

Upper St. Croix Parish
Grantsburg: Central, Atlas, St. Croix Falls
October 4th, 2020
Eighteenth Sunday after Pentecost
“World Communion Sunday”

*This bulletin is for our Indoor & Drive in Services (Outdoor).

PRELUDE

Please prepare for service with your silent prayers!

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

MASK CONTEST/ AWARDS CEREMONY

PRAYERS FOR COVID 19

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

Almighty God: from the ends of the earth
you have gathered us around Christ’s holy table.

We come to feast together,

Have mercy on your church, troubled and divided.

Renew us and make us one. Amen.

***OPENING HYMN** *All Who Love and Serve Your City*

UMH 433 (vs. 1 & 2)

OPENING PRAYER

O God, we join with our sisters and brothers around the world
in remembering Christ’s sacrifice for us.

For the opportunity to eat and drink together
and for the life we have received,
we give you thanks and praise.

In the abundance of your many gifts,
grant us grace to fill one another’s lives with love.

Redeem, restore and remold us until we are made new.

Transform our daily bread into the bread of life,

and the cup that we drink into the cup of salvation. We pray in
Jesus Name. Amen.

CHILDREN’S TIME

Proclamation of God’s Word

***THE GOSPEL LESSON**

Matthew 21:33-46 (See Insert)

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

Thanks be to God.

HYMN OF PREPARATION

My Hope Is Built

UMH 368 (vs. 1, 2 & 4)

SERMON “What Holds Your Life Together?” **Pastor Jenny Lee**

*(If you could not join Sunday Service, one of your
family members may read the written sermon.)*

We Respond to God’s Word

RESPONDING PRAYER Unison

Creator of all things, you have placed us in the vineyard of your world to tend and care for all your creation here. You called us to be a fruitful people. Help us to recognize one another as sisters and brothers. Take from us the jealousy and possessiveness that erect barriers among us. Keep us from destroying one another, and turn us away from the cruel acts that led to Jesus’ crucifixion. We want to hold you and be fruitful laborers in your vineyard. May our work attract others to your realm. Amen.

SHARING OUR JOYS AND CONCERNS

PASTORAL PRAYER

INVITATION TO GIVE OUR OFFERING

PRESENTATION OF OUR TITHES AND OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY *(Please prepare an offering, and if you cannot join a Drive in Service, send it to your church.)*

***DOXOLOGY**

UMH 95

***PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

Pastor Jenny Lee

Sacrament of Holy Communion

INVITATION FOR COMMUNION
CONFESSION AND PARDON Unison

Pastor Jenny Lee

Merciful God,
We confess that we have not loved you with our whole heart.
We have failed to be an obedient church.
We have not done your will,
we have broken your law,
we have rebelled against you love,
we have not heard the cry of the needy.
Forgive us, we pray. Free us for joyful obedience,
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

(prayers in Silence)

Hear the good news: Christ died for us while we were yet sinners;
that proves God's love toward us. In the name of Jesus Christ, you
are forgiven! Amen.

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING UMH 13-14 (See Insert)
THE LORD'S PRAYER
GIVING THE HOLY COMMUNION

COMMUNION PRAYER Unison

Eternal God, we give you thanks for this holy mystery in which
you have given yourself to us. Grant that we may go into the world
in the strength of your Spirit, to give ourselves for others, in the
name of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

We Go Forth to Love God and Serve One Another

*HYMN *Because He Lives*
*BENEDICTION

UMH 364 (vs. 1 & 3)
Pastor Jenny Lee

POSTLUDE

Upper St. Croix Parish

One Parish Three Churches: Grantsburg: Central, Atlas,
St. Croix Falls

October 6th, 2020

Eighteenth Sunday after Pentecost
"World Communion Sunday"



The United Methodist Church

8:15 am In-Door Service at Central-Grantsburg
10:00 am Drive -In-Communion Service at Atlas Park

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*THE GOSPEL LESSON

Matthew 21:33-46

33 “Listen to another parable. There was a landowner who planted a vineyard, put a fence around it, dug a wine press in it, and built a watchtower. Then he leased it to tenants and went to another country. 34 When the harvest time had come, he sent his slaves to the tenants to collect his produce. 35 But the tenants seized his slaves and beat one, killed another, and stoned another. 36 Again he sent other slaves, more than the first; and they treated them in the same way. 37 Finally he sent his son to them, saying, ‘They will respect my son.’ 38 But when the tenants saw the son, they said to themselves, ‘This is the heir; come, let us kill him and get his inheritance.’ 39 So they seized him, threw him out of the vineyard, and killed him. 40 Now when the owner of the vineyard comes, what will he do to those tenants?” 41 They said to him, “He will put those wretches to a miserable death, and lease the vineyard to other tenants who will give him the produce at the harvest time.”

42 Jesus said to them, “Have you never read in the scriptures:

‘The stone that the builders rejected
has become the cornerstone;
this was the Lord’s doing,
and it is amazing in our eyes’?

43 Therefore I tell you, the kingdom of God will be taken away from you and given to a people that produces the fruits of the kingdom. 44 The one who falls on this stone will be broken to pieces; and it will crush anyone on whom it falls.”

45 When the chief priests and the Pharisees heard his parables, they realized that he was speaking about them. 46 They wanted to arrest him, but they feared the crowds, because they regarded him as a prophet.



Today is World Communion Sunday. On the first Sunday in October, United Methodist congregations join many Christian churches across the globe in celebrating World Communion Sunday. World Communion Sunday began at Shadyside Presbyterian Church in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania in 1933. The Rev. Hugh Thompson Kerr and his congregation sought to demonstrate the interconnectedness of Christian churches, regardless of denomination. Rev. Kerr appropriately chose the sacrament of Holy Communion to symbolize this unity. In 1940, the Federal Council of Churches of Christ in America, which included all of the predecessor denominations of The United Methodist Church, adopted World-Wide Communion Sunday.

United Methodists believe in an open table, anyone may receive communion. Our Book of Worship says, “All who intend to lead a Christian life, together with their children, are invited to receive the bread and cup.”

In United Methodist Churches around the world, a special offering is collected on World Communion Sunday to fund scholarships for seminarians. One half of the proceeds is for World Communion Sunday Scholars administered by the General Board of Global Ministries. The remaining one half is for the Ethnic Scholarship Program and the Ethnic In-Service Training Program, which are administered by the General Board of Higher Education and Ministry.

Special Offering Envelopes will be provided for this offering on Sunday-you can also note in the memo of your check if you mail in your offering that it is designated for World Communion Sunday.

Announcements (Insert) October 4th, 2020

1. Today is the Eighteenth Sunday after Pentecost. May the Holy Spirit be with you!
2. **This Sunday is the World Communion Sunday. We will have a “Mask Contest” event and Awards Ceremony along with the Communion Service.** The Mask Contest will have two categories: One is best communion mask, the other is the most fashionable mask. We will give a gift to the best in each category.
3. **“Youth Gathering 300” will be held at 6:30 pm on October 7th** via Zoom (Questions to Shayna Schmid: 920.312.2857)
4. **The Virtual Laity Session of Annual Conference** will be held from 6-8 pm on October 8.
5. **St. Croix Food Shelf has a huge garage sale** on October 9th and 10th from 8:00 am -5:00 pm. (Questions to Sharon Asp: 715.520.2397)
6. **Atlas has Sunday School in person** after Children’s Time on Sunday. All kids in our parish (Atlas, Central and St. Croix falls) are welcomed.
7. **GO Fish at Atlas Park on October 14-The kids who have participated in the Virtual Sunday School sessions the most, may get rewarded.**
8. The Virtual Wisconsin Annual Conference 2020 will be held on October 24, 2020, starting at 9 am. If you want to join, please register. We will set up the Zoom Conference at Central-Grantsburg, please come to the church by 8:50 am.
9. Church/Charge Conference will be held at 6:00 pm on October 27 via Zoom. If you want to join in person, please come to the Grantsburg Church by 5:50 pm.
10. Indoor service: 8:15 am at Central UMC in Grantsburg (masks required) and our Drive-In Service (outdoor service) is at 10 am at Atlas Park, you may bring a lawn chair for your convenience if

you want to sit outside your car. All are welcome at both services! Choose the service that is most convenient for you.

*Indoor Service: **Central-Grantsburg UMC, 301 S. Pine St. Grantsburg, WI 54840**

*Outdoor Service (Drive-In Service), **Atlas Park, 2108 295th Ave. County Rd. B. Luck, WI 54853**

11. If you miss a Sunday service, you may view a video clip on Facebook or use materials (mailed, emailed or on the Parish website) for a home service. You may want to send your giving (offerings) to your church. If you have any questions regarding services or offerings, please email the church office at: centralumc2016@gmail.com
12. No food should be shared. If you need water or some snacks, please bring them with you.
13. Ushers will wear a mask and gloves. When you greet each other, please wear masks and keep social distancing of 6 ft minimum.
14. This Week’s Birthdays and Anniversaries:

Rod & Janet Dahl 10/4

Art & Pauline Bistram 10/5

Brody & Brittney Woltz 10/9

Josie & Pat Grimes 10/10

Doug & Deb Kunze 10/10

Dawson Kunze 10/10

