

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

July 12, 2020

Sixth Sunday after Pentecost

*This bulletin is for both indoor and outdoor service.

PRELUDE

Please prepare for service with your silent prayers!

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

Come, behold the works of the Living God!

Listen for what God would say to us.

**We await God's Word for our church
and for the times in which we live.**

God beckons us to remember
the support and promptings of the Spirit.

**We have received comfort and assurance,
and our eyes have been opened to God's challenges.**

God does not let us escape the world's pain
when we come to this place apart.

Some of the pain is our own, and we seek relief.

Much is borne by others, whom we want to help.

God is our refuge and strength,
a very present help in trouble.

**We open ourselves to God's healing
and offer ourselves for further service. Amen.**

***OPENING HYMN**

Thy Word Is a Lamp

UMH 601

OPENING PRAYER Unison

**Ruler and lover of the earth and all humankind, we would hear
the good news from your realm, where the sick are healed and the**

**dead are raised to new life. We would obey your voice, live in
covenant with you, and offer your peace to a needy world. Show us
our rightful place in the fields ready for your harvest. Amen.**

Proclamation of God's Word

***THE OLD TESTAMENT LESSON**

Genesis 25:19-34

19 These are the descendants of Isaac, Abraham's son: Abraham was the father of Isaac, 20 and Isaac was forty years old when he married Rebekah, daughter of Bethuel the Aramean of Paddan-aram, sister of Laban the Aramean. 21 Isaac prayed to the Lord for his wife, because she was barren; and the Lord granted his prayer, and his wife Rebekah conceived. 22 The children struggled together within her; and she said, "If it is to be this way, why do I live?" So she went to inquire of the Lord. 23 And the Lord said to her,

"Two nations are in your womb,
and two peoples born of you shall be divided;
the one shall be stronger than the other,
the elder shall serve the younger."

24 When her time to give birth was at hand, there were twins in her womb.

25 The first came out red, all his body like a hairy mantle; so they named him Esau. 26 Afterward his brother came out, with his hand gripping Esau's heel; so he was named Jacob. Isaac was sixty years old when she bore them.

27 When the boys grew up, Esau was a skillful hunter, a man of the field, while Jacob was a quiet man, living in tents. 28 Isaac loved Esau, because he was fond of game; but Rebekah loved Jacob.

29 Once when Jacob was cooking a stew, Esau came in from the field, and he was famished. 30 Esau said to Jacob, "Let me eat some of that red stuff, for I am famished!" (Therefore he was called Edom.) 31 Jacob said, "First sell me your birthright." 32 Esau said, "I am about to die; of what use is a birthright to me?" 33 Jacob said, "Swear to me first." So he swore to him, and sold his birthright to Jacob. 34 Then Jacob gave Esau bread and lentil stew, and he ate and drank, and rose and went his way. Thus Esau despised his birthright.

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

Thanks be to God.

HYMN OF PREPARATION

All Who Love and Serve Your City

UMH 433 (vs. 1, 2, & 5)

SERMON *“This is What We Despised”* **Pastor Jenny Lee**
(If you could not join in the Service, one of your family members may
read the written sermon.)

We Respond to God’s Word

RESPONDING PRAYER Unison

O God, whose ways we do not understand, we bring our anxiety and resentment to this time of seeking your Word through the Holy Scriptures. We confess that we despised the blessings you gave. Now, we will keep the blessings to flow out to the people who you would love. We will live out as the channel of the blessings to transform the world, which you would like. O God, we are here. You are our Lord. Please use us for your ministry. Amen.

SHARING OUR JOYS AND CONCERNS

PASTORAL PRAYERS/THE LORD’S PRAYER

PRESENTATION OF OUR TITHES AND OFFERINGS

(Please prepare an offering. If you could not join in the Service, please send it to the church, or bring it to the church the next time you are there.)

***DOXOLOGY**

UMH 95

PRAYER OF DEDICATION Unison

For your abundant grace, we give thanks, O God. For your steadfast love, we pour out our gratitude. May our gifts provide for those who seek refuge from doubt, from oppression, from ignorance and from calamity. Through giving in Christ’s name, we seek to grow in the Spirit of One who gave life itself for us. Amen.

We Go Forth to Love God and Serve One Another

***HYMN**

O Master, Let Me Walk with Thee

UMH 430

***BENEDICTION**

Pastor Jenny Lee

God bless you, and stay in peace!

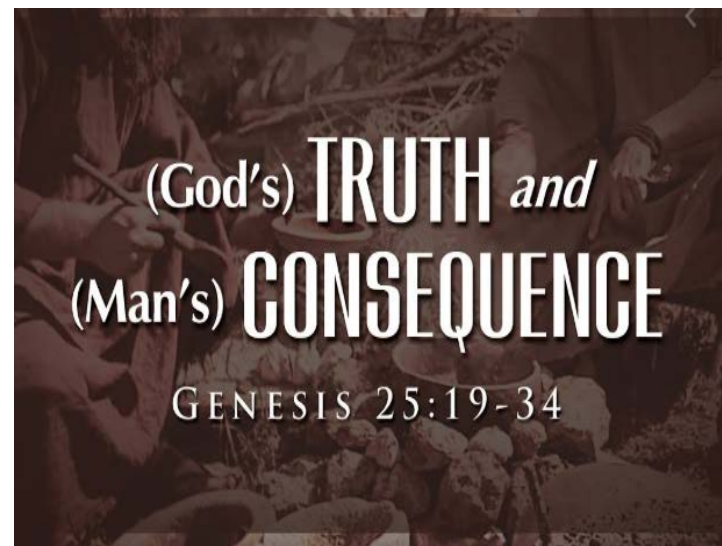
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