



**ZUMBRO**

LUTHERAN CHURCH

**THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT**

December 16, 2018

10:30am

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

*based on the Yiddish folk tune, TIF IN VELDELE and text, "Light One Candle to Watch for Messiah"*

## ARIA

MICHAEL BURKHARDT

*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



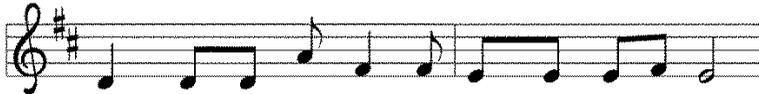
All earth is hope - ful, the Sav - ior comes at last!



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*

**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,

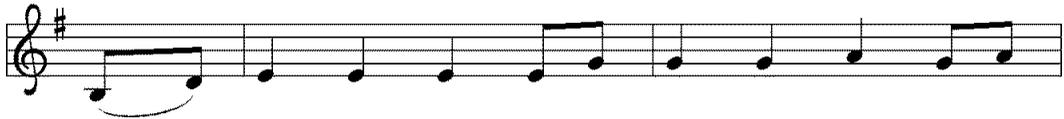
**C: your word tells us that nothing will be impossible with you, but sometimes that promise is hard to believe. Stir in our hearts that we may boldly follow you, even when life doesn't work out as planned. Amen.**

*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

*continued on next page*

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, <sup>27</sup>to a virgin engaged to a man whose name was Joseph, of the house of David. The virgin's name was Mary. <sup>28</sup>And he came to her and said, "Greetings, favored one! The Lord is with you." <sup>29</sup>But she was much perplexed by his words and pondered what sort of greeting this might be. <sup>30</sup>The angel said to her, "Do not be afraid, Mary, for you have found favor with God. <sup>31</sup>And now, you will conceive in your womb and bear a son, and you will name him Jesus. <sup>32</sup>He 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. <sup>33</sup>He will reign over the house of Jacob for ever, and of his kingdom there will be no end." <sup>34</sup>Mary said to the angel, "How can this be, since I am a virgin?" <sup>35</sup>The 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. <sup>36</sup>And 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. <sup>37</sup>For nothing will be impossible with God." <sup>38</sup>Then 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.**

## CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS PROGRAM

SERMON

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

PASTOR LISA KIPP

SONG

MAGNIFICAT (FROM HOLD EVENING PRAYER)  
ZUMBRO CHORISTERS

MARTY HAUGEN

SONG

LULLABY, SWEET JESUS  
ZUMBRO CHORISTERS

ANNE MCNAIR AND WILLIAM MCNAIR

HYMN 267

*stanzas 1, 2, 4*

JOY TO THE WORLD

READING

SONG

AWAY IN A MANGER

READING

INSTRUMENTAL

SILENT NIGHT, HOLY NIGHT  
JUNIOR RINGERS

TRADITIONAL

SONG

SILENT NIGHT, HOLY NIGHT  
CHILDREN

READING

SONG

SILENT NIGHT, HOLY NIGHT  
CHILDREN AND CONGREGATION

**Silent night, holy night!  
All is calm, all is bright  
round yon virgin mother and child.  
Holy Infant, so tender and mild,  
sleep in heavenly peace,  
sleep in heavenly peace.**

READING

SONG

HE'S GOT THE WHOLE WORLD IN HIS HANDS

*congregation sings with children on the last verse*

**He's got everybody here in his hands,  
He's got everybody here in his hands,  
He's got everybody here in his hands,  
He's got the whole world in his hands,  
He's got the whole world in his hands,  
He's got the whole world in his hands!**

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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O COME, O COME, EMMANUEL AND GOOD CHRISTIAN FRIENDS, REJOICE TRADITIONAL  
JUNIOR RINGERS

### GREAT THANKSGIVING

L: The Lord be with you.

**C: And also with you.**

L: Lift up your hearts.

**C: We lift them to the Lord.**

L: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**C: It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

### WORDS OF INSTITUTION

#### 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.**

### INVITATION TO THE TABLE

L: Hunger no more. Thirst no more. Come to the banquet of life.

### COMMUNION OF THE PEOPLE

- *We invite to the table all who hunger for Jesus.*
- *We will serve communion at stations; the ushers will direct you.*
- *If you prefer wine, take an empty cup from the serving tray and it will be filled from the pouring chalice.*
- *If you prefer grape juice, take a filled cup from the center of the serving tray.*
- *Gluten-free wafers are available upon request.*
- *Children who do not yet commune are welcome to come forward for a blessing.*
- *If you are unable to come forward to receive the sacrament and would like a server to bring it to you at your seat, please tell an usher when your row is invited to go forward.*
- *Today we bless the bread and wine that will be brought by Care Ministers to those homebound members who are unable to be at worship. This offers our absent members a means of participating in the worship of the whole assembly.*
- *Following communion, if you would like to receive a prayer for healing for yourself or someone you know, please stop at a prayer station.*

HYMN 286

YOUR LITTLE ONES DEAR LORD

ANTHEM

LIGHT OF HOPE, LIGHT OF PEACE

MARK PATTERSON

ZUMBRO CHORISTERS

Light of hope, light of peace, you are just the light we need.  
Shine for all the world to see: Christ is coming soon.

Light of hope, light of peace, promise of the love he brings,  
Shine for all the world to see: Christ is coming soon.

Light of hope, light of peace, gift of joy that gladly rings,  
Shine for all the world to see: Christ is coming soon.

HYMN 296

WHAT CHILD IS THIS

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 290

GO TELL IT ON THE MOUNTAIN

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

## CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS PROGRAM PARTICIPANTS

*in order of appearance*

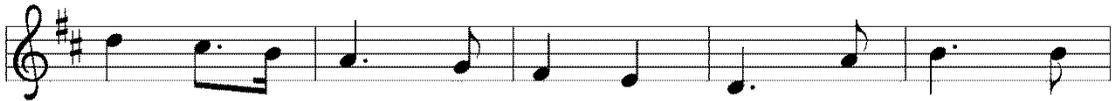
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## WORSHIP LEADERS TODAY

**PROCLAIMER**-Lisa Kipp; **WORSHIP LEADER**-Jason Bryan-Wegner; **LECTOR**-Wayne Vogt; **ORGANIST**-Kristy Giere; **HANDBELLS**-Junior Ringers, Kristy Giere, director; **SINGING**-Zumbro Choristers, Janette Reeves, director, Rlpah Schornack, accompanist; **GREETERS**-Brenda Brown Kennedy, Julie Perrotti; **USHERS**-Cheryl and John Adolphson, Kyle Boehm, Dwan Hart, Todd Lichty, Sandy Nieland; **COMMUNION ASSISTANTS**-Susan Boehm, Arianna and Aiden Jones, Ruth Monson, Laurel Otteson, Leone Trygstad, Wayne Vogt, Earlene Wickre, Mike Willard

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# Joy to the World



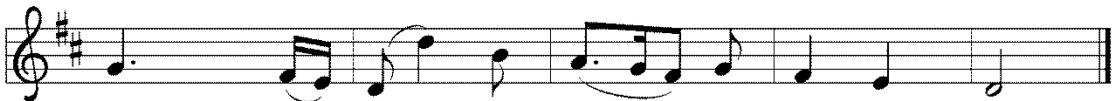
1 Joy to the world, the Lord is come! Let earth re -  
2 Joy to the earth, the Sav - ior reigns! Let all their  
3 No more let sin and sor - row grow nor thorns in -  
4 He rules the world with truth and grace and makes the



ceive her king; let ev - 'ry heart pre - pare him  
songs em - ploy, while fields and floods, rocks, hills, and  
fest the ground; he comes to make his bless - ings  
na - tions prove the glo - ries of his righ - teous -



room and heav'n and na - ture sing, and heav'n and na - ture  
plains re - peat the sound - ing joy, re - peat the sound - ing  
flow far as the curse is found, far as the curse is  
ness and won - ders of his love, and won - ders of his



sing, and heav'n, and heav'n and na - ture sing.  
joy, re - peat, re - peat the sound - ing joy.  
found, far as, far as the curse is found.  
love, and won - ders, won - ders of his love.

Text: Isaac Watts, 1674–1748

Music: ANTIOCH, English melody, 18th cent.; arr. Lowell Mason, 1792–1872

## 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.



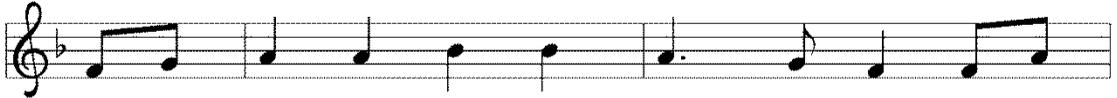
Now ev - 'ry land and ev - 'ry age this bless-ing shall pro - claim—  
The ruth-less you have cast a - side, the low - ly throned in - stead;  
Sing glo - ry to the Ho - ly One, give hon - or to the Word,



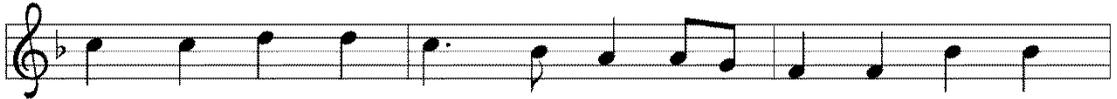
great won - ders you have done for me, and ho - ly is your name.  
the hun - gry filled with all good things, the rich sent off un - fed.  
and praise the Pow'r of the Most High, onc God, by all a - dored.

Text: *With One Voice*, 1995, based on the Magnificat  
Music: KINGSFOLD, English folk tune  
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## Your Little Ones, Dear Lord



1 Your lit - tle ones, dear Lord, are we, and  
2 With songs we has - ten you to greet, and  
3 Oh, draw us whol - ly to you, Lord, and  
4 Un - til at last we too pro - claim, with



come your low - ly bed to see; en - light - en ev - 'ry  
kiss the ground be - fore your feet. Oh, bless - ed hour, oh,  
to us all your grace ac - cord; true faith and love to  
all your saints, your glo - rious name; in par - a - dise our



soul and mind, that we the way to you may find.  
sweet - est night that gave you birth, our soul's de - light.  
us im - part, that we may hold you in our heart.  
songs re - new, and praise you as the an - gels do.

Text: Hans A. Brorson, 1694–1764; tr. Harriet Krauth Spaeth, 1845–1925, alt.  
Music: HER KOMMER DINE ARME SMÅ, Johann A. P. Schulz, 1747–1800

## What Child Is This



- 1 What child is this, who, laid to rest, on Mar - y's lap is sleep - ing?
- 2 Why lies he in such mean es - tate where ox and ass are feed - ing?
- 3 So bring him in - cense, gold, and myrrh; come, peas - ant, king, to own him.



Whom an - gels greet with an - thems sweet while shep - herds watch are keep - ing?  
Good Chris - tian, fear; for sin - ners here the si - lent Word is plead - ing.  
The King of kings sal - va - tion brings; let lov - ing hearts en - throne him.



This, this is Christ the king, whom shep - herds guard and an - gels sing;  
Nails, spear shall pierce him through, the cross be borne for me, for you;  
Raise, raise the song on high, the vir - gin sings her lul - la - by;



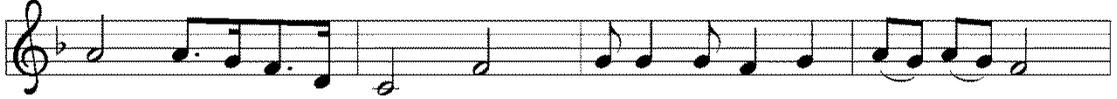
haste, haste to bring him laud, the babe, the son of Mar - y!  
hail, hail the Word made flesh, the babe, the son of Mar - y!  
joy, joy, for Christ is born, the babe, the son of Mar - y!

Text: William C. Dix, 1837-1898

Music: GREENSLEEVES, English ballad, 16th cent.

# Go Tell It on the Mountain

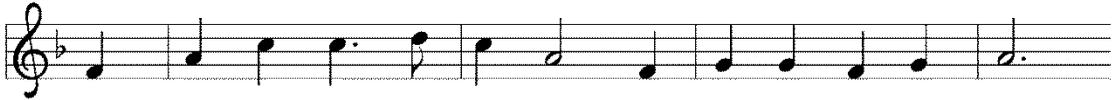
*Refrain*



Go tell it on the moun - tain, o-ver the hills and ev - 'ry - where;



go tell it on the moun - tain that Je - sus Christ is born!



- 1 While shep-herds kept their watch-ing o'er si - lent flocks by night,
- 2 The shep-herds feared and trem-bled when, lo, a - bove the earth
- 3 Down in a lone - ly man - ger the hum-ble Christ was born;

*Refrain*



be - hold, through-out the heav-ens there shone a ho - ly light.  
rang out the an - gel cho - rus that hailed our Sav - ior's birth.  
and God sent us sal - va - tion that bless-ed Christ-mas morn.

Text: African American spiritual, refrain; John W. Work Jr., 1872–1925, stanzas, alt.  
Music: GO TELL IT, African American spiritual



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