

we may be empowered for the mission on which you send us. May the hospitality and compassion of Jesus be so much a part of our nature that others will be drawn to worship you and to keep your commands. We pray in Jesus' name. Amen.

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July 3rd, 2022

SHARING OUR JOYS AND CONCERNS  
PASTORAL PRAYER  
INVITATION/PRESENTATION OF OUR TITHES AND  
OFFERINGS

\*DOXOLOGY UMH 95

\*PRAYER OF DEDICATION Unison

With gratitude for your gracious favor, we dedicate these gifts. May they help others as we have been helped. May they reach out in a spirit of gentleness to restore to the community those who are alienated. May they announce to the world that the realm of God is among us, waiting to be claimed. By these resources, may your name be praised here and in many other places. We pray in your holy name. Amen!

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

\*CLOSING HYMN *Here I Am, Lord* UMH 593 (vs. 1 & 2)

\*BENEDICTION Pastor Jenny Lee

\*POSTLUDE Sharon Asp

 **Upper St. Croix Parish**  
**United Methodist Church**  
ONE Parish THREE Churches  
“4th Sunday After Pentecost”



Grantsburg-Central  
Since 1897



Atlas  
Since 1887



St. Croix Falls  
Since 1859

**SUNDAY SERVICE:**

*8:30 AM at Grantsburg with Online Zoom Service*

*9:45 AM at Atlas*

*11:15 AM at St. Croix Falls with Online Zoom Service*

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**Upper St. Croix Parish**  
**Grantsburg: Central, Atlas, St. Croix Falls**  
**July 3rd, 2022**  
**“4th Sunday After Pentecost”**

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\*Please stand if you are able.

**\*PRELUDE**

Sharon Asp

**WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**  
**PASSING OF THE GREETINGS**

*“Peace be with you”*

**We Celebrate New Life in Christ**

**\*CALL TO WORSHIP** Responsive

The realm of God has come near.

Enter this time of worship with joyous expectation.

**We will extol you, O God, for you have drawn us up.**

**You rescued us from the pit and restored us to life.**

Sing praise to God, all faithful ones.

Give thanks to God’s holy name.

**We have known your favor, O God, in many ways.**

**You have healed us and turned our mourning to dancing.**

Rejoice in the work you are given to do.

Give thanks that your names are known to God.

**We will praise you, O God, and not be silent.**

**We will give thanks to you forever. Amen!**

**\*OPENING HYMN** *Lord, You Give the Great Commission*

UMH 584 (vs. 1 & 2)

**OPENING PRAYER** Unison

**Gracious God, our helper, we greet you this morning with joy and thanksgiving. We feel your welcome and anticipate your teaching. Show us this day what you would have us do. Whether it be great or small, we want to do what you command. Let our ears be attentive to your Word, and our hearts be responsive to the opportunities you grant us to bear one another’s burdens in the name of Jesus Christ. Amen.**

**CHILDREN’S TIME**

UMH 191 (vs. 1)

**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 your love,**

**we have not loved our neighbors,**

**and we have not heard the cry of the needy.**

**Forgive us, we pray. Free us for joyful obedience,  
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

(All pray 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.**

**Proclamation of God’s Word**

**\*THE GOSPEL LESSON**

Luke 10:1-11, 16-20 (See insert)

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

Thanks be to God.

**SERMON** *“The Mission the Lord Gave Us”*

Pastor Jenny Lee

**We Respond to God’s Word**

**RESPONDING PRAYER** Unison

**God of peace, we are grateful for your transforming Word to us, that**

## 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.

## \*THE GOSPEL LESSON

**Luke 10:1-11, 16-20**

10 After this the Lord appointed seventy-two others and sent them on ahead of him in pairs to every town and place where he himself intended to go. 2 He said to them, “The harvest is plentiful, but the laborers are few; therefore ask the Lord of the harvest to send out laborers into his harvest. 3 Go on your way; I am sending you out like lambs into the midst of wolves. 4 Carry no purse, no bag, no sandals, and greet no one on the road. 5 Whatever house you enter, first say, ‘Peace to this house!’ 6 And if a person of peace is there, your peace will rest on that person, but if not, it will return to you. 7 Remain in the same house, eating and drinking whatever they provide, for the laborer deserves to be paid. Do not move about from house to house. 8 Whenever you enter a town and its people welcome you, eat what is set before you; 9 cure the sick who are there, and say to them, ‘The kingdom of God has come near to you.’ 10 But whenever you enter a town and they do not welcome you, go out into its streets and say, 11 ‘Even the dust of your town that clings to our feet, we wipe off in protest against you. Yet know this: the kingdom of God has come near.’

16 “Whoever listens to you listens to me, and whoever rejects you rejects me, and whoever rejects me rejects the one who sent me.”

17 The seventy-two returned with joy, saying, “Lord, in your name even the demons submit to us!” 18 He said to them, “I watched Satan fall from heaven like a flash of lightning. 19 Indeed, I have given you authority to tread on snakes and scorpions and over all the power of the enemy, and nothing will hurt you. 20 Nevertheless, do not rejoice at this, that the spirits submit to you, but rejoice that your names are written in heaven.”

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

**Thanks be to God.**

# JULY CHURCH MISSIONS

## ATLAS

Mission committee chair: Peggy Frederickson

<p><b>INK JET RECYCLING PROGRAM:</b></p> <p>Atlas collects and recycles ink jet cartridges and cell phones year round.</p> 	<p><b>Support Loaves &amp; Fishes Food Pantry</b></p> 	<p><b>LOAVES &amp; FISHES NEEDS OUR ONGOING SUPPORT</b></p> <p>You are invited to bring food for the Loaves &amp; Fishes Food Pantry in Luck. As we are not currently holding indoor services, please drop your food shelf donations off in person at the food shelf.</p> <p><b>July Collection:</b> School Supplies</p> 
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## GRANTSBURG

Mission committee chair: Deb Hammer

<p><b>BE A "BACK-PACK BACKER"!</b></p> <p>REMEMBER ... Every Sunday Is MAC 'N CHEESE SUNDAY! Supporting the Salvation Army's "Happy Kids Back-Pack Program"</p> 	<p><b>SCHOOL SUPPLIES</b></p>  <p><b>We collect school supplies to support schools in Grantsburg.</b></p>
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## ST. CROIX FALLS

Mission committee chair: Kate Murtaugh

<p><b>Food Shelf (Communion Sunday)</b></p> 	<p><b>Sailor Hat Offering:</b></p> <p><i>JULY's Sailor hat offering will go to support HARBOR HOUSE.</i></p> 
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Thank you for your support!

## TODAY'S SERVICE VOLUNTEERS

Ministers All God's People  
*Pastor Jenny Lee*

### Today's Service

**Central:**

Pianist	Sharon Asp
Liturgist	<b>Volunteer Needed</b>
Acolyte(s)	Willow Nyland/Leland Snyder
Lawn Mowing	Dave Huff
Fellowship	Valetta Walton
Counter	<b>Volunteer Needed</b>
Cleaning	Charlie Glonek and Sandra Erickson
Communion	Barb Loomis
Sunday School	Younger/Older LuAnn Martell/Barb Loomis

**Atlas:**

Pianist	Sharon Asp
Liturgist	Sue Olson
Usher(s)	Don Schween
Cleaning	<b>Volunteer Needed</b>
Communion	Sue Olson
Sunday school	<b>Summer Break</b>

**St. Croix Falls:**

Pianist	Sharon Asp
Liturgist	Jim Andrews
Usher(s)	Karen Sciacca
Money Counter	Peter Gionis
Bell Ringer	Jim Sciacca
Flowers	Kathy Gionis
Communion	Karen Sciacca



### BREAKTHROUGH PRAYERS FOR THIS WEEK:

"This kind can come out only by prayer" (Mark 9:29)  
Please pray every morning at 8:30, if you are able!

*"Please pray for our country America and its people to heal and at peace"*

## PLEASE NOTE:

- 1) **An Online Zoom Service is scheduled for this Sunday at 8:30 am and 11:15 am.** The link will be posted on our parish website and Facebook page.  
Click the LINK to Join Zoom Meeting  
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84147808460?pwd=SDZleFNubmEvaDBlcytTRzVxMFIz09>  
Phone: +1 312 626 6799,  
Meeting ID: 841 4780 8460, Passcode: 568271
- 2) Our Sunday Sermons are on the website at [upperstcroixparish.org](http://upperstcroixparish.org) under Sermons!
- 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: 4th Sunday after Pentecost, and tomorrow, Independence Day. God bless you all and America!

### Sunday Worship Service:

7/3: 8:30 am Grantsburg with Zoom  
9:45 am Atlas  
11:15 am St. Croix Falls with Zoom

7/5: 6:30pm, SPRC meeting via Zoom

7/9: 8:00am, UM Men's meeting(G)

7/10: 1:00pm - 4:00pm, Youth and Children's Pool Party (*Questions to Youth Director Shayna Schimid*)

### This Week's Birthdays & Anniversaries:

Sharon Huff 7/3

Betty Benjamin 7/8



### Next Sunday (July 10th) Volunteers:

Ministers All God's People  
*Pastor Jenny Lee*

#### Central:

Pianist Toni Koons  
Liturgist *Volunteer Needed*  
Acolyte(s) Willow Nyland/Leland Snyder  
Lawn Mowing *Volunteer Needed*  
Fellowship Sally Aldorfer  
Counter *Volunteer Needed*  
Cleaning Charlie Glonek and Sandra Erickson  
Sunday School Younger/Older  
LuAnn Martell/Barb Loomis

#### Atlas:

Pianist Sharon Asp  
Liturgist *Volunteer Needed*  
Usher(s) Don Schween  
Cleaning *Volunteer Needed*  
Sunday School Summer Break

#### St. Croix Falls:

Pianist Sharon Asp  
Liturgist Jim Andrews  
Usher(s) Karen Sciacca  
Money Counter Peter Gionis  
Bell Ringer Jim Sciacca  
Flowers Kathy Gionis  
Fellowship Ad Council Members



July 13: UMW's birthday Party (G)

July 13: Ad Council Meeting (A)



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

July 3rd, 2022  
Luke 10:1-11; 16-20

### **“The Mission the Lord Gave Us.”**

I want to start with something funny. I read this funny story on an internet site: A Jewish businessman in America decided to send his son to Israel to absorb some of the cultures of the homeland. When the son returned, the father asked him to tell him about his trip. The son said, “Pop, I had a great time in Israel. By the way, I converted to Christianity.” “Oy vey,” said the father, “What have I done?” He decided to go ask his friend Jacob what to do. Jacob said, “Funny you should ask. I, too, sent my son to Israel, and he also came back a Christian. Perhaps we should see the Rabbi and ask him what we should do.” So they went to see the Rabbi. The Rabbi said, “Funny you should ask. I, too, sent my son to Israel. He also came back a Christian. What is happening to our young people? Perhaps we should go talk to God and ask him what to do.” The three prayed, explained what had happened to their sons, and asked God what to do. Suddenly a voice came loud and clear from heaven. The voice said, “Funny you should ask, I too sent my son to Israel...”

A few days ago, you might have seen a hailstorm in our area. I was in my garden and it felt like it would rain soon. I came inside my house, and the hailstorm poured down for about ten minutes. I was afraid that my plants would be crushed and die from the hail. When you saw the hailstorm, what did you think about it? Depending on what you thought of it, it may show what you are passionate about. Yes, my passion this summer is in my garden. In 2020, when I started my garden, I planted plants bought from Walmart, but I’ve lost them all to something. And then I planted seeds again in my garden. They grew slower but were fine enough. Last year, I planted seeds a little bit earlier because I learned from my 2020 gardening experience. However, I noticed that some of them again have been taken by something. Someone told me that they probably were eaten by gophers, moles, or deer. I didn’t know about gophers or moles. Now this year I learned about them and caught them before I started my garden this year with my neighbor’s help. I felt happy for my garden because I didn’t find piles of soil in my yard. However, one day, I found some of my vegetables were gone and saw deer footprints in my garden, which I had never seen in my garden in the last two years. Wow, I thought, one came after the other, and it’s never stopped. Now, I am thinking about a taller fence for my garden. My struggle with my garden will never stop, whether because of gophers, moles, deer, or weather, as long as I continue gardening. Nevertheless, I won’t stop gardening because I love it so much. My gardening gives me great lessons as well as joyful meditation for my mind and spirit.

In the Gospel, we may find Jesus uses several parable stories of harvest and planting for our faith journey. Since I started gardening, I well understood his parable stories. One example is in today’s scripture. Jesus, sending his seventy people to reach out to the people, uses the parable of harvest, saying, “the harvest is plentiful, but the laborers are few.” And, he asks his people to pray for workers, “Ask the Lord of the harvest to send out laborers into his harvest. Go on your way. See, I am sending you out like lambs into the midst of wolves.” Jesus called people to proclaim God’s kingdom. Some of them followed him immediately. But, as we talked about it last Sunday, some of them didn’t follow him for several reasons. Now, Jesus has seventy people to appoint to every town. Jesus called people and sent them out to save as many people as possible. You may know that when the harvest comes, you need to be in a hurry. Otherwise, you will lose your grain.

Go back to my gardening story. When I see my vegetables grow well and it comes time to pick them off, if I delay picking them off because I am busy, I have often experienced losing them. They don't wait for me. They are taken by gophers, moles, or deer, or they grow too much and rot. You have to harvest them on time. Otherwise, you may lose them. Also, I look at my garden every day, watering it and removing wild weeds. It is like taking care of them everyday. But, if I can't look after them for a while, they are taken by wild animals, or they die from lack of water, or they can't grow well because of wild weeds.

It is similar to our faith journey. If we don't care about our spiritual life, our spirit might have dried out or can't grow well because its suffering from lots of life issues. It's like the parable of the sower (Mathew 13:1-9; Mark 4:1-9; Luke 8:4-8). "A farmer went out to sow his seed. As he was scattering the seed, some fell along the path; it was trampled on, and the birds of the air ate it up. Some fell on rock, and when it came up, the plants withered because they had no moisture. Other seed fell among thorns, which grew up with it and choked the plants." Therefore, after you plant seeds, you should take care of them to grow well until it is time to harvest. During harvest time, you may call helpers for your harvest in order not to miss the harvest time.

Right before Jesus' last mission, Jesus called many people and sends them first to many towns where he will visit. He worried about them as if he was sending lambs to wolves. Nevertheless, Jesus sent them two by two. The reason he sent them two by two is so they could help each other. When one may feel down or about to be tempted by evil, the other can encourage them or help them avoid the temptation. The Letter of Ecclesiastes 4:12 says, "though one might prevail against another, two will withstand one. A threefold cord is not quickly broken." Therefore, the partnership is very important for God's ministry. The other significant thing is we find what Jesus says to them, "Carry no purse, no bag, no sandals; and greet no one on the road." We know that a "purse, bag, and sandals" are necessary for our everyday life, especially for a trip. However, for God's ministry, Jesus says, "They are not necessary." Really? Jesus means that when you work for the ministry, you don't need to worry about your livelihood. In other words, you have to focus on God's ministry instead of living expenses. It may apply to full-time ministers, but we should also consider it. God sends us to our life-field, home, workplace, town, and community as missionaries. We need a "purse, bag and sandals" in our everyday life, but we should consider the priority. The mission our Lord Jesus gave us to our life-field is to love and take care of one another who are with us. However, even though they don't know how you love and care for them, don't try to fight with them, but say to them, "God's kingdom will come soon." Listen carefully to what today's scripture 10:1 says, "After this, the Lord appointed seventy others and sent them on ahead of him in pairs to every town and place where he intended to go." After twelve disciples, Jesus called many who followed Jesus, sending them like missionaries to every town and every place where Jesus would soon be.

Today, Jesus sends us like his seventy people to our home, town, community, and country as his missionaries. The mission Jesus gave us is for "peace" through us. Wherever you go, first you say, "peace to this house." God's peace will remain in that house if they share in peace. But, if they didn't share in peace, that peace will be yours. Therefore, don't be concerned about the result of your ministerial work. Above all, we should rejoice our names are written in heaven instead of the result of our work. Therefore, "Be joyful always, pray continually and give thanks in all circumstances, for this is God's will for us in Jesus Christ" (1 Thessalonians 5:16-18). Be in peace with one another. And, remember, the place God sent you is where Jesus is with you already as he intended to come to that place. Thanks be to God. Amen!