

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

**April 5, 2020**  
**Palm/Passion 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 PEACE**

*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

Hosanna to the one who comes in God’s name. Shout your blessings!  
Sing your praises!

**Christ opens our eyes to better ways of living, not as haughty rulers, but as humble servants.**

Have the mind of Christ among yourselves, that you may be emptied of pretense and false pride.

**In Christ we are freed to be fully human, to celebrate and use our gifts to God’s glory.**

Give thanks to God, who has so richly blessed us; Praise God, whose steadfast love endures forever.

**This is the day that God has made; We will rejoice and be glad in it. Amen.**

**\*OPENING HYMN**    *Hosanna, Loud Hosanna*    **UMH 278**  
*(You may choose another song as you prefer.)*

**OPENING PRAYER**    Unison

Loving God, awaken us to the possibilities this day may hold for us. Call us forth from our weary routines and meager faith. Stretch us beyond our limited understanding and cramped enthusiasm. Free us to sing “Hallelujah” and wave branches and

spread your love among those who have not experienced its power. Come to us, Gracious God, that we may fully experience your presence. Amen.

**Proclamation of God’s Word**

**\*THE GOSPEL LESSON**

**Matthew 21:1-11; 26:6-30**  
**See Insert**

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

**Thanks be to God.**

**SERMON**

*“Two Palms We Have”*

**Pastor Jenny Lee**

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

**We Respond to God’s Word**

**RESPONDING PRAYER**    Unison

**Humble Savior, who did not regard equality with God as something to be exploited, appear among us as we remember your peaceful witness. Teach us once again that we may stand with you against unfairness and wrong. Equip us more fully to serve in your name among the weary and discouraged. Empower us to share good news, that all your children may celebrate your reign with hosannas of praise. 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

**God of all people, use what we have to share so that more of your children may know the good news of Christ. If we had a donkey, we would loan it. If we had branches, we would wave them. When we have extra garments, we would honor Christ by clothing our shivering sisters and brothers. We do have much to give, and we cherish the joy of giving. Bless these tokens of the fuller commitment they are meant to represent. Amen.**

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

\*HYMN

*Were You There*

UMH 288

\*LORD'S PRAYER

Unison

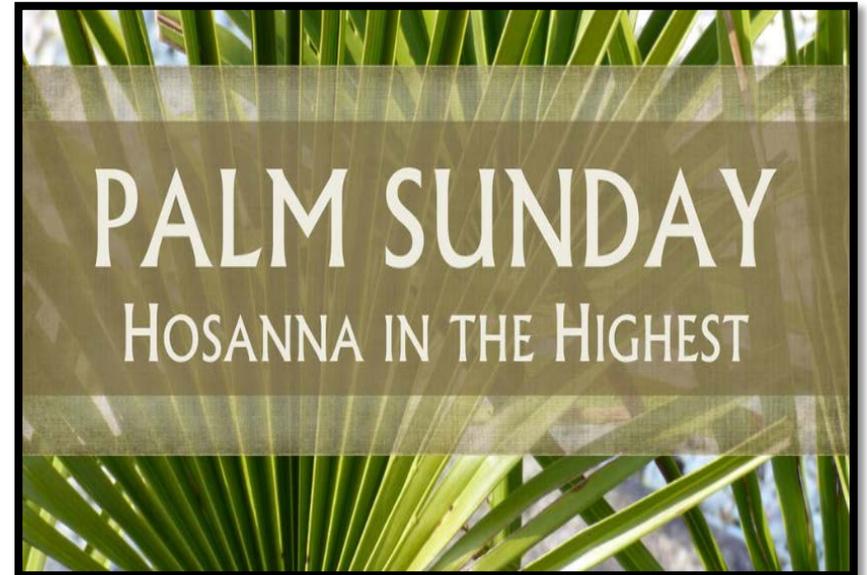
God bless you, and stay well!

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**The United Methodist Church**

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**\*THE GOSPEL LESSON****Matthew 21:1-11; 26:6-30**

21 When they had come near Jerusalem and had reached Bethphage, at the Mount of Olives, Jesus sent two disciples, 2 saying to them, "Go into the village ahead of you, and immediately you will find a donkey tied, and a colt with her; untie them and bring them to me. 3 If anyone says anything to you, just say this, 'The Lord needs them.' And he will send them immediately." 4 This took place to fulfill what had been spoken through the prophet, saying,

5 "Tell the daughter of Zion,

Look, your king is coming to you,

humble, and mounted on a donkey,

and on a colt, the foal of a donkey."

6 The disciples went and did as Jesus had directed them; 7 they brought the donkey and the colt, and put their cloaks on them, and he sat on them. 8 A very large crowd spread their cloaks on the road, and others cut branches from the trees and spread them on the road. 9 The crowds that went ahead of him and that followed were shouting,

"Hosanna to the Son of David!

Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord!

Hosanna in the highest heaven!"

10 When he entered Jerusalem, the whole city was in turmoil, asking, "Who is this?" 11 The crowds were saying, "This is the prophet Jesus from Nazareth in Galilee."

**Matthew 26:6-30**

6 Now while Jesus was at Bethany in the house of Simon the leper, 7 a woman came to him with an alabaster jar of very costly ointment, and she poured it on his head as he sat at the table. 8 But when the disciples saw it, they were angry and said, "Why this waste? 9 For this ointment could have been sold for a large sum, and the money given to the poor." 10 But Jesus, aware of this, said to them, "Why do you trouble the woman? She has performed a good service for me. 11 For you always have the poor with you, but you will not always have me. 12 By pouring this ointment on my body she has prepared me for burial. 13 Truly I tell you, wherever this good news is proclaimed in the whole world, what she has done will be told in remembrance of her."

14 Then one of the twelve, who was called Judas Iscariot, went to the chief priests 15 and said, "What will you give me if I betray him to

you?" They paid him thirty pieces of silver. 16 And from that moment he began to look for an opportunity to betray him.

17 On the first day of Unleavened Bread the disciples came to Jesus, saying, "Where do you want us to make the preparations for you to eat the Passover?" 18 He said, "Go into the city to a certain man, and say to him, 'The Teacher says, My time is near; I will keep the Passover at your house with my disciples.'" 19 So the disciples did as Jesus had directed them, and they prepared the Passover meal.

20 When it was evening, he took his place with the twelve; 21 and while they were eating, he said, "Truly I tell you, one of you will betray me." 22 And they became greatly distressed and began to say to him one after another, "Surely not I, Lord?" 23 He answered, "The one who has dipped his hand into the bowl with me will betray me. 24 The Son of Man goes as it is written of him, but woe to that one by whom the Son of Man is betrayed! It would have been better for that one not to have been born." 25 Judas, who betrayed him, said, "Surely not I, Rabbi?" He replied, "You have said so."

26 While they were eating, Jesus took a loaf of bread, and after blessing it he broke it, gave it to the disciples, and said, "Take, eat; this is my body." 27 Then he took a cup, and after giving thanks he gave it to them, saying, "Drink from it, all of you; 28 for this is my blood of the covenant, which is poured out for many for the forgiveness of sins. 29 I tell you, I will never again drink of this fruit of the vine until that day when I drink it new with you in my Father's kingdom."

30 When they had sung the hymn, they went out to the Mount of Olives.