathe on us that we too might receive the Holy Spirit. Lead us to strong faith, evoke in us a forgiving spirit, and open our eyes to see the signs and wonders of God in our midst, that our service may be empowered. 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, by whose example giving us a blessed way of life, fill us now with the exultant joy of your love, which is more precious than gold. May we be bold to proclaim the glorious good news of salvation, with glad hearts and with deep and genuine trust. Grant us the opportunity, through these gifts and in our daily living, to lead others who are suffering in the COVID-19 pandemic to have hope, in Christ's name. Amen.

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

**\*HYMN**                  *Jesus is All the World to me*

**UMH 469**

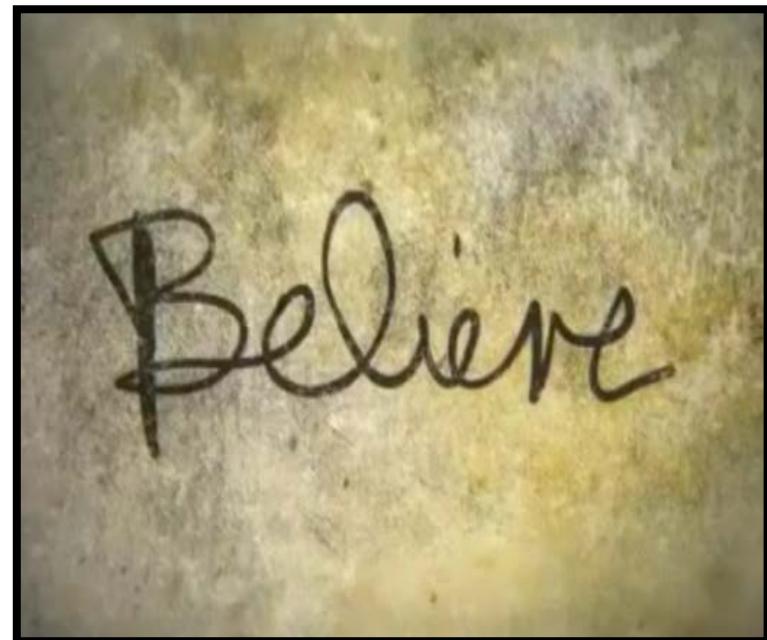
**\*THE LORD'S PRAYER**    Unison

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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