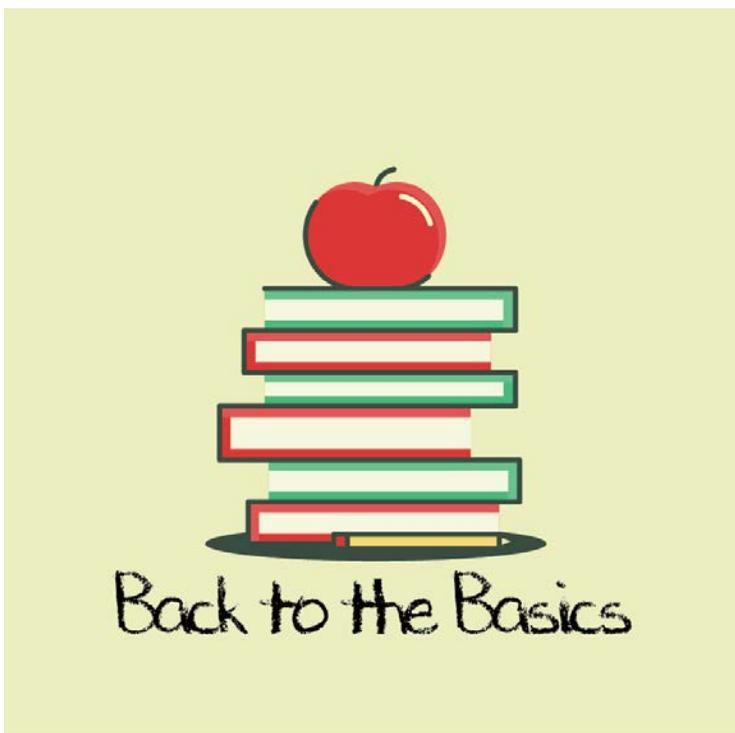




September 30, 2018

8:30am



**This Week's Big Idea:  
Incarnation: God Comes in Jesus**

# Welcome to Zumbro Lutheran Church!

SUNDAY, SEPT. 30, 2018

Our current sermon series is  
**“Back to the Basics”**

This fall we are taking a deeper look at the basics of our faith. In our fast-paced world, with information coming at us from every direction, it can be easy to lose sight of what it is we believe and why it's important for our identity and purpose. Our sermon series began in the Old Testament with creation continued through the story of Israel. In the New Testament we focus on the coming of Jesus, the cross and resurrection, and the start of the Church. Hopefully this series will give us a better understanding of God's story and how it impacts our lives.

Young children are most welcome with us at worship. If needed, the nursery is available and staffed during all services. Please ask an usher for directions.

Please silence your cell phones and pagers.

## GATHERING

PRELUDE

RITMICO (RHYTHMIC REJOICING)  
BEL CANTO HANDBELL CHOIR

RON MALLORY

*As you prepare your heart for worship during the prelude, you are invited to pray:*  
At times I feel alone, Lord. Come close to me today. Reassure me of your love and care.  
Amen.

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

*please stand as you are able*

A PRAYER FOR GOD'S INCARNATION

L: Gracious God, we look for signs of your coming,

**C: signs of your goodness and love.**

L: Signs that surprise and awaken us:

**C: an angel's voice, a prophet in the wilderness, a mother with child.**

L: Signs that we might otherwise dismiss.

**C: Signs of Immanuel, God-with-us.**

L: We look for light in the darkness. Restore us, O God, let your light shine,

**C: that we may clearly hear your voice and be forgiven.**

L: We are sorry for all the ways we miss the mark

**C: and fall short of your intentions for us.**

*silence for confession*

L: Know that God comes in the Word made flesh. Your sins are forgiven. There is light for your darkness,

**C: the light that came down from heaven and gives life to the world. Thanks be to God. Amen.**

*please turn and face the cross as it enters the sanctuary*

## HYMN 631

## LOVE DIVINE, ALL LOVES EXCELLING

*stanzas 1-3*

*you may be seated*

## GREETING

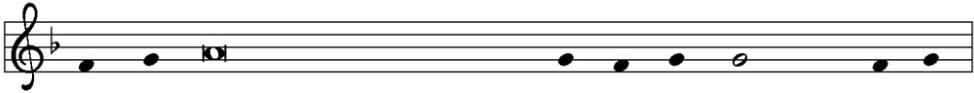
L: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

**C: And also with you.**

## KYRIE



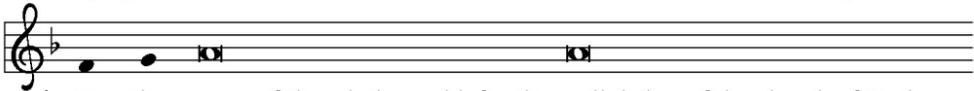
L: In peace, let us pray to the Lord. **C: Lord, have mer-cy.**



L: For the peace from above, and for our sal - va - tion, let us



pray to the Lord. **C: Lord, have mer - cy.**



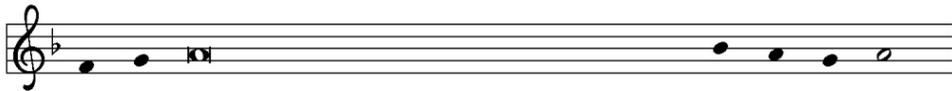
L: For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the church of God,



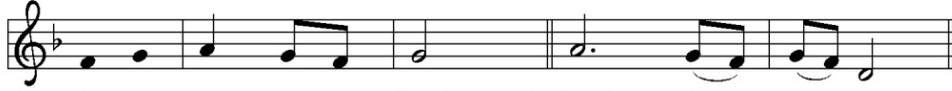
and for the u - ni - ty of all, let us pray to the Lord.



**C: Lord, have mer - cy.**



L: For this holy house, and for all who offer here their wor-ship and praise,



let us pray to the Lord. **C: Lord, have mer-cy.**



L: Help, save, comfort, and de-fend us, gra-cious Lord.



**C: A - men.**

### HYMN OF PRAISE



*Refrain*  
Glo-ry to God in the high-est, and peace to God's peo-ple on earth.



1 Lord God, heav-en-ly King, al-might-y God and Fa-ther, we



wor-ship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glo-ry.



*Refrain*  
Glo-ry to God in the high-est, and peace to God's peo-ple on earth.



2 Lord Je-sus Christ, on-ly Son of the Fa-ther, Lord God, Lamb of



God, you take a-way the sin of the world: have mer-cy on us; you are



seat-ed at the right hand of the Fa - ther: re - ceive our prayer.



*Refrain*  
Glo-ry to God in the high - est, and peace to God's peo-ple on earth.



3 For you a-lone are the Ho-ly One, you a-lone are the Lord,



you a-lone are the Most High, Je - sus Christ, with the Ho - ly



Spir-it, in the glo-ry of God the Fa - ther. A - men.



*Refrain*  
Glo-ry to God in the high - est, and peace to God's peo-ple on earth.

#### PRAYER OF THE DAY

L: Lord God,

**C: you created the world in love, and you keep coming to us in love even when we mess things up. We give thanks for the Incarnation, for the Word in human flesh, which reminds us that no matter where we go or what we do, you will come after us. Nothing can separate us from your love. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.**

# WORD

*please stand as you are able*

## SCRIPTURE SONG

## WHEN LONG BEFORE TIME



When long be - fore time and the worlds were be - gun,  
To you, God the Sing - er, our voi - ces we raise,



when there was no earth and no sky and no sun,  
to you, Song In - car - nate, we give all our praise,



and all was deep si - lence and night reigned su - preme,  
to you, Ho - ly Spir - it, our life and our breath,



and e - ven our Mak - er had on - ly a dream—  
be glor - y for - ev - er, through life and through death.

## BIBLE READINGS

JOHN 1:1-14 NRSV

<sup>1</sup>In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. <sup>2</sup>He was in the beginning with God. <sup>3</sup>All things came into being through him, and without him not one thing came into being. What has come into being <sup>4</sup>in him was life, and the life was the light of all people. <sup>5</sup>The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness did not overcome it.

<sup>6</sup>There was a man sent from God, whose name was John. <sup>7</sup>He came as a witness to testify to the light, so that all might believe through him. <sup>8</sup>He himself was not the light, but he came to testify to the light. <sup>9</sup>The true light, which enlightens everyone, was coming into the world.

<sup>10</sup>He was in the world, and the world came into being through him; yet the world did not know him. <sup>11</sup>He came to what was his own, and his own people did not accept him. <sup>12</sup>But to all who received him, who believed in his name, he gave power to become children of God, <sup>13</sup>who were born, not of blood or of the will of the flesh or of the will of man, but of God.

<sup>14</sup>And the Word became flesh and lived among us, and we have seen his glory, the glory as of a father's only son, full of grace and truth.

<sup>16</sup>“For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but may have eternal life. <sup>17</sup>“Indeed, God did not send the Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through him.”

L: The Gospel of our Lord ,

**C: Thanks be to God.**

*you may be seated*

## STORY TIME

JANETTE REEVES

## ANTHEM

## THIS IS THE TRUTH SENT FROM ABOVE

ARR. JAMES KIRKBY

ZUMBRO LUTHERAN CHOIR

This is the truth sent from above, The truth of God, the God of love:  
Therefore don't turn me from your door, But hearken all, both rich and poor.  
The first thing which I do relate Is that God did man create,  
The next thing which to you I'll tell, Woman was made with man to dwell.

Then, after this, 'twas God's own choice To place them both in Paradise,  
There to remain, from evil free, Except they ate of such a tree.  
But they did eat, which was a sin, And thus their ruin did begin.  
Ruined themselves, both you and me, And all of their posterity.

Thus we were heirs to endless woes, Till God the Lord did interpose,  
And so a promise soon did run, That he would redeem us by his Son.

## SERMON

## INCARNATION: GOD COMES IN JESUS

PASTOR VERN CHRISTOPHERSON

*please stand as you are able*

## HYMN 490

## LET ALL MORTAL FLESH KEEP SILENCE

## APOSTLES' CREED

**C: I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; he descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and he will come to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.**

*you may be seated*

# THANKSGIVING

*During the offering, please pass the Connection Pad in the pew.*

## OFFERING

**Your giving makes a difference.** Because of your generosity, Zumbro is able to provide ongoing educational opportunities to teach and inspire. This year we allocated \$2,200 for guest speakers to lead us on our lifelong journey of faith through opportunities such as the weekly ZED Talks. Thank you.

Want to support our ministries through an online gift? Send a text to **73256** and write **Zumbro** in the message line. Follow the return link. Thank you.

## I WILL BLESS THE LORD VICTOR JOHNSON, ADAPTED FROM PSALM 34

ZUMBRO LUTHERAN CHOIR

I will bless the Lord at all times, and God's praises I'll ever sing!  
I will bless the Lord at all times; and God's praises I'll sing forever more.

My soul shall make its boast in the Lord; the humble shall hear it and be glad.  
Oh, magnify the Lord with me, let us exalt God's name!

I will bless the Lord at all times, and God's praises I'll ever sing!  
I will bless the Lord at all times; and God's praises I'll sing forever more.

Oh, taste and see that the Lord is good. Blessed are the ones who put their trust in God.  
The righteous will cry out, and the Lord will hear their plea, Oh, put your hope in the Lord.

I will bless the Lord at all times, and God's praises I'll ever sing!  
I will bless the Lord at all times; and God's praises I'll sing forever more.

## PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

L: Freed by God in Christ to live and love and serve, we pray for the church, those in need, and all of God's beloved creation.

*After each petition the congregation responds:*

L: Lord, in your mercy,

**C: hear our prayer.**

L: Into your wide embrace, gracious God, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in your boundless mercy through Jesus Christ, our Redeemer.

**C: Amen.**

## LORD'S PRAYER

L: Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us.

**C: Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever and ever. Amen.**

# SENDING

*please stand as you are able*

## BENEDICTION

**L:** May God, whose power working in us can do infinitely more than we can ask or imagine, grant you the gifts of faith and hope. Almighty God, Father, + Son, and Holy Spirit, bless you now and forever.

**C: Amen.**

## HYMN 310

*stanzas 1, 2, 4*

## SONGS OF THANKFULNESS AND PRAISE

*please turn and face the cross as it exits the sanctuary*

## SENDING

**L:** People of Zumbro, what is our mission?

**C: Our journey of faith leads us to build bridges of understanding and peace, to reach out with compassion, and to share the hope of Jesus. Thanks be to God.**

## POSTLUDE

TRUMPET TUNE ON HYFRYDOL (LOVE DIVINE, ALL LOVES EXCELLING) ARR. MICHAEL HELMAN

## WORSHIP LEADERS TODAY

**PROCLAIMER**-Vern Christopherson; **WORSHIP ASSISTANTS**-Jason Bryan-Wegner, Lisa Kipp; **STORYTIME**-Janette Reeves; **SINGING**-Zumbro Lutheran Choir, Bob Giere: director; **HANDBELLS**-Bel Canto Handbell Choir, Kristy Giere: director; Bob Giere: assistant director; **LECTOR**-Chris Gade; **GREETERS**-Maggie Bartels, Amy Holtan, Wanda Rasch; **USHERS**-Lyle Bacon, Mary Jo and Dan Kelly, Jim Martenson, Rollie Nannestad, Luanne Wussow; **CROSS BEARER**-Erikka Giere

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## Love Divine, All Loves Excelling



1 Love di - vine, all loves ex - cel - ling, Joy of heav'n, to  
 2 Breathe, oh, breathe thy lov - ing Spir - it in - to ev - 'ry  
 3 Come, Al - might - y, to de - liv - er; let us all thy  
 4 Fin - ish then thy new cre - a - tion, pure and spot - less



earth come down! Fix in us thy hum - ble dwell - ing, all thy  
 trou - bled breast; let us all in thee in - her - it; let us  
 life re - ceive; sud - den - ly re - turn, and nev - er, nev - er -  
 let us be; let us see thy great sal - va - tion per - fect -



faith - ful mer - cies crown. Je - sus, thou art all com - pas - sion,  
 find thy prom - ised rest. Take a - way the love of sin - ning;  
 more thy tem - ples leave. Thee we would be al - ways bless - ing,  
 ly re - stored in thee! Changed from glo - ry in - to glo - ry,



pure, un - bound - ed love thou art; vis - it us with  
 Al - pha and O - me - ga be; end of faith, as  
 serve thee as thy hosts a - bove, pray, and praise thee  
 till in heav'n we take our place, till we cast our



thy sal - va - tion, en - ter ev - 'ry trem - bling heart.  
 its be - gin - ning, set our hearts at lib - er - ty.  
 with - out ceas - ing, glo - ry in thy per - fect love.  
 crowns be - fore thee, lost in won - der, love, and praise!

# Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence



1 Let all mor - tal flesh keep si - lence, and with fear and trem - bling stand;  
2 King of kings, yet born of Mar - y, as of old on earth he stood,  
3 Rank on rank the host of heav - en spreads its van - guard on the way;  
4 At his feet the six - winged ser - aph, cher - u - bim with sleep - less eye,



pon - der noth - ing earth - ly - mind - ed, for with bless - ing in his hand  
Lord of lords in hu - man ves - ture, in the bod - y and the blood,  
as the Light of light, de - scend - ing from the realms of end - less day,  
veil their fac - es to the pres - ence, as with cease - less voice they cry:



Christ our God to earth de - scend - ing comes full hom - age to de - mand.  
he will give to all the faith - ful his own self for heav' n - ly food.  
comes, the pow'rs of hell to van - quish, as the dark - ness clears a - way.  
"Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia, Lord Most High!"

Text: Liturgy of St. James; tr. Gerard Moultrie, 1829–1885, alt.

Music: PICARDY, French folk tune, 17th cent.

## Songs of Thankfulness and Praise



1 Songs of thank-ful - ness and praise, Je - sus, Lord, to thee we raise;  
 2 Man - i - fest at Jor - dan's stream, proph-et, priest, and king su - preme;  
 3 Man - i - fest in mak - ing whole weak-ened bod - y, faint - ing soul;  
 4 Grant us grace to see thee, Lord, pres - ent in thy ho - ly word;



man - i - fest - ed by the star to the sa - ges from a - far,  
 and at Ca - na wed - ding guest in thy God-head man - i - fest;  
 man - i - fest in val - iant fight, quell-ing all the dev - il's might;  
 grace to im - i - tate thee now and be pure, as pure art thou;



branch of roy - al Da - vid's stem in thy birth at Beth - le - hem:  
 man - i - fest in pow'r di - vine, chang-ing wa - ter in - to wine;  
 man - i - fest in gra - cious will, ev - er bring-ing good from ill:  
 that we might be - come like thee at thy great e - piph - a - ny,



an - thems be to thee ad-dressed,  
 an - thems be to thee ad-dressed, God in flesh made man - i - fest.  
 an - thems be to thee ad-dressed,  
 and may praise thee, ev - er blest,

Text: Christopher Wordsworth, 1807–1885, alt.  
 Music: SALZBURG, Jakob Hintze, 1622–1702



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