

## Sacrament of Holy Baptism

(See Insert)

Walden James Allen Erickson (Grantsburg-Central)

## Sacrament of Holy Communion

INVITATION FOR COMMUNION

Pastor Jenny Lee

CONFESSION AND PARDON Unison

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,

we are forgiven! Amen.

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

UMH 13-14 (See Insert)

THE LORD'S PRAYER

GIVING (TAKING) 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

*He Lives*

UMH 310 (vs. 1 & 3)

\*BENEDICTION

Pastor Jenny Lee

POSTLUDE

# Upper St. Croix Parish

**ONE Parish THREE Churches:**

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

**April 4th, 2021**

**“Easter Sunday”**



**The United Methodist Church**

*10 AM Online Zoom Service*

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## THANKSGIVING OVER THE WATER

## SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

## COMMENDATION AND WELCOME

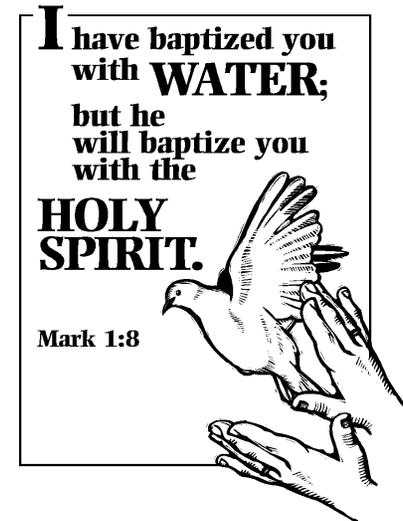
Pastor: People of the household of faith, I commend this child to your love and care. Do all in your power to increase his faith, confirm his hope, and perfect him in love.

People: We give thanks for all that God has already given you and we welcome you in Christian love. As members together with you in the body of Christ and in this congregation of the United Methodist Church, we renew our covenant faithfully to participate in the ministries of the church by our prayers, our presence, our gifts and our service, that in everything God may be glorified through Jesus Christ.

## PPRAYER

## BLESSING

# The Sacrament of Baptism



## Walden James Allen Erickson

**Born: July 14, 2019**

**in St. Croix Falls, WI**

**Baptized: April 4, 2021**

at Central United Methodist Church  
Grantsburg, Wisconsin

**Mother: Darlena Erickson**

**Guardians: Jeff & Sandra Erickson**

**Godparents: Arron and Ali Geopfert**

# **BAPTISM OF Walden J. A. Erickson**

## **INTRODUCTION TO THE SERVICE**

### **PRESENTATION OF CANDIDATES AND PARENTS/GUARDIANS**

**Candidate: Walden James Allen Erickson**

**Mother: Darlena Erickson**

**Guardians: Jeff & Sandra Erickson**

**Godparents: Arron and Ali Geopfert**

Pastor: Having experienced God's love in the world, in the Christian community, and in your family, I now charge you to seriously consider the commitment you are about to make before God and these friends in Christ.

### **RENUNCIATION OF SIN AND PROFESSION OF FAITH**

Pastor: On behalf of the whole Church, I ask you:  
Do you renounce the spiritual forces of wickedness, reject the evil powers of this world, and repent of your sin?

**Mother & Guardians: We do.**

Pastor: Do you accept the freedom and power God gives you to resist evil, injustice, and oppression in whatever forms they present themselves?

**Mother & Guardians: We do.**

Pastor: Do you, in presenting this child for Holy Baptism, confess your faith in our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ?

**Mother & Guardians: We do.**

Pastor: Do you accept as your duty and privilege to live before this child a life that becomes the Gospel; to exercise all godly care that he be brought up in the Christian faith, that he be taught the Holy Scriptures, and that he be learned reverent attendance upon the private and public worship of God?

**Mother & Guardians: We do.**

Pastor: Will you nurture this child in Christ's Holy Church, that by your teaching and example he may be guided to accept God's grace for himself, to profess his faith openly, and to lead a Christian life?

**Mother & Guardians: We will.**

Pastor (to the Godparents): Recognizing that there are many persons who touch the lives of children, do you promise to give your time and yourself to this child, supporting her in her faith journey?

**Godparents: We do.**

Pastor (to the people): Do you, as Christ's body, the Church reaffirm both your rejection of sin and your commitment to Christ?

**People: We do.**

Pastor(to the people): Will you nurture one another in the Christian faith and life, include this child now before you in your care, and surround her with a community of love and forgiveness?

**People: We will.**

## Announcements (Insert) April 4th, 2021

1. Today is "Easter Sunday." Christ is risen, Hallelujah! May the good news bring you and your family member's new life and hope!
2. **We will have Good Friday service at 6:30 pm via Zoom.** The Zoom link is the same as last Sunday (3/28/21) **Meeting ID: 858 2660 7639, Passcode: 879169**
3. **We will have an outdoor gathering at 2 pm on Holy Saturday, April 3rd at Atlas Park.** It will be a big celebration for Easter with an egg hunt, Easter crafts, celebration for the Lenten Bible study and new members, and burning our prayer cards. Please send us your prayer cards or bring them on that day for burning.
4. **We have an infant baptism** (Walden James Allen Erickson- the son of Darlena Erickson); **New/renewal members** (Mark Nelson-Atlas, Van & Jessica Mathson, *Nolan, Connor and Claire*-St. Croix Falls) **on Easter Sunday.** Congratulations and welcome to the body of Christ!
5. **The AD Council meeting for Atlas** will be at 10:30 am on April 9th.
6. **Pastor Jenny will be in ICD (Institute of Congregational Development) training on April 7 and 8.** She may have limited connection.
7. **Pastor Jenny is going for vacation on April 9th to 23rd.** Meanwhile, in case of emergency you may contact Pastor Yul Kwon (St. Luke UMC in Frederic, 715-327-8383).
8. We have two speakers during Pastor Jenny's vacation: April 11-Barb Loomis (Grantsburg-Central) and April 18-Kathy Gionis (St. Croix Falls).
9. We do "**Tablet Ministry**" for those who don't have a computer and internet at home. Please let Pastor Jenny know if you need a tablet to view the service's video clip, or to make a connection to the Live service.
10. Children's messages will be uploaded to our parish Facebook at 4:00 pm every Monday. Please encourage your kids to view the messages. Also we love to have children in our Zoom services.
11. An online Zoom Service is scheduled for this Sunday at 10 am. Here is the Zoom service LINK. This link will be posted on our parish website and Facebook as well. The link will be the same for all of April.

## Topic: Sunday Zoom Live Services in April and Good Friday Service (4/2)

Time: Sundays of April, 2021 10:00 AM Central Time

Friday, April 2, 2021 6:30 PM Central Time

Click the link to Join Sunday Zoom Live Service, or Good Friday Service.

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85826607639?pwd=a09hb3I3VUFHZA41YzBKejRVRFYrQT09>

- If you are attending the Zoom service for the first time, you may be asked to download the Zoom app. It is free and you will need it.
- If you want to join from your smartphone with video, click the link.

- If you want to dial the number without video, you may dial the number below and enter the meeting ID and passcode.

**Phone: +1 312 626 6799,**

**Meeting ID: 858 2660 7639, Passcode: 879169**

Any questions regarding technological issues of the service, contact pastor Jenny.

12. You can also participate via **Toll Free Call (smart phone or landline)** every Sunday at 10:00 am by calling (1-888) 222-0475 and enter participant code 2938435.
13. You can hear "**the service (the scripture lesson, song, sermon and prayer-about 30 minutes) by phone**" whenever you are able by calling 1-715-298-0854. We will upload a new one each Sunday afternoon.
14. **We need volunteers to be the liturgist every Zoom Sunday.** If you are willing to be a liturgist, let Pastor Jenny know which Sunday you are available, and we welcome a special song with your family members.
15. If you miss a Zoom Live Sunday service, you may view a video clip on Facebook or use materials (mailed, emailed or on the Parish website) for a home service. **We have the link to our parish Facebook page on the homepage of our website.**
16. 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.

You may send your giving (offering) to the church (**Please make your check payable to your individual church's name.**)

**Atlas UMC:** PO Box 254, Luck, WI 54853

**Grantsburg-Central UMC:** PO Box 128, Grantsburg, WI 54840

**St. Croix Falls UMC:** PO Box 458, St. Croix Falls, WI 54024

17. This Week's Birthdays and Anniversaries:

\*If we miss your birthday, please let us know by email or phone call: [centralumc2016@gmail.com](mailto:centralumc2016@gmail.com) / 715-463-2624.

*This week we don't have any birthdays or anniversaries recorded. Please contact us and let us know if someone in your family has a birthday or anniversary and we will update our records.*

## Vow of New Members and Welcoming to the Body of Christ

Present candidates:

Mark Nelson (Atlas)  
Van & Jessica Mathson (St. Croix Falls)  
*Nolan, Connor and Claire*

I do appreciate your consistent attendance in the new/renewal membership class in the Lenten study. As you learned, I hope that you can live out the lessons in everyday life. In respect, I ask you, and you may answer your vow to God in the front of God and our congregation.

- Do you renounce the spiritual forces of wickedness, reject the evil powers of this world, and repent of your sin? **Yes, I do.**
- Do you accept the freedom and power God gives you to resist evil, injustice, and oppression in whatever forms they present themselves? **Yes, I do.**
- Do you confess Jesus Christ as your Savior, put your whole trust in his grace, and promise to serve him as your Lord, in union with the church which Christ has opened to people of all ages, nations, and races? **Yes, I do.**
- As members of Christ's universal church, will you be loyal to the United Methodist Church, and do all in your power to strengthen its ministries? **Yes, I will with God's help.**
- As members of this congregation, will you faithfully participate in its ministries by your prayers, your presence, your gifts, your service, and your witness? **Yes, I will with God's help.**

**(To Congregation)** Could you accept them as your brothers and sisters in the body of Christ, and help them walk with God and with you in their faith journey?

**(Congregation)** As we hear their vow and reaffirmation of the baptismal covenant, we also will help them keep their faith journey with us. We welcome and congratulate them for joining in, and uniting with the body of Christ in the United Methodist Church.

**Blessings**

**Giving certifications of new/renewed membership**

## THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts.

**We lift them up to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

On the night in which he gave himself up for us, he took bread, gave thanks to you, broke the bread, gave it to his disciples, and said: "take, eat; this is my body which given for you. Do this in remembrance of me."

When the supper was over, he took the cup, gave thanks to you, gave it to his disciples, and said: "drink from this, all of you; this is my blood of the new covenant, poured out for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me." And so, in remembrance of these your mighty acts in Jesus Christ, we offer ourselves in praise and thanksgiving as a holy and living sacrifice, in union with Christ's offering for us, as we proclaim the mystery of faith.

**(Christ has died; Christ is risen; Christ will come again.)**

*(You may hold the communion elements with your two hands.)*

**(Together) Pour out your Holy Spirit on us gathered here, and on these gifts of bread and wine. Make them be for us the body and blood of Christ, that we may be for the world the body of Christ, redeemed by his blood.**

By your Spirit make us one with Christ, one with each other, and one in ministry to all the world, until Christ comes in final victory and we feast at his heavenly banquet. Through your Son Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit in your holy Church, all honor and glory is yours, almighty God, now and forever. Amen.



April 4th, 2021  
John 20:1-18

Pastor Jenny Lee, Ph.D.  
Upper St. Croix Parish UMC

### **“Go and Say”**

Every year, the Easter season reminds me of my first experience with an Easter service in the U.S.A. Five young adult members and I began a new church planting in Chicago, IL, in 2008. The first Easter came, but we had no pastor and no building for Easter service. We decided to join the Easter service of Central United Methodist Church in Chicago, IL. Six Korean young adults, as strangers, joined the Easter service of the American congregation. We were all strangers, not knowing anyone and not familiar with that church’s rite. We felt in despair, wondering why we became strangers on Easter Sunday.

However, the congregation welcomed us and invited us to the fellowship after service. They gave each of us a small plant (a spider plant) as an Easter gift, saying, “It is good to share life on Easter. We hope it can be a sign of hope for your church as you are planting a new church.” It was so impressive for us to share plants on Easter as a sign of life and hope. I learned the mystery of life and hope through the plant. It was enough for us to go forth with the new church planting. That good impression of them led us to request the use of their church building for our new church. Three weeks later, they allowed us to use the church building officially for our new church. We could have our installment service of our new church in their church build in August of that same year. The Korean church was growing every year, and finally, last year, the church was chartered in the Northern Illinois Conference of the United Methodist Church.

What do you think about on Easter Sunday? What do you experience on Easter? Some of you might remember sunrise Easter services followed by fellowship. Some of you remember beautiful lilies and decorations on the altar and wonderful choir songs. Some of you might think that every year Easter is the same. A few years ago, I overheard one of the individuals who joined the united service with other churches in the district on Easter Sunday say, “the service was good, but the sermon was just the same old Easter crap.”

Every Easter sermon has the same theme, “Christ is Risen.” Perhaps, you might hear the same theme’s sermons every Easter Sunday. However, if you feel that way, think about why the good news of Christ’s resurrection is not enough for you. Christ’s resurrection is more than enough for all Christians. The reason we keep our faith in God is that our Lord Jesus Christ has risen. Christ’s resurrection is an assurance that Jesus taught us and promised us. Furthermore, it can be an assurance of God’s love. Because of his resurrection, we have hope for eternal life. Because of his resurrection, we have hope for our home, church, nation, and the world even though we still hear chaotic news every morning.

More than 2000 years ago, Mary Magdalene was an outcast of society, a woman with physical and emotional illness. She had no friends or family who were with her. However, she was the first person who met risen Christ. Jesus asked her to go and tell his disciples about his

resurrection. The disciples went to the tomb along with Mary Magdalene and checked the empty tomb. They returned their home. That's it. I am curious about how the disciples could return their home after checking the empty tomb. After Jesus died on the cross, and after they checked his empty tomb, the disciples returned their home, their jobs, and their people. Even though they stayed with Jesus for three years, and learned about his death and resurrection, they perhaps forgot what they learned about. And they scattered as soon as Jesus died. However, Mary Magdalene had no place, family, job, or home to return to because Jesus was the only friend, teacher, comforter, and healer she had. With the death of Jesus she lost everything. She was slumped over in despair. She couldn't leave without finding Jesus and wept at the tomb. Finally, Jesus showed himself to her and said, "Mary, why are you crying? Go and say, I am resurrected."

On Easter morning, as soon as Mary found him, she found hope amid despair, and Jesus sent her to "Go and say." No wonder Mary Magdalene wanted to hang in there with Jesus, worrying he might disappear again. But she had to go. We know that the way she went without holding Jesus Christ is to go with risen Christ. The risen Christ is with her and with us who go forth to spread his mission. This morning, we are in the presence of Christ, who is sending us to "Go and say." What would you hold on to? You may want to hang in there. But, it is time to go and say?

Be very clear. Resurrection is not mere resurrection. Breath did not just suddenly start back up in the old, beaten-up body of Jesus. His old body could never support the new life. Resurrection is a new creation of a new life. Jesus Christ, our risen Lord, will never die again. He is no longer merely Jesus, but the living God. He lives. He will never die again. Jesus is the first fruit of the resurrection, which means we do so as long as we believe in him. The risen Christ is there with us beyond time and space. When we worship together, there is the power of the resurrected Christ among us. The church is the fellowship of the resurrection. We are connected to the resurrected Jesus Christ. Therefore, we are the household of God; we are sisters and brothers in Jesus Christ.

Today, even though we could not have an in-person service, we are connected in Jesus Christ. Easter morning, we will have an infant baptism and new members in our parish. It is great news, which Easter brings us. No wonder the risen Christ is here with us. The risen Christ is with the baby, who is baptized today, and with the new members who decided their faith journey with us. We act together, and we are saved together. The resurrected Christ is among us. No wonder we are told to "Go and say!" We are expected to tell the good news of Jesus Christ. No matter what, if you were slumped in despair, go and say to people who are slumped in despair as you were. No matter what, if you had experienced any addiction, go and say to those who are experiencing addiction as you had. No matter what, if you had experienced any illness, go and say to those who are experiencing an illness. Go and say, "Christ has risen for you." Any happening never comes to you without reason. But, remember, God loves you so much, whether you are in trouble or full of joy. As long as you go for God's mission, the risen Christ is with you. Perhaps, the place or the people bring you the good news, rather than bringing them the good news. Remember, Jesus died for you and was resurrected for you! Thanks be to God. Amen.