

Upper St. Croix Parish
Grantsburg: Central, Atlas, St. Croix Falls
November 15th, 2020
Twenty-fourth Sunday after Pentecost

This bulletin is for both in-church and drive-in services (outdoor).

*Please rise as you are able.

PRELUDE

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PASSING OF THE GREETINGS

“Peace be with You!”

We Celebrate New Life in Christ

***CALL TO WORSHIP** Responsive

The day of the Lord is at hand;
be silent before our God

**God brings Judgment against oppressors;
against all who misuse earth’s resources.**

The great day of God is near;
it brings distress to those alienated from God.

**God breaks the weapons of war,
and strips away the advantages of the comfortable.**

God has not destined us for wrath,
but for salvation through our Lord Jesus Christ.

**We gather in faith and hope and love,
to encourage one another and build new life. Amen.**

***OPENING HYMN** *Great Is Thy Faithfulness*

UMH 140 (vs. 1 & 3)

OPENING PRAYER Unison

God of judgment, the whole earth bows in fear before you. Who will deliver us from your wrath? Before your majesty, the mountains quake; before your anger, we are filled with terror. We, who have taken your love for granted, are stunned by the judgment that calls us to account. We are shaken, yet strangely reassured by a God who wants only the best for us. Meet us here to turn us from our sinful ways. We pray in Jesus’ name. Amen.

Proclamation of God’s Word

***THE GOSPEL LESSON**

Matthew 25:14-30

14 “Again, it will be like a man going on a journey, who called his servants and entrusted his wealth to them. 15 To one he gave five bags of gold, to another two bags, and to another one bag, each according to his ability. Then he went on his journey. 16 The man who had received five bags of gold went at once and put his money to work and gained five bags more. 17 So also, the one with two bags of gold gained two more. 18 But the man who had received one bag went off, dug a hole in the ground and hid his master’s money.

19 “After a long time the master of those servants returned and settled accounts with them. 20 The man who had received five bags of gold brought the other five. ‘Master,’ he said, ‘you entrusted me with five bags of gold. See, I have gained five more.’

21 “His master replied, ‘Well done, good and faithful servant! You have been faithful with a few things; I will put you in charge of many things. Come and share your master’s happiness!’

22 “The man with two bags of gold also came. ‘Master,’ he said, ‘you entrusted me with two bags of gold; see, I have gained two more.’

23 “His master replied, ‘Well done, good and faithful servant! You have been faithful with a few things; I will put you in charge of many things. Come and share your master’s happiness!’

24 “Then the man who had received one bag of gold came. ‘Master,’ he said, ‘I knew that you are a hard man, harvesting where you have not sown and gathering where you have not scattered seed. 25 So I was afraid and went out and hid your gold in the ground. See, here is what belongs to you.’

26 “His master replied, ‘You wicked, lazy servant! So you knew that I harvest where I have not sown and gather where I have not scattered seed? 27 Well then, you should have put my money on deposit with the bankers, so that when I returned I would have received it back with interest.’

28 ““So take the bag of gold from him and give it to the one who has ten bags. 29 For whoever has will be given more, and they will have an abundance. Whoever does not have, even what they have will be taken from them. 30 And throw that worthless servant outside, into the darkness, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.’

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

Thanks be to God.

HYMN OF PREPARATION

O God of Every Nation

UMH 435 (vs. 1 & 4)

Announcements (Insert) November 15th, 2020

1. Today is the Twenty-fourth Sunday after Pentecost. May the Holy Spirit be with you!
2. We start Online Zoom Services beginning this Sunday (November 15th) at 10 am. Here is the Zoom Service link. This link will post on our parish website also. The link will be changed every Sunday.

Topic: November 15th Zoom Sunday Service

Time: Nov 15, 2020 10:00 AM Central Time (US and Canada)

Click the link to Join Zoom Sunday Service

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81282163984?pwd=N2VPVExmMC9VVGhEZOVUZzNpdGhYdz09>

Meeting ID: 812 8216 3984

Passcode: 389148

*If you want to join the service via your phone, please dial this number, along with ID and Passcode.

Dial +1 312 626 6799

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3. We decided to cancel both services, indoor (Grantsburg) and Outdoor (Atlas Park), due to COVID 19 precautions. But, we will send you service materials via email and postal mail (for those without email) continually, and will post a video clip recorded zoom service on our parish Facebook on every Sunday afternoon. Materials will also be posted on our website weekly with the sermon.

4. You may drop off "Operation Christmas Child Shoeboxes" by Nov. 15th at Atlas and for Grantsburg by Nov. 22.
5. AD Council meetings: Atlas at 6:00 pm at church, Grantsburg at 6:30 pm via Zoom, and St. Croix Falls at 4 pm via Zoom.
6. We need volunteers to be a liturgist every Sunday via Zoom. If you are willing to be a liturgist, let Pastor Jenny know which Sunday you are available, and welcome a special song with your family members.
7. 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
8. This Week's Birthdays and Anniversaries:



Pastor Jenny Lee 11/17

Alan Roelfs 11/18

Beau Gaffey 11/20