



Rite of Confirmation

April 29, 2018

10:30am

God saved us through the water of rebirth and renewal by the holy spirit. Titus 3:5

CONFIRMATION

**This Week's Big Idea:
Following Jesus Starts with Saying, "Thank You"**

Welcome to Zumbro Lutheran Church!

SUNDAY, APR. 29, 2018

Paul's letter to the Philippians is one of the most joyful letters in the New Testament. That's surprising, because Paul was in prison when he wrote the letter, and his future was anything but certain. Much of Paul's joy stems from the positive reports he has heard about the congregation he started in Philippi.

We welcome family and friends who are with us for Confirmation. This is a day to remember the promises of baptism and how important it is, as friends and family, to pass on faith. Thank you for the role you have played on the faith journey of our young people here today.

After Story Time, children, age three to grade five, are invited to the Kairos Room for age-appropriate activities and learning. They will return to the sanctuary after the sermon.

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

PRAISE TO THE LORD, THE ALMIGHTY
SUSAN HENKE AND KRISTY GIERE, ORGANISTS

ARR. MICHAEL BURKHARDT

As you prepare your heart for worship during the prelude, you are invited to pray:
May I overflow with gratitude today as I worship--for faith mentors, for good friends, for fellow disciples on the journey, for your boundless love. Amen.

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

please turn and face the cross as it enters the sanctuary

HYMN

COME, ALL YOU PEOPLE/PRAISE TO THE LORD, THE ALMIGHTY
choir Come, all you people, come and praise the Most High...
come now and worship the Lord.
all Praise to the Lord, the Almighty, the King of creation!
O my soul, praise him, for he is your health and salvation!
Let all who hear now to his temple draw near,
joining in glad adoration!

choir Come, all you people, come and praise the Savior...
come now and worship the Lord.

**all Praise to the Lord, who o'er all things is wondrously reigning
and, as on wings of an eagle, uplifting, sustaining.
Have you not seen all that is needful has been
sent by his gracious ordaining?**

choir Come, all you people, come and praise the Spirit...
come now and worship the Lord.

**all Praise to the Lord, who will prosper your work and defend you;
surely his goodness and mercy shall daily attend you.
Ponder anew what the Almighty can do
if with his love he befriend you.**

you may be seated

THANKSGIVING FOR BAPTISM

L: Alleluia! Christ is risen.

C: Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia!

L: Just as God's work of creation never ends, so the gifts received in baptism are renewed every day. Let us give thanks together for the life given in baptism.

We give you thanks, O God, for the waters of life: for water to bathe in, water to drink, for waters to play in, waters that inspire wonder, for water that gives life to our planet.

C: We give you thanks, O God, for the waters of life.

L: We give you thanks for your salvation through water: for delivering Noah and his family through the floodwaters, for leading your people Israel through the sea into freedom, for guiding your people across the Jordan into a new land, for quenching the Samaritan woman's thirst with living water.

C: We give you thanks for your salvation through water.

L: We give you thanks for confirmands who were claimed in the waters of baptism and named as your children, and also for the parents and sponsors who have accompanied them on their journey of faith.

C: We give you thanks for working through families and friends to pass on faith.

L: We give you thanks for life in Christ through your Holy Spirit: for our entry into Jesus' death through these waters, for our new birth into a life of freedom and service, for our calling to be your people, sent out for the life of the world.

C: We give you thanks, blessed and holy Trinity, now and forever. Amen.

WORD

please stand as you are able

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

HALLE, HALLE, HALLELUJAH

TRADITIONAL CARIBBEAN

Hal-le, hal - le, hal - le - lu - jah. Hal - le, hal - le, hal -
- le - lu - jah. Hal - le, hal - le, hal - le -
lu - jah. Hal - le - lu - jah. Hal - le - lu - jah.

BIBLE READING

PHILIPPIANS 1:1-11 NLT

¹This letter is from Paul and Timothy, slaves of Christ Jesus. I am writing to all of God's holy people in Philippi who belong to Christ Jesus, including the elders and deacons. ²May God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ give you grace and peace.

³Every time I think of you, I give thanks to my God. ⁴Whenever I pray, I make my requests for all of you with joy, ⁵for you have been my partners in spreading the Good News about Christ from the time you first heard it until now. ⁶And I am certain that God, who began the good work within you, will continue his work until it is finally finished on the day when Christ Jesus returns.

⁷So it is right that I should feel as I do about all of you, for you have a special place in my heart. You share with me the special favor of God, both in my imprisonment and in defending and confirming the truth of the Good News. ⁸God knows how much I love you and long for you with the tender compassion of Christ Jesus.

⁹I pray that your love will overflow more and more, and that you will keep on growing in knowledge and understanding. ¹⁰For I want you to understand what really matters, so that you may live pure and blameless lives until the day of Christ's return. ¹¹May you always be filled with the fruit of your salvation—the righteous character produced in your life by Jesus Christ—for this will bring much glory and praise to God.

L: Holy Wisdom, Holy Word.

C: Thanks be to God.

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you may be seated

STORY TIME

PASTOR JASON BRYAN-WEGNER

ANTHEM

I THANK MY GOD

PHILIPPIANS 1:3-6, 9-10

ZUMBRO LUTHERAN CHOIR

MUSIC BY J. AARON MCDERMID

I thank my God when I remember you. In all my prayers I pray with joy for your partnership in sharing the Good News.
 For I am sure that he who began a good work in you will carry it on until the day of Christ. This is my prayer: that your love may overflow, and you will grow in knowledge and depth of understanding.
 For I am sure that he who began a good work in you will carry it on, That you may see what is best and be pure and blameless for the day of Christ. Amen.

SERMON

FOLLOWING JESUS STARTS WITH SAYING, "THANK YOU"

PASTOR SHELLEY CUNNINGHAM

please stand as you are able

HYMN 732

BORNING CRY

you may be seated

RITE OF CONFIRMATION

Our 9th grade students will affirm the promises their parents made when they were baptized. This is an important step on the journey of faith and signifies their desire to continue to walk actively with God.

THANKSGIVING

STORIES OF ZUMBRO

LENT MENTORING

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

OFFERING

Your giving makes a difference. Zumbro's confirmation students built bridges with 59 faithful adults as part of the Lent Mentoring program this spring. Their conversations about life, Jesus, and the ways they experience God's love strengthened their relationship with the church and with each other--and your giving supplied the snacks that set a tone of hospitality. 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.

YOU ARE WELCOME HERE

MARK BURROWS

ZUMBRO CHORISTERS; CASSIDY TSCHIDA, SOLOIST

Am I welcome here? Am I safe to sing or laugh or shed a tear?
Will I be loved the way I am? Will friends be near? Am I welcome here?
You are welcome here. You are safe to sing or laugh or shed a tear.
We love you just the way you are, so have no fear. You are welcome here.
This is a place of peace and grace, where all God's children have a home.
God's reign will come. God's will be done when all are loved and no one stands alone.
All are welcome here. All are safe to sing or laugh or shed a tear.
God loves us just the way we are, so have no fear. All are welcome here.
I am welcome here.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

L: Rejoicing in the life, death, and resurrection of Jesus Christ, we pray for the witness of the church, the wholeness of creation, and all who are in need.

After each petition the congregation responds:

L: Let us pray,

C: Have mercy, O God.

L: We entrust all our prayers to you, gracious God. Receive them by the power of the Holy Spirit and the love of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord.

C: Amen.

LORD'S PRAYER

L: Lord, remember us when you come into your kingdom and teach us to pray.

C: Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us. Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours, now and forever. Amen.

SENDING

please stand as you are able

BENEDICTION

L: May God who has brought us from death to life fill you with great joy. Almighty God, Father, + Son, and Holy Spirit, bless you now and forever.

C: Amen.

HYMN 583

TAKE MY LIFE, THAT I MAY BE

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

HORNSPIPE (FROM *WATER MUSIC*)

G. F. HANDEL

WORSHIP LEADERS TODAY

PROCLAIMER-Shelley Cunningham; **WORSHIP ASSISTANTS**-Jason Bryan-Wegner, Lisa Kipp; **ORGANIST**-Kristy Giere; **ASSISTING ORGANIST**-Susan Henke; **STORY TIME**-Jason Bryan-Wegner; **SINGING**- Zumbro Lutheran Choir, Bob Giere, director; Zumbro Choristers, Janette Reeves, director; Ralph Schornack, accompanist; **LECTOR**-Sam Frick; **GREETERS**-Marlys and Chuck Fremstad; **USHERS**-Larry Boehm, Kyle Boehm, Gene Flaten, Vickie Gullickson, Todd Lichty

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Confirmation Class of 2018

Our confirmands have selected these verses as sources of comfort, strength, and hope.

LYNCOLN BIELENBERG-HOWARTH

Every word of God proves true. He is a shield for all who come to him for protection.

- Proverbs 30:5

ERICA BIRD

Jesus said, "God blesses those who mourn, for they will be comforted. God blesses those who are persecuted for doing right, for the Kingdom of Heaven is theirs."

- Matthew 5:4, 10

BEN CHAFFEE

No one will be able to stand against you as long as you live. For I will be with you as I was with Moses. I will not fail you or abandon you. - Joshua 1:5

BRYAN FOLKERT

I can do all things through Christ who gives me strength. - Micah 6:8

SAM FRICK

So encourage each other and build each other up, just as you are already doing. - 1 Thessalonians 5:11

MIA HARBER

Be still and know that I am God. - Psalm 46:10

SOLVEIG HENDRICKSON

The heavens proclaim the glory of God. The skies display his craftsmanship.

- Psalm 19:1

JACK KIPP

This is my command: Be strong and courageous! Do not be afraid or discouraged. For the Lord your God is with you wherever you go. - Joshua 1:9

DREW LINGEN

Do not be afraid or discouraged, for the Lord will personally go ahead of you. He will be with you; he will neither fail you nor abandon you. - Deuteronomy 31:8

ASHLYN MEINCKE

This is my command -be strong and courageous! Do not be afraid or discouraged. For the Lord your God is with you wherever you go. - Joshua 1:9

ISAAC RICHARDSON

*Jesus asked, "What do you mean, 'If I can?' Anything is possible if a person believes."
- Mark 9:23*

ALAINA RIETMANN

"For I know the plans I have for you," declares the Lord, "Plans for goodness and not destruction, plans to give you a future and a hope." - Jeremiah 29:11

WILLIAM RODEN

Bring a pair of every kind of animal -- a male and a female -- into the boat with you to keep them alive during the flood. - Genesis 6:19

JAKE SCHWARTZ

[Jesus said] "...You shall love your neighbor as yourself." - Matthew 22:39

KATELYN SEVERSON

"For I know the plans I have for you," declares the Lord, "Plans for goodness and not destruction, plans to give you a future and a hope." - Jeremiah 29:11

AYA TREADWELL

*Don't be afraid, for I am with you. Don't be discouraged, for I am your God. I will strengthen you and help you. I will hold you up with my victorious right hand.
- Isaiah 41:10*

AMY WATSON

[Jesus said,] "Look at the birds of the air: They do not sow or reap or store away in barns and yet your Heavenly Father feeds them ... Can any of you by worrying add a single hour to your life?" - Matthew 6:26-27

EMILY WATSON

God alone, who gave the law, is the Judge. He alone has the power to save or to destroy. So what right do you have to judge your neighbor? - James 4:12

PATRICK WINTER

For he will order his angels to protect you wherever you go. - Psalm 91:11

For the Fruit of All Creation



1 For the fruit of all cre - a - tion, thanks be to God.
2 In the just re - ward of la - bor, God's will is done.
3 For the har - vests of the Spir - it, thanks be to God.



For these gifts to ev - 'ry na - tion, thanks be to God.
In the help we give our neigh - bor, God's will is done.
For the good we all in - her - it, thanks be to God.



For the plow - ing, sow - ing, reap - ing, si - lent growth while we are sleep - ing,
In our world - wide task of car - ing for the hun - gry and de - spair - ing,
For the won - ders that as - tound us, for the truths that still con - found us,



fu - ture needs in earth's safe - keep - ing, thanks be to God.
in the har - vests we are shar - ing, God's will is done.
most of all, that love has found us, thanks be to God.

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Music: AR HYD Y NOS, Welsh traditional

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Let All Things Now Living



1 Let all things now liv - ing a song of thanks - giv - ing to
2 God rules all the forc - es: the stars in their cours - es and



God the cre - a - tor tri - um - phant - ly raise,
sun in its or - bit o - be - dient - ly shine;



who fash - ioned and made us, pro - tect - ed and stayed us, who
the hills and the moun - tains, the riv - ers and foun - tains, the



still guides us on to the end of our days.
deeps of the o - cean pro - claim God di - vine.



God's ban - ners are o'er us, God's light goes be -
We too should be voic - ing our love and re -



fore us, a pil - lar of fire shin - ing forth in the night,
joic - ing; with glad ad - o - ra - tion a song let us raise



till shad - ows have van - ished and dark - ness is ban - ished, as
till all things now liv - ing u - nite in thanks - giv - ing: "To

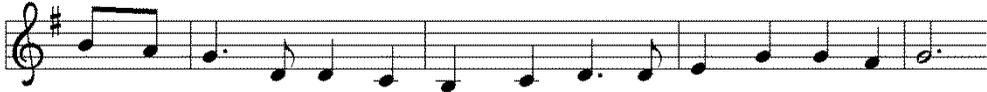


for - ward we trav - el from light in - to light,
God in the high - est, ho - san - na and praise!"

Borning Cry



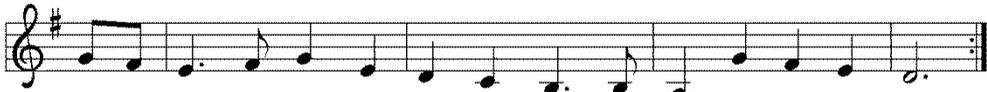
- 1 "I was there to hear your born-ing cry, I'll be there when you are old.
- 2 "When you heard the won-der of the Word I was there to cheer you on;
- 3 "In the mid-dle a - ges of your life, not too old, no lon - ger young,



I re - joiced the day you were bap-tized to see your life un - fold.
you were raised to praise the liv - ing Lord, to whom you now be - long.
I'll be there to guide you through the night, com-plete what I've be - gun.



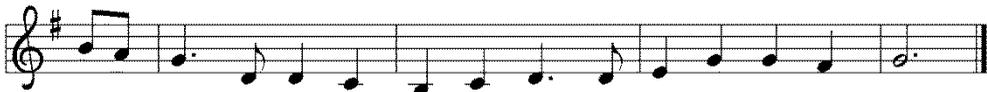
I was there when you were but a child, with a faith to suit you well;
If you find some-one to share your time and you join your hearts as one,
When the eve - ning gent - ly clos - es in and you shut your wea - ry eyes,



in a blaze of light you wan-dered off to find where de-mons dwell."
I'll be there to make your vers - es rhyme from dusk till ris - ing sun."
I'll be there as I have al - ways been, with just one more sur - prise."



- 4 "I was there to hear your born-ing cry, I'll be there when you are old.



I re - joiced the day you were bap-tized to see your life un - fold."

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Take My Life, That I May Be

Toma, oh Dios, mi voluntad

Refrain/Estrillo



To - ma, oh Dios, mi vo - lun-tad, y haz - la tu - ya, na -
 Take my life, that I may be con - se - crat - ed, Lord,



da más; to - ma, sí, mi co - ra - zón
 to thee; take my mo - ments and my days;



y tu tro-no en él ten - drás. ten - drás.
 let them flow in cease - less praise. less praise.



1 Que mi vi - da en - te - ra es - té
 1 Take my hands and let them move
 2 Take my sil - ver and my gold,
 3 Take my voice and let me sing
 4 Take my will and make it thine;



con - sa - gra - da a ti, Se - ñor;
 at the im - pulse of thy love;
 not a mite would I with - hold;
 al - ways, on - ly for my King;
 it shall be no lon - ger mine;



que a mis ma - nos pue - da guar - el im -
 take my feet and let them be swift and
 take my in - tel - lect and use ev - 'ry
 take my lips and let them be filled with
 take my heart, it is thine own; it shall

Refrain/Estrillo



pul - so de tu a - mor.
 beau - ti - ful for thee.
 pow'r as thou shalt choose.
 mes - sag - es from thee.
 be thy roy - al throne.

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