



ZUMBRO

**LUTHERAN CHURCH
THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT**

December 16, 2018

8:30am

THE BLESSING OF
DISRU
PTION

God is With Us When Life Doesn't Go as Planned

Welcome to Zumbro Lutheran Church!

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Our current sermon series is
“The Blessing of Disruption”

We continue our sermon series for Sundays in Advent, The Blessing of Disruption. The season of Advent is an acknowledgment that disruption can lead to great blessing. Angels and prophets announce the coming of a savior, and a poor, young couple’s life is turned upside down by the Messiah’s arrival into their own family. This month we will use biblical story telling to illustrate the ways the arrival of Jesus offers blessing through disruption and continues to change human history.

Prayers for Healing are part of our service following communion. If you seek healing for yourself or someone you know, you are invited to stop at a prayer station.

Young children are always welcome in worship. There are activity bags on a stand in the hallway, and if needed, our nursery welcomes children ages four and under. Ask an usher for directions.

Please silence your phones at the start of worship.

GATHERING

PRELUDE

SUITE OF CAROLS

ARR. JOHN BEYRENT

MASTERS IN THIS HALL; IN DULCI JUBILO; PAT-A-PAN; THE CHERRY TREE CAROL; LO, HOW A ROSE
ZUMBRO WOODWIND QUINTET

*As you prepare your heart for worship during the prelude, you are invited to pray:
God, calm my thoughts, still my soul, and open my heart
to encounter you today as I worship. Amen.*

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

CALL TO WORSHIP

ALL EARTH IS HOPEFUL



All earth is hope - ful, the Sav - ior comes at last!



Fur - rows lie o - pen for God's cre - a - tive task: this, the



la - bor of peo - ple who strug - gle to see how



God's truth and jus - tice set ev - 'ry - bod - y free.

- L: God of blessing, we are distracted by many things and struggle to see the hope you offer.
- C: Forgive us when we think we are better off on our own and ignore the signs of your love.**
- L: Help us to hear the message of the angels and the prophets, as they call us to wait in hope for you.
- C: Give us eyes to see the ways you disrupt our lives with blessings.**

silence for reflection

- L: Renew us in this season of hope as we wait for the Messiah to come.

Peo - ple of Is - rael, you heard the proph - et tell:
Moun - tains and val - leys will have to be pre - pared;

“A vir - gin moth - er will bear Em - man - u - el”; she con -
new high - ways o - pened, new pro - to - cols de - clared. Al - most

ceived him, “God with us,” our broth - er, whose birth re -
here! God is near - ing, in beau - ty and grace! All

stores hope and cour - age to chil - dren of this earth.
clear ev - 'ry gate - way, in haste, come out in haste!

GREETING

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

C: And also with you.

please stand and face the cross as it enters the sanctuary

HYMN OF PRAISE

BLESSED BE THE GOD OF ISRAEL

1 Blessed be the God of Is - ra - el who comes to set us free
2 With prom - ised mer - cy will God still the cov - e - nant re - call,
3 My child, as proph - et of the Lord you will pre - pare the way,

and rais - es up new hope for us: a Branch from Da - vid's tree.
the oath once sworn to A - bra - ham, from foes to save us all;
to tell God's peo - ple they are saved from sin's e - ter - nal sway.



So have the proph-ets long de-clared that with a might-y arm
 that we might wor - ship with-out fear and of - fer lives of praise,
 Then shall God's mer - cy from on high shine forth and nev - er cease



God would turn back our en - e - mies and all who wish us harm.
 in ho - li - ness and righ - teous-ness to serve God all our days.
 to drive a - way the gloom of death and lead us in - to peace.

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 stanzas 2 and 3*

PRAYER OF THE DAY

L: God of hope,

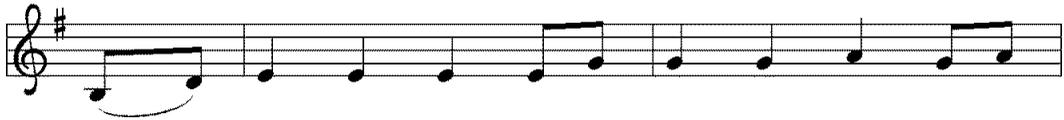
C: your word tells us that nothing will be impossible with you, but sometimes that promise is hard to believe. Stir in our hearts that we may boldly follow you, even when life doesn't work out as planned. Amen.

you may be seated

WORD

SCRIPTURE SONG

CANTICLE OF THE TURNING



My soul cries out with a joy - ful shout that the



God of my heart is great, and my spir - it sings of the



won - drous things that you bring to the ones who wait.



You fixed your sight on your ser - vant's plight, and my

weak-ness you did not spurn, so from east to west shall my
name be blest. Could the world be a - bout to turn?
Refrain
My heart shall sing of the day you bring. Let the fires of your jus - tice burn.
Wipe a - way all tears, for the dawn draws near, and the world is a - bout to turn.

BIBLE READING

MARY'S DISRUPTION BRINGS NEW LIFE

LUKE 1:26-38 NRSV

In the sixth month the angel Gabriel was sent by God to a town in Galilee called Nazareth, ²⁷to a virgin engaged to a man whose name was Joseph, of the house of David. The virgin's name was Mary. ²⁸And he came to her and said, "Greetings, favored one! The Lord is with you." ²⁹But she was much perplexed by his words and pondered what sort of greeting this might be. ³⁰The angel said to her, "Do not be afraid, Mary, for you have found favor with God. ³¹And now, you will conceive in your womb and bear a son, and you will name him Jesus. ³²He will be great, and will be called the Son of the Most High, and the Lord God will give to him the throne of his ancestor David. ³³He will reign over the house of Jacob for ever, and of his kingdom there will be no end." ³⁴Mary said to the angel, "How can this be, since I am a virgin?" ³⁵The angel said to her, "The Holy Spirit will come upon you, and the power of the Most High will overshadow you; therefore the child to be born will be holy; he will be called Son of God. ³⁶And now, your relative Elizabeth in her old age has also conceived a son; and this is the sixth month for her who was said to be barren. ³⁷For nothing will be impossible with God." ³⁸Then Mary said, "Here am I, the servant of the Lord; let it be with me according to your word." Then the angel departed from her.

L: The Gospel of Our Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

STORY TIME

JANETTE REEVES

HYMN 254

COME, THOU LONG-EXPECTED JESUS

SERMON

GOD IS WITH US WHEN LIFE DOESN'T GO AS PLANNED

PASTOR LISA KIPP

please stand as you are able

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.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

L: As we await the coming of Christ, we pray in hope for the church, the world, and all of creation.

after each petition the congregation responds:

L: Lord, in your mercy,

C: hear our prayer.

L: Confident that the Holy Spirit intercedes for us, we bring to you these prayers and those that are unspoken, in the name of Christ, our Savior and Lord.

C: Amen.

you may be seated

MEAL

please pass the Connection Pad in the pew

OFFERING

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WATCHMAN, TELL US OF THE NIGHT

ZUMBRO LUTHERAN CHOIR

Watchman, tell us of the night, what its signs of promise are.
 Traveler, o'er yon mountain's height, see that glory beaming start.
 Watchman, does its beauteous ray aught of joy or hope foretell?
 Traveler, yes; it brings the day, promised day of Israel.
 Watchman, tell us of the night; higher yet that star ascends.
 Traveler, blessedness and light, peace and truth its course portends.
 Watchman, will its beams alone gild the spot that gave them birth?
 Traveler, ages are its own; see, it bursts o'er all the earth.
 Watchman, tell us of the night, morning seems to dawn.
 Traveler, darkness takes its flight, doubt and terror are withdrawn.
 Watchman, let your wanderings cease; hasten to your quiet home.
 Traveler, lo, the Prince of Peace; lo, the Son of God will come.

MATTHEW CULLOTON

world; have mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, you
take a - way the sin of the world; grant us peace.

INSTRUMENTAL

I WONDER AS I WANDER

ARR. DUANE FUNDERBURK

ZUMBRO WOODWIND QUINTET; SUSAN HENKE, PIANO

"I Wonder as I Wander" is a newly commissioned composition written for the Zumbro Woodwind Quintet and piano by Duane Funderburk and is premiered this morning in worship. The melody is based on the John Jacob Niles carol, "I Wonder as I Wander." It will also be performed later today at the 37th Annual Festival of Lessons and Carols at St. Marys Hospital Chapel.

HYMN 272

LO, HOW A ROSE E'ER BLOOMING

BLESSING

L: The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace.

C: Amen.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

L: Holy One, we give you thanks that in this bread and cup we have feasted again on your endless love. Let that love overflow more and more in our lives, that we may be messengers to prepare your way, harvesters of justice and righteousness, and bearers of your eternal Word, our Savior Jesus Christ.

C: Amen.

SENDING

please stand as you are able

BENEDICTION

L: May God direct your ways in peace, make you abound in love for one another and for all, and strengthen your hearts until the coming of our Lord Jesus. Almighty God, Father, + Son, and the Holy Spirit, bless you now and forever.

C: Amen.

HYMN 239

HARK, THE GLAD SOUND!

SENDING

L: Our journey of faith leads us

C: to build bridges of understanding and peace, to reach out with compassion, and to share the hope of Jesus. Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

GOD REST YE MERRY GENTLEMEN

ARR. WILBUR HELD

WORSHIP LEADERS TODAY

PROCLAIMER-Lisa Kipp; **WORSHIP LEADER**-Jason Bryan-Wegner; **LECTOR**-Paul Godtland; **ORGANIST**-Kristy Giere; **ZUMBRO WOODWIND QUINTET**-members include Michael Bostwick, clarinet; Jane Peloquin-Fink, horn; Nicole Moravec, bassoon; Patty Pellikka, flute; Andrea Robertson, oboe; Susan Henke, piano; **SINGING**-Zumbro Lutheran Choir, Bob Giere, director; **GREETERS**-Paula and Bob Brand, Amy Holtan; **USHERS**-Janet and Chuck Carstensen, Vicki Erickson, Bruce Horazdovsky, Kathy Lawrence, Jim Martenson, Pamela Vetter; **COMMUNION ASSISTANTS**-Paul Baker, Maggie Bartels, Paula and Bob Brand, Marne, Chris, and Meredith Gade, Amy Holtan, Rebecca and Rob Nesse, Ann and Noel Peterson

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Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus



1 Come, thou long-ex - pect-ed Je - sus, born to set thy peo-ple free;
2 Born thy peo-ple to de - liv - er, born a child, and yet a king;



from our fears and sins re - lease us; let us find our rest in thee.
born to reign in us for - ev - er, now thy gra - cious king-dom bring.



Is - rael's strength and con - so - la - tion, hope of all the earth thou art,
By thine own c - ter - nal Spir-it rule in all our hearts a - lone;



dear de - sire of ev - 'ry na - tion, joy of ev - 'ry long-ing heart.
by thine all - suf - fi - cient mer - it raise us to thy glo - rious throne.

Text: Charles Wesley, 1707-1788

Music: JEFFERSON, W. Walker. *Southern Harmony*, 1835

My Soul Proclaims Your Greatness



- 1 My soul pro-claims your great-ness, Lord; I sing my Sav - ior's praise!
- 2 To all who live in ho - ly fear your mer-cy ev - er flows.
- 3 To Is - ra - el, your scr - vant blest, your help is ev - er sure;



You looked up - on my low - li - ness, and I am full of grace.
With might - y arm you dash the proud, their schem-ing hearts ex - pose.
the prom - ise to our par - ents made their chil - dren will se - cure.



Now ev - 'ry land and ev - 'ry age this bless-ing shall pro - claim—
The ruth-less you have cast a - side, the low - ly throned in - stead;
Sing glo - ry to the Ho - ly One, give hon - or to the Word,



great won - ders you have done for me, and ho - ly is your name.
the hun - gry filled with all good things, the rich sent off un - fed.
and praise the Pow'r of the Most High, onc God, by all a - dored.

Text: *With One Voice*, 1995, based on the Magnificat
Music: KINGSFOLD, English folk tune
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Lo, How a Rose E'er Blooming



1 Lo, how a rose e'er bloom - ing from ten - der stem hath
 2 I - sai - ah had fore - told it, the rose I have in
 3 This flow'r, whose fra - grance ten - der with sweet-ness fills the
 4 O Sav - ior, child of Mar - y, who felt our hu - man



sprung! Of Jes - se's lin - eage com - ing as
 mind; with Mar - y we be - hold it, the
 air, dis - pels with glo - rious splen - dor the
 woe; O Sav - ior, king of glo - ry, who



seers of old have sung, it came, a flow'r so bright, a -
 vir - gin moth - er kind. To show God's love a - right, she
 dark-ness ev - 'ry - where. True man, yet ver - y God, from
 dost our weak - ness know: bring us at length, we pray, to



mid the cold of win - ter, when half - spent was the night.
 bore to us a Sav - ior, when half - spent was the night.
 sin and death he saves us and light - ens ev - 'ry load.
 the bright courts of heav - en and in - to end - less day.

Text: German carol, 15th cent.; tr. Theodore Baker, 1851–1934, sts. 1–2; Harriet R. Krauth, 1845–1925, st. 3; John C. Mattes, 1876–1948, st. 4
 Music: ES IST EIN ROS, *Alte catholische geistliche Kirchengesänge*, Köln, 1599

Hark, the Glad Sound!



1 Hark, the glad sound! The Sav - ior comes, the Sav - ior
 2 He comes the pris - 'ners to re - lease, in Sa - tan's
 3 He comes the bro - ken heart to bind, the bleed - ing
 4 Our glad ho - san - nas, Prince of peace, your wel - come



prom - ised long; let ev - 'ry heart pre -
 bond - age held. The gates of brass be -
 soul to cure, and with the trea - sures
 shall pro - claim, and heav'n's e - ter - nal



pare a throne and ev - 'ry voice a song.
 fore him burst, the i - ron fet - ters yield.
 of his grace to • en - rich the hum - ble poor.
 arch - es ring with your be - lov - ed name.

Text: Philip Doddridge, 1702-1751

Music: CHESTERFIELD, Thomas Hawcis, 1734-1820

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