

**Upper St. Croix Parish**  
**Grantsburg: Central, Atlas, St. Croix Falls**  
**January 24th, 2021**  
**“Third Sunday after Epiphany”**

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This bulletin is for a Zoom Service and home service.

**PRELUDE**

**WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**PASSING OF THE GREETINGS**

*“Peace be with You!”*

**We Celebrate New Life in Christ**

**\*CALL TO WORSHIP**    Responsive

Come, with undivided attention, to meet God,  
who calls you away from old routines.

**Our souls wait for God in silence.**

**We hope in God, our rock and our salvation.**

Come without anxiety or fear,  
for God cares for you.

**We come with devotion to our Sovereign,**

**in whom time is fulfilled and life has meaning.**

Enter the realm of God, which is here and now,  
as well as beyond time and place.

**We pour out our hearts before God,**

**whom we trust and honor. Amen.**

**\*OPENING HYMN**    *Jesus Calls Us*                      **UMH 398 (vs. 1 & 5)**

**OPENING PRAYER**    Unison

Great God, our fortress and refuge, we seek comfort and reassurance in your presence. We bring our commitments and our works before you because yours is the only standard that finally matters. We open ourselves to your direction, confident that you see value and purpose in our lives that we ourselves cannot discern. Deliver us in this hour from all that separates us from experiencing communion with you. We pray in Jesus’ name. Amen.

**Proclamation of God’s Word**

**\*THE GOSPEL LESSON**

**Mark 1:14-20**

14 Now after John was arrested, Jesus came to Galilee, proclaiming the good news of God, 15 and saying, “The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God has come near; repent, and believe in the good news.”

16 As Jesus passed along the Sea of Galilee, he saw Simon and his brother Andrew casting a net into the sea—for they were fishermen.

17 And Jesus said to them, “Follow me and I will make you fish for people.” 18 And immediately they left their nets and followed him.

19 As he went a little farther, he saw James son of Zebedee and his brother John, who were in their boat mending the nets. 20

Immediately he called them; and they left their father Zebedee in the boat with the hired men, and followed him.

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

**Thanks be to God.**

**HYMN OF PREPARATION** - *Special Song*

**SERMON**    *“The Power of the Good News!”*    **Pastor Jenny Lee**

*(If you are not able to join us for Zoom Live Service, one of your family members may read the written sermon, or view the video clip on Facebook, or listen to the Sermon by Phone.)*

**We Respond to God’s Word**

**RESPONDING PRAYER**    Unison

O God, speak to us today in ways we have never fully heard before. Confront us again with the good news you want us to share, so all may be saved from their suffering and know the fulfillment you intend for every person. Lead us to turn our attention from interests that divide and misdirect our commitment. With the devotion of Christ’s earliest disciples may we dare to leave all to follow. We pray in the name of Jesus Christ. Amen.

SHARING OUR JOYS AND CONCERNS  
PASTORAL PRAYERS/THE LORD'S PRAYER  
PRESENTATION OF OUR TITHES AND OFFERINGS  
\*DOXOLOGY

UMH 95

PRAYER OF DEDICATION Unison  
God of steadfast love, we pray that you will love the world through the money we dedicate today. We pray that your work of transformation will be carried forward by our gifts. As a church, we seek to follow where Jesus leads. As individuals, we heed the call to discipleship. Bless our efforts to fish for people for their sakes, not our own. We pray in Jesus' name. Amen.

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

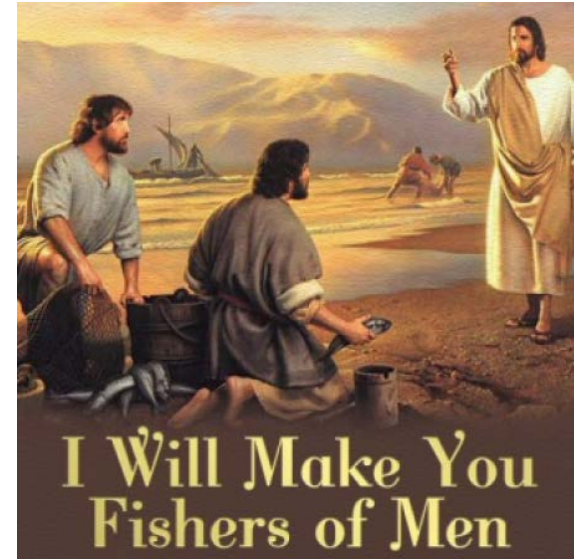
\*CLOSING HYMN *O Jesus, I Have Promised*  
UMH 396 (vs. 1 & 4)

\*BENEDICTION Pastor Jenny Lee

POSTLUDE

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**The United Methodist Church**

*10 am Online Zoom Service*

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