

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

**April 26, 2020**  
**Third Sunday of Easter/**  
**Native American Ministries Sunday**

\*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

What shall we render in thanks to God?

How shall we show gratitude to our Creator?

**We will gather with God’s people for worship; we will renew our vows to our Maker.**

How shall we respond to the Power who frees us, who rescues us from our futile ways?

**We will offer the sacrifice of our thanksgiving, and enlist once as servants of the Most High.**

Who will open our eyes to Christ’s presence with us? Shall our hearts burn with the joy of recognition?

**We will pay our vows to the Lord in the presence of all God’s people, in the courts of the house of the Lord, in your midst.**

**Praise the Lord!**

**Amen.**

**\*OPENING HYMN**    *Open My Eyes, That I May See*    UMH 454  
(*You may choose another song as you prefer.*)

**OPENING PRAYER**    Unison

**We call on your name, O God, for you have offered us the cup of**

**salvation and welcomed us into your family. How can we thank you for the love you have shown us in Jesus Christ? Meet us again in this hour, that we may grow in faith and be responsive to your truth. Fill us with hope, renewing our confidence to face life in faithful trust and obedience. Amen.**

**Proclamation of God’s Word**

**\*THE GOSPEL LESSON**

**Luke 24:13-35** *See Insert*

**Thanks be to God.**

**SERMON**    *“In the Breaking of the Bread”*    **Pastor Jenny Lee**

*(You may hear it through a Zoom Live Streaming Service or watch it on our Facebook page later. Otherwise, one of your family members may read my written sermon.)*

**We Respond to God’s Word**

**RESPONDING PRAYER**    Unison

Revealing God, you walk among us unseen: open our eyes. Calling, inviting God, you speak to us in myriad unheard ways: Open our ears. Stretching, challenging God, you push us to widen our circle of responsibility: touch the depths of our caring. Use our eyes and ears and emotions to provide a welcome at your table for people who usually receive no invitation. We need their presence among us to be fully human, to be your family. We pray in the name of Jesus Christ. Amen.

**SHARING OUR JOYS AND CONCERNS**

*(You may participate in a Zoom Live Streaming Service to share your joys and concerns, or you may send me email, letter, or phone call)*

**PASTORAL PRAYERS/THE LORD’S PRAYER**

**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

**For all your saints, O God, who have guided our lives, for all the ways you have saved us from ourselves, for all the times your love**

has been poured out on us, we give thanks. You have taught us to offer hospitality and to share what you have given. This we do, with joy and gratitude. Receive these tokens of our renewed dedication. We pray in the name of Jesus Christ. Amen.

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

\*HYMN

*He Lives*

UMH 310

**\*BENEDICTION** Responsive

Christ has sat among us and walks with us; we are assured that God's presence goes with us.

**We face the world with renewed faith and hope; God's word endures and abides with us.**

Let your hearts burn within you as you dare to trust; Embrace God's promises as you believe and care.

**We will speak of what we have seen and heard; God's love is real and alive in us.**

Live in gratitude each and every day; Love one another earnestly from the heart.

**We seek to act in obedience to God's truth; we will love sincerely and live confidently. Amen.**

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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## THE GOSPEL LESSON

### Luke 24:13-35

13 Now on that same day two of them were going to a village called Emmaus, about seven miles from Jerusalem, 14 and talking with each other about all these things that had happened. 15 While they were talking and discussing, Jesus himself came near and went with them, 16 but their eyes were kept from recognizing him. 17 And he said to them, “What are you discussing with each other while you walk along?” They stood still, looking sad. 18 Then one of them, whose name was Cleopas, answered him, “Are you the only stranger in Jerusalem who does not know the things that have taken place there in these days?” 19 He asked them, “What things?” They replied, “The things about Jesus of Nazareth, who was a prophet mighty in deed and word before God and all the people, 20 and how our chief priests and leaders handed him over to be condemned to death and crucified him. 21 But we had hoped that he was the one to redeem Israel. Yes, and besides all this, it is now the third day since these things took place. 22 Moreover, some women of our group astounded us. They were at the tomb early this morning, 23 and when they did not find his body there, they came back and told us that they had indeed seen a vision of angels who said that he was alive. 24 Some of those who were with us went to the tomb and found it just as the women had said; but they did not see him.” 25 Then he said to them, “Oh, how foolish you are, and how slow of heart to believe all that the prophets have declared! 26 Was it not necessary that the Messiah should suffer these things and then enter into his glory?” 27 Then beginning with Moses and all the prophets, he interpreted to them the things about himself in all the scriptures.

28 As they came near the village to which they were going, he walked ahead as if he were going on. 29 But they urged him strongly, saying, “Stay with us, because it is almost evening and the day is now nearly over.” So he went in to stay with them. 30 When he was at the table with them, he took bread, blessed and broke it, and gave it to them. 31 Then their eyes were opened, and they recognized him; and he vanished from their sight. 32 They said to each other, “Were not our hearts burning within us while he was talking to us on the road, while he was opening the scriptures to us?” 33 That same hour they got up and returned to Jerusalem; and they found the eleven and their companions gathered together. 34 They were saying, “The Lord has risen indeed, and he has appeared to Simon!” 35 Then they told what had happened on the road, and how he had been made known to them in the breaking of the bread. This is the word of God for the people of God.