

to do. As you have freed us from chains of sin, we seek to offer healing to others as we listen and share and do. Bless our offering of self and substance. We pray in Jesus' name. Amen.

We are One in Jesus Christ

*PLAYING GAMES TOGETHER

We Go Forth to Love God and Serve One Another

*CLOSING HYMN *God Be with You till We Meet Again*
 UMH 672 (vs. 1 & 4)

*BENEDICTION Pastor Jenny Lee

POSTLUDE

Upper St. Croix Parish

ONE Parish THREE Churches:
Grantsburg: Central, Atlas, St. Croix Falls
August 29th, 2021
“Thirteenth Sunday after Pentecost”
Joint Service at Atlas Park



The United Methodist Church

9:45 AM at Atlas Park

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Upper St. Croix Parish
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* Please rise as you are able.

PRELUDE

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PASSING OF THE GREETINGS

“Peace be with you!”

(Wave your hands!)

BLESSING OF THE BACKPACKS

BLESSING OF OUR PETS

We Celebrate New Life in Christ

***MISSION STATEMENT Responsive**

Let us shout our mission statement together.

Let us make the disciples of Jesus Christ all generations with open hearts, open minds, and open doors for the transformation of the world. Amen.

***OPENING HYMN *How Great Thou Art* UMH 77 (vs. 1 & 2)**

OPENING PRAYER Responsive

O God, We believe that Jesus tied his life to our lives when he was born as a person on earth, when he died in our place, and when he rose from the dead.

O God, we believe that we were baptized in Jesus’ name, we received him as a part of our lives. We died with him and we live with him.

So, whatever people do to us, they are doing to Jesus. And whatever we do to others we are doing to Jesus.

Jesus told us that when we see hungry people, we should remember they are his people. He is a part of their lives.

When we feed them we are feeding him. When we speak kindly to people, we are speaking kindly to Jesus.

When we call others bad names and hurt others, we are doing that to Jesus, because he loves them. O God, help us to treat people as Jesus loves us. Amen.

Proclamation of God’s Word

***THE NEW TESTAMENTS**

Matthew 25:34-40

34 Then the king will say to those at his right hand, ‘Come, you that are blessed by my Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world; 35 for I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink, I was a stranger and you welcomed me, 36 I was naked and you gave me clothing, I was sick and you took care of me, I was in prison and you visited me.’ 37 Then the righteous will answer him, ‘Lord, when was it that we saw you hungry and gave you food, or thirsty and gave you something to drink? 38 And when was it that we saw you a stranger and welcomed you, or naked and gave you clothing? 39 And when was it that we saw you sick or in prison and visited you?’ 40 And the king will answer them, ‘Truly I tell you, just as you did it to one of the least of these who are members of my family, you did it to me.’

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

Thanks be to God.

SPECIAL SONG

“Peace Like a River”

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MESSAGE (Role-Play) *“We are the Connectional Church.”*

Pastor Jenny Lee

(There is no written sermon provided due to the role-play skit being acted out in its place.)*

We Respond to God’s Word

PRESENTATION OF OUR TITHES AND OFFERINGS

***DOXOLOGY**

UMH 95

***PRAYER OF DEDICATION Unison**


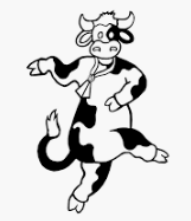
O God of light, our hearts overflow with thanksgiving for all the bounty you entrust to our stewardship. You have reached into the shadows, where we often flee, to rescue us and give us your work

CHURCH MISSIONS

ATLAS ... September

<p>INK JET RECYCLING PROGRAM:</p> <p>Atlas collects and recycles ink jet cartridges and cell phones year round.</p> 	<p>Collecting donations for the food shelf.</p> <p>Communion Sunday: Shelf-Stable Milk or 100% Juice</p> 	 <p>We will be collecting loose change during worship to support this project.</p>
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GRANTSBURG... September

<p>BE A "BACK-PACK BACKER"!</p> <p>REMEMBER ... Every Sunday Is MAC 'N CHEESE SUNDAY!</p> <p>Supporting the Salvation Army's "Happy Kids Back-Pack Program"</p> 	<p>Moolah For Milk</p> <p>Collecting loose change to support Moolah for Milk!</p> 
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ST. CROIX FALLS - September

Sailor Hat Offering:

To Be Determined... Watch for updated information.

TODAY'S SERVICE VOLUNTEERS

Ministers All God's People
Pastor Jenny Lee

Joint Service

Pianist: Sharon Asp
 Liturgist: Sue Olson
 Usher: **Volunteer Needed**
 Equipment
 Set-up & Clean-up: Russ Hammer
 Jim Sicacca
 Wendel Hauble



PLEASE NOTE:

1. Our Sunday Sermons are on the website at upperstcroixparish.org under Sermons!
2. You can hear "the service by Phone, whenever you are able by calling 1-715-298-0854.
3. You may watch a recorded video of the service on our parish Facebook page.
<https://www.facebook.com/UpperStCroixParishUMC>

This Week's Calendar:

Today: 9:45, Joint Service @ Atlas Park
 Blessings to Backpack & Blessings to pets

8/30-9/10 Pastor Jenny on vacation
 (Emergency contacts Ad Chairs for each church:
 Grantsburg: LuAnne Martell, 715-222-3016
 Atlas: Sue Olson, 715-554-3126
 St. Croix Falls: Karen Sciacca, 715-338-1865)

Next Sunday: Barb Loomis preaches at 8:30 am at Grantsburg, and 9:45 am at Atlas, and Kathy Gionis preaches at 11:15 am St. Croix Falls

Next Sunday (September 5th) Volunteers:

Ministers All God's People
Pastor Jenny Lee

Central:

Organist Toni Koons
 Liturgist Bob Branstad
 Usher(s) *Volunteer Needed*
 Mowing *Volunteer Needed*
 Acolyte(s) Willow Erickson
 Fellowship *Volunteer Needed*
 Altar Flowers *Volunteer Needed*
 Counter *Volunteer Needed*
 Church Doors Open/Close
Volunteer Needed
 Sunday School Older/Middle/Kindergarten
 LuAnne Martell



Atlas:

Pianist Sharon Asp
 Liturgist *Volunteer Needed*
 Usher(s) *Volunteer Needed*
 Cleaning *Volunteer Needed*
 Sunday School Older/Middle Kindergarten
 All teachers

St. Croix Falls:

Pianist Sharon Asp
 Liturgist Jim Andrews
 Usher(s) Karen Sciacca
 Money Counter *Volunteer Needed*
 Fellowship *Volunteer Needed*
 Altar Flowers *Volunteer Needed*

This week's Birthdays and Anniversaries

Art Bistram 8/30
 Landon Smestad 8/30
 Fay Andrews 9/1
 Richard Benjamin 9/4



- 8/28 Pie & Ice Cream Social (2:30pm to 5pm) at Grantsburg-Central
- 8/29 Joint Service (9:45am) at Atlas Park
- 9/27-9/29 Siren Harvestfest-Siren, WI
- 9/11 UMM Meeting (8am) at Grantsburg-Central
- 9/11 Celebration of Life Service for Wesley Skeie (Colleen & Barry Norenberg's son) 10 am visitation, 11 am service, lunch following at Servant of Christ Lutheran Church-740 E. Hayden Lake Rd. Champlin, MN
- 9/12 Rally Sunday at Atlas-Blessing Sunday School kids and teachers
- 9/19 Vow of New membership at Central/Grantsburg

