*PRAYER OF DEDICATION Unison

May these gifts carry forward the ministry you intend here in our church and community and wherever people are scattered on the face of the earth. May our open hands share your gifts and our open hearts reach out in love and peace. Show us how to use this offering to accomplish your purposes. Amen!

We Go Forth to Love God and Serve One Another

*CLOSING HYMN

Spirit Song

UMH 347

*BENEDICTION Responsive

Leader: Go now, filled with the Spirit who breathes life into dry bones and sets hearts aflame. Let the wind of Pentecost carry you into the world with courage.

All: Let us bear the fruit of the Spirit—love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control—so that all may see and hear the Gospel in our living.

Leader: In the name of the God who creates, Christ who redeems, and the Holy Spirit who empowers—go in peace and grace.

All: Amen.

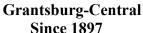
*POSTLUDE Toni Koons

Upper St. Croix Parish United Methodist Church

The 2025 Parish Ministry Theme: "Do Good and Share with Others" (Hebrews 13:16)

"Pentecost Sunday"







Atlas Since 1887



St. Croix Falls Since 1859

SUNDAY SERVICES:

9:00 AM at Grantsburg (No Zoom Service) (9:10 AM, Children's Time) 10:00 AM at Atlas (Sunday School on Summer Break) 11:15 AM at St. Croix Falls

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Upper St. Croix Parish

Grantsburg: Central, Atlas, St. Croix Falls June 8th, 2025 "Pentecost Sunday"

*Please stand if you are able.

*PRELUDE

Toni Koons

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PASSING OF THE GREETINGS

"Peace be With You"

(Waive your hands at one another)

We Celebrate New Life in Christ

*CALL TO WORSHIP Responsive

When the day of the Pentecost had come they were all together in one place.

Suddenly a sound came from heaven like the rush of a mighty wind.

There appeared to them tongues as of fire, distributed and resting on each one of them.

They were a filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other tongues.

All were amazed and perplexed, asking, "what does this mean?"

It shall be, on that great and manifest day, that whoever calls on God shall be saved. Amen.

*DEDICATING HYMN

O Spirit of the Living God

UMH 539 (vs. 1 & 4)

OPENING PRAYER Unison

Gracious God, on this Pentecost Sunday, we gather in awe of Your Spirit's power. As You poured out Your Spirit on all people, ignite our hearts with holy fire. Let Your wind rush through our lives, filling us with courage, hope, and unity. Speak through dreams, visions, and voices young and old. May we be Your witnesses, proclaiming the wonders of Your love in every language of life. Come, Holy Spirit—renew, restore, and send us forth. Amen.

CHILDREN'S TIME (G)

UMH 191 (vs. 1)

Proclamation of God's Word

*THE NEW TESTAMENT

Acts 2:1-21 (G, A & SCF)

(NRSV, p.119 in the NT, and p. 927-928 in the Living Bible)

Galatians 5:16, 22-23 (A & SCF)

(NRSV, p.190-191 in the NT, and p.1016 in the Living Bible)

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

Thanks be to God. Amen!

SERMON

"Come, Holy Spirit"
"Fruit of the Spirit"

Barbara Loomis (G) (Lay Speaker) **Kathy Gionis (A & SCF)** (Lay Servant)

We Respond to God's Word

RESPONDING PRAYER Unison

Gracious God, thank You for planting the seeds of Your Spirit within us. Help us to nurture the fruit You grow—love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control. Let these gifts shape our words, actions, and relationships. Empower us to live Spirit-led lives that reflect Christ to the world. May our lives bear fruit that brings You glory. In Jesus' name we pray, Amen.

SHARING OUR JOYS AND CONCERNS

After each prayer request: Pastor: Lord, in your mercy, All: Hear our Prayer.

PRAYER SONG

UMH 487

This is our prayer. This is our prayer, O God!

THE LORD'S PRAYER

INVITATION/PRESENTATION OF OUR TITHES AND OFFERINGS

JUNE CHURCH MISSIONS

ATLAS

Mission committee chair: Ashleigh Olson

INK JET RECYCLING PROGRAM:

Atlas collects and recycles ink jet cartridges and cell phones yearround.



LOAVES & FISHES NEEDS OUR ONGOING SUPPORT

Requested items:
eggs, milk,
mayonnaise, coffee,
tea, peanut butter,
crackers, cookies.
Personal
Products for men &
women.



For June we will continue collecting items for Community Referral Agency

(CRA) in Milltown that provides shelter and services for survivors of domestic violence and assault.

Items should be new or in good to very good condition.

Please see the newsletter or bulletin board at church for a list of suggested items.

Thank you!

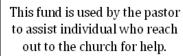
GRANTSBURG

BE A "BACK-PACK BACKER"!

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

Mission committee chair: Deb Hammer

In June we will be collecting financial donations for CUMC's discretionary fund.



This can be money for gas, food or other essential needs.



ST. CROIX FALLS

Mission committee chair: Kate Murtaugh

Food Shelf



(Communion Sunday)

Sailor Hat Offering:



The Sailor Hat offering will go to support Polk County Drug Court.

Thank you for your support!

TODAY'S SERVICE VOLUNTEERS

Ministers All God's People Rev. Jenny Lee

Central -Grantsburg

Pianist Toni Koons
Preacher Barbara Loomis
Scripture Reading Toni Koons
Acolyte(s) Willow Nyland
Fellowship Volunteer Needed

Mowing Dave Huff
Counter Dave Huff
Cleaning Sandra Erickson

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Usher Cheryl Olson
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Pianist Toni Koons Preacher Kathy Gionis Liturgist Jim Andrews Usher(s) Lvnn Hanson Counter **Peter Gionis Bell Ringer** Jim Andrews **Flowers Kathy Gionis Fellowship Admin Members**

THIS WEEK'S BIRTHDAYS

Leland Snyder 6/8
Rod Dahl 6/9
Cindy Michaels 6/12



PLEASE NOTE:

- 1) There is no Zoom Service on June 1st & June 8th.
- 2) Our Sunday Sermons are on the website at upperstcroixparish.org under Sermons!
- We will also send you a weekly bulletin and written sermon through post mail and email.
- 4) Please note that we send you every week USCP Weekly E-News with Photos & Sunday Worship Materials through email. If you have any questions regarding the mailing weekly materials, please contact our parish secretary, Colleen Norenberg.

This Week's Calendar:

Today: Pentecost Sunday. May the Holy Spirit come upon us!

Worship Service Schedule

6/8:	9:00 am	Central-Grantsburg UMC
	10:00 am	Atlas UMC
	11:15 am	St. Croix Falls UMC
6/5-6/8:		Wisconsin Annual Conference in Madison
6/9-6/13:		Pastor Jenny's Vacation
6/11:	1:00 pm	UMW Meeting (G)
6/13:	6:30 pm	Music on the Overlook (SCF)
6/14:	8:00 am	UMM Meeting (G)
	1:00-3:00 pm	Family Swim Day (TBD- contact Shayna Schmid)
	8:00 pm	Music in the Park (G)

Breakthrough Prayers:

Please pray for: Georgeanne (sister-in-law, Roxy), Jim Loomis (strength and healing), Indie Tooze (healing), Julie Branstad (Maria Scheider's family), Cheryl Olson (sister's healing), Lynn Hanson (Elijah and his daughter), Peter Gionis (friend, Dana), Betty Doolittle (Corey Swanson's family), the 2025 Annual Conference and our parish delegates (Sue Olson and Sharon Asp).

Praise the Lord with Joy and Gratitude: Dave Huff (back to Grantsburg/graduation of granddaughter/memorial service), Charles Wright (grandson's speech at memorial service/Tom and Kay), Kathy Gionis (Nathen's graduation), Lynn Hanson (Trinity's graduation)

"This kind can come out only by prayer." (Mark 9:29)

Next Sunday (June 15): "Trinity Sunday/Father's Day"

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Upcoming Events & News

8/8: Pentecost Sunday

Pulpit Supplies:

Central-Barbara Loomis,

Atlas and St. Croix Falls-Kathy Gionis

Pianist: Toni Koons for the three churches

8/15 Father's Day /Ad Council meeting (SCF)

Thank you very much for your dedication!

THE FRUIT OF THE SPIRIT

Today is Pentecost, a Christian holiday that falls on the 49th day after Easter Day. On Pentecost Sunday we remember the descent of the Holy Spirit upon the Apostles of Jesus while they were in Jerusalen celebrating the Feast of Weeks, as described in the scripture reading today from Chapter 2 of Acts. The Monday after Pentecost is a legal holiday in many European, African and Caribbean countries. In several denominations such a Lutheran, Episcopal, and United Methodist churches, and formerly in the Roman Catholic Church, all of the Sundays from Pentecost until Advent are designated as the 2nd, 3rd, 4th and so on, Sunday after Pentecost. The dove or flames may be depicted as symbols of the Holy Spirit. Within the Protestant churches, words may be symbols of the Holy Spirit, such as Fruit of the Spirit.

Whereas Luke wrote the story of Pentecost in Acts, Paul wrote Galatians chapter 5 that we also read today. In the Galatians passage, the Scripture describes not only what Christian life should look like, but how to achieve it.

"By contrast, the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness and self-control. There is no law against such things." Another version says, "Against such things there is no law." The scripture preceding this passage names 15 things "and things like these" that the Spirit would be opposed to, which is a life apart from God, such as debauchery, quarrels and drunkenness. But, the point is made that the Fruit of the Spirit is a road map to a life ruled by God's Spirit, shaped by Christ and marked by transformation. Love, peace and kindness fulfill the law's requirements and is always in season.

The word "fruit" symbolizes something organic and growing, and bearing fruit through a living relationship with the Holy Spirit. As Jesus said in John 15:5, "I am the vine, you are the branches. If you remain in me and I in you, you will bear much fruit, apart from me you can do nothing." If we want to grow in love, joy and peace, it will come from our dependence on the Holy Spirit.

Paul lists nine characteristics of the Fruit of the Spirit, which is to be understood as one fruit with nine qualities, which describes the character of Christ:

• Love- This is agape love which is a Greek word meaning "brotherly love, charity", representing selfless, unconditional and sacrificial love. It's a choice to desire the good of another, regardless of their worth.

- Joy- Gladness anchored in God's promises
- **Peace-** The presence of wholeness, contentment and assurance.
- **Patience-** The ability to endure suffering or delay without bitterness or complaint.
- **Kindness-** A tender heart that seeks to bless others.
- Goodness- A moral integrity that seeks the welfare of others.
- Faithfulness- Steadfast and true.
- **Gentleness-** Strength under control. A spirit that chooses mercy over dominance.
- **Self-control-** Strength to resist sin enabled by the Spirit.

These attributes reflect the character of Jesus and are meant to take root in us for our witness to the world.

Paul tells us how the fruit grows in Galatians 5:25 where he writes, "Since we live by the Spirit, let us keep in step with the Spirit." How do we keep in step?

- Abide in Christ through scripture, prayer and worship.
- Confess Sin- Sin is like weeds; it chokes growth. Confession and forgiveness clears the weeds away.
- Obey Promptings- If you feel drawn toward patience, kindness or restraint, act upon those promptings.
- Endure trials. God uses hardship to open our hearts and deepen our faith.

We can cultivate our garden of the Spirit through reflection on the Fruit of the Spirit and engaging in an active pursuit of these attributes for a more contented and peaceful life.