

We Go Forth to Love God and Serve One Another

NO. 2022-47
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*CLOSING HYMN *How Great Thou Art* UMH 77 (vs. 1 & 3)

*BENEDICTION Rev. Deborah Lind-Schmitz (G)

*BENEDICTION Responsive (A & SCF)

Step out into the light that God will provide.

Receive the strength of Christ's glorious power.

God is our refuge and strength, our help in trouble.

Christ is our Savior, who welcomes us to God's realm.

Be still and know that God is God.

Let the good shepherd lead you day by day.

We will not fear or be dismayed.

We are being recreated in the church of Jesus Christ. Amen.

*POSTLUDE Toni Koons (G) / Sharon Asp (A & SCF)

**Upper St. Croix Parish
United Methodist Church**

ONE Parish THREE Churches

“24th Sunday After Pentecost”

“Christ King/Reign of Christ,” “Thanksgiving Sunday”



**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 (10:00 AM, Sunday School)

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

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Worship Resources “Gathered by Love” by Lavon Bayler.

We give thanks to Rev. Deborah Lind-Schmitz, who worked together with us to create the bulletin.

Upper St. Croix Parish
Grantsburg: Central, Atlas, St. Croix Falls
November 20th, 2022

“24th Sunday After Pentecost”

“Christ King/Reign of Christ,” “Thanksgiving Sunday”

*Please stand if you are able.

***PRELUDE** Toni Koons (G) / Sharon Asp (A & SCF)

***OPENING HYMN** *Now Thank We All Our God* UMH 102

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PASSING OF THE GREETINGS *“Peace be with you.”*

We Celebrate New Life in Christ

***CALL TO WORSHIP** Responsive

This is the day that the Lord God has made.

Let us rejoice and be glad in it.

God has given us a Savior, a Shepherd, a King.

Who saves, leads, and rules our hearts with love.

Let us give thanks with grateful hearts! Amen.

***DEDICATING HYMN** *Give Thanks* TFWS 2036

OPENING PRAYER Unison

We worship you with gladness, O God our shepherd, for you have gathered us as your beloved flock. you have sent a mighty Savior, who has demonstrated among us the power of love. Send your spirit now to remind us of your gifts and to strengthen us for our tasks. May we show our loyalty to Christ by the way we live every day. We pray in Jesus' name. Amen!

CHILDREN'S TIME UMH 191 (vs.1)

Proclamation of God's Word

***THE GOSPEL LESSON** (See Insert)

Luke 23:33-43 (G)

John 10:33-38 (A)

***THE NEW TESTAMENT LESSON**

(See Insert)

Acts 17:24-31 (A)

Colossians 1:11-20 (SCF)

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

Thanks be to God.

SERMON

Giving Thanks with a Grace-Filled Heart Rev. Deborah Lind-Schmitz (G)

Father's Love Letter

Sharon Asp (A)

Love, Thankfulness and Gratitude

Kathy Gionis (SCF)

We Respond to God's Word

RESPONDING PRAYER Unison

All-knowing God, who sent Jesus to this earth to demonstrate your rule of love, let your chosen one inspire us now to make a faithful response to your call for justice and peace. We recognize your beloved child as head of the church and ruler in our individual lives. May we live with grateful hearts even now as residents of your realm. We pray in Jesus' name. Amen.

SHARING OUR JOYS AND CONCERNS

PASTORAL PRAYER/THE LORD'S PRAYER

INVITATION/PRESENTATION OF OUR TITHES AND

OFFERINGS /THANKS CARDS TO GOD

SPECIAL MUSIC *“Thankful”* music by David Foster

Rev. Deborah Lind-Schmitz (G)

***DOXOLOGY**

UMH 95

***PRAYER OF DEDICATION** Unison

In joyous thanksgiving for Christ, our Shepherd and Savior, we invite those who live in poverty to share our wealth. We give up some of our luxuries for the sake of brothers and sisters who lack food, shelter, or medical care. We reach out to help, expecting no reward but the satisfaction of sharing what you have so richly entrusted to us. We dedicate our time and abilities along with these fruits of our labor. We pray in Jesus' name. Amen.

GRANTSBURG

***THE GOSPEL LESSON**

Luke 23:33-43 (G)

33 When they came to the place that is called The Skull, they crucified Jesus there with the criminals, one on his right and one on his left. [[34 Then Jesus said, “Father, forgive them, for they do not know what they are doing.”]] And they cast lots to divide his clothing. 35 And the people stood by watching, but the leaders scoffed at him, saying, “He saved others; let him save himself if he is the Messiah of God, his chosen one!” 36 The soldiers also mocked him, coming up and offering him sour wine 37 and saying, “If you are the King of the Jews, save yourself!” 38 There was also an inscription over him, “This is the King of the Jews.”

39 One of the criminals who were hanged there kept deriding him and saying, “Are you not the Messiah? Save yourself and us!” 40 But the other rebuked him, saying, “Do you not fear God, since you are under the same sentence of condemnation? 41 And we indeed have been condemned justly, for we are getting what we deserve for our deeds, but this man has done nothing wrong.” 42 Then he said, “Jesus, remember me when you come in your kingdom.” 43 He replied, “Truly I tell you, today you will be with me in paradise.”

ATLAS

***THE GOSPEL LESSON**

John 10:33-38 (A)

33 The Jews answered, “It is not for a good work that we are going to stone you but for blasphemy, because you, though only a human, are making yourself God.” 34 Jesus answered, “Is it not written in your law, ‘I said, you are gods’? 35 If those to whom the word of God came were called ‘gods’—and the scripture cannot be annulled— 36 can you say that the one whom the Father has sanctified and sent into the world is blaspheming because I said, ‘I am God’s Son’? 37 If I am not doing the works of my Father, then do not believe me. 38 But if I do them, even though you do not believe me, believe the works, so that you may know and understand that the Father is in me and I am in the Father.”

***THE NEW TESTAMENT LESSON**

Acts 17:24-31 (A)

24 The God who made the world and everything in it, he who is Lord of heaven and earth, does not live in shrines made by human hands, 25

nor is he served by human hands, as though he needed anything, since he himself gives to all mortals life and breath and all things. 26 From one ancestor he made all peoples to inhabit the whole earth, and he allotted the times of their existence and the boundaries of the places where they would live, 27 so that they would search for God and perhaps fumble about for him and find him—though indeed he is not far from each one of us. 28 For ‘In him we live and move and have our being’; as even some of your own poets have said,

‘For we, too, are his offspring.’

29 “Since we are God’s offspring, we ought not to think that the deity is like gold or silver or stone, an image formed by the art and imagination of mortals. 30 While God has overlooked the times of human ignorance, now he commands all people everywhere to repent, 31 because he has fixed a day on which he will have the world judged in righteousness by a man whom he has appointed, and of this he has given assurance to all by raising him from the dead.”

ST. CROIX FALLS

***THE NEW TESTAMENT LESSON**

Colossians 1:11-20 (SCF)

11 May you be made strong with all the strength that comes from his glorious power, so that you may have all endurance and patience, joyfully 12 giving thanks to the Father, who has enabled you to share in the inheritance of the saints in the light. 13 He has rescued us from the power of darkness and transferred us into the kingdom of his beloved Son, 14 in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins.

15 He is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of all creation, 16 for in him all things in heaven and on earth were created, things visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or rulers or powers—all things have been created through him and for him. 17 He himself is before all things, and in him all things hold together. 18 He is the head of the body, the church; he is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead, so that he might come to have first place in everything. 19 For in him all the fullness of God was pleased to dwell, 20 and through him God was pleased to reconcile to himself all things, whether on earth or in heaven, by making peace through the blood of his cross.

NOVEMBER CHURCH MISSIONS

ATLAS

Mission committee chair: Peggy Frederickson

INK JET RECYCLING PROGRAM:

Atlas collects and recycles ink jet cartridges and cell phones year round.



Operation Christmas Child Shoe Box Collection



Mitten Tree

Nov. 27th

We will collect mittens, scarves, hats, gloves, etc. They will go to Loaves & Fishes to help our neighbors in need keep warm this winter.



GRANTSBURG

Mission committee chair: Deb Hammer

BE A "BACK-PACK BACKER"!

REMEMBER ... Every Sunday Is MAC 'N CHEESE SUNDAY! Supporting the Salvation Army's "Happy Kids Back-Pack Program"



- 1) Operation Christmas Child Shoebox Collection Deadline November 13th



See the bulletin board for details.

ST. CROIX FALLS

Mission committee chair: Kate Murtaugh



Food Shelf
(Communion Sunday)



Sailor Hat Offering:

November's Sailor Hat offering will go to buy Thanksgiving Food Gift Cards for families in need!

Thank you for your support!

TODAY'S SERVICE VOLUNTEERS

Ministers All God's People
Pastor Jenny Lee



Central:

Preach Rev. Deborah Lind-Schmitz
Pianist Toni Koons
Liturgist LuAnne Martell
Acolyte(s) Willow Nyland/Leland Snyder
Lawn Mowing Russ Hammer
Fellowship *Volunteer Needed*
Counter *Volunteer Needed*
Cleaning Charlie Glonek and Sandra Erickson
Sunday School Younger/Older
LuAnn Martell/Barb Loomis

Atlas:

Preach Sharon Asp
Pianist Sharon Asp
Liturgist Sue Olson
Usher(s) Don Schween
Cleaning *Volunteer Needed*
Sunday School Younger/Older
Josie Grimes/Colleen Adams-Schween

St. Croix Falls:

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

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 those who are in addiction, autism, and Anxiety disorders.

PLEASE NOTE:

- 1) **An Online Zoom Service is scheduled for this Sunday ONLY at 8:30 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=SDZleFNubmEvaDBlcytTRzVxMFIIZz09>
Phone: +1 312 626 6799,
Meeting ID: 841 4780 8460, Passcode: 568271
- 2) Our Sunday Sermons are on the website at 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: 24th Sunday after Pentecost,
"Christ King/Reign of Christ," and "Thanksgiving Sunday"
God bless you all! We have a time to offer our "Thanks Cards" to God during offering. Please prepare your thank you cards.

Sunday Worship Service:

11/20: Thanksgiving Sunday Service
8:30 am Grantsburg with Zoom
9:45 am Atlas (Sunday School- at 10:00 am)
11:15 am St. Croix Falls (No Zoom)

11/14-25: Pastor Jenny is on Vacation

11/23: 6:30 pm, Youth Gathering (G)

11/24: Thanksgiving Day

11/26: 9 am – 2 pm, Christmas Heritage Sale (G)

PLEASE NOTE: WHEN WRITING A CHECK PLEASE MAKE IT PAYABLE TO YOUR INDIVIDUAL CHURCH. WHEN THE OFFERING IS MAILED IN WE ARE THEN ABLE CREDIT THE APPROPRIATE CHURCH. THANK YOU!

This Week's Birthdays & Anniversaries:

Beau Gaffey 11/20
Bob Branstad 11/23
Haven Rehbein 11/23
Olivia Brock 11/24
Marjorie Broker 11/26



If you know anyone's birthday is missing, please let pastor Jenny know.

Next Sunday (November 27th) Volunteers:

Central:

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

Atlas:

Pianist	Sharon Asp
Liturgist	Sue Olson
Usher(s)	Don Schween
Cleaning	<i>Volunteer Needed</i>
Sunday School	Younger/Older <i>Christmas Program practice</i>

St. Croix Falls:

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



Nov 14- 25: Pastor Jenny on Vacation

Nov. 27: The First Sunday in Advent. Mitten Tree Sunday (A)

(Please find the sign-up sheet for Advent Bible Study at each church)