



July 22, 2018

8:30am and 10am



**This Week's Big Idea:  
God Loves Us No Matter What**

# Welcome to Zumbro Lutheran Church!

SUNDAY, JULY 22, 2018

Our current sermon series is  
**“Songs for the Summer”**  
**Life in the Psalms**

The book of Psalms was the hymnbook of ancient Israel and the early church. When they wanted to sing and pray, this was their resource. This summer we will take a look at a few of those ancient hymns, and examine their message in light of the changing world in which we live.

Today is the second of three Summer Hymn Sing Sundays. The hymns sung today have been requested by worshippers. Their names and reflections are included in the bulletin.

We will not use the Processional Cross during the summer months, but we will conclude our worship at the rear door with our mission statement.

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      SHALL WE GATHER AT THE RIVER; DOWN BY THE RIVERSIDE ARR. DANIEL KALLMAN  
PAUL BYE, ALTO SAXOPHONE

*As you prepare your heart for worship during the prelude, you are invited to pray:*  
God, my soul thirsts for you as in a dry and weary land where there is no water.  
Quench my thirst as I worship today. Amen.

## WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

*please stand as you are able*

## LITANY FOR OPENING UP TO GOD

- L: God, your goodness is always parading past us.
- C: We have only to look out for it.**
- L: You are always being gracious to us.
- C: We have only to realize it.**
- L: You are always being merciful to us.
- C: We have only to internalize it.**

L: You cover us with your hands and show us your glory - as much as we can handle,  
**C: If we only attune ourselves to you.**

L: We don't direct the flow of your grace and mercy.  
**C: You do.**

L: We don't decide who gets what.  
**C: You do.**

L: You show no deference to anyone  
**C: You do not regard people with partiality.**

L: Though we don't always understand you,  
**C: You call us by name.**

L: Though you sometimes seem far away.  
**C: There's no one else but you.**

L: We set our minds toward knowing you.  
**C: We open the spaces of our hearts to you.**

L: We set our bodies in stillness, that we might hear from you.  
**C: We open our spirits to meeting with you.**

L: You are always gracious to appear,  
**C: Your steadfast love is better than life. Amen.**

## HYMN 532

## GATHER US IN

*Anne Clarkson requests this because, "This hymn reminds me of how God trusts us to care for each other and creation."*

*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.**

## HYMN OF PRAISE

## THY HOLY WINGS

*Sue Jenkins requests this hymn because, "This hymn is my morning anthem while I get dressed--go figure!"  
Sonja Dunn requests this hymn saying, "This hymn makes me feel the peace and comfort of a loving God who cares for us."*



Thy ho - ly wings, O Sav - ior, spread gent-ly o - ver me,  
Oh, let me nes - tle near thee, with - in thy down-y breast  
Oh, wash me in the wa - ters of No-ah's cleans-ing flood.



and let me rest se - cure - ly through good and ill in thee.  
where I will find sweet com-fort and peace with - in thy nest.  
Give me a will - ing spir - it, a heart both clean and good.



Oh, be my strength and por - tion, my rock and hid - ing place,  
Oh, close thy wings a - round me and keep me safe - ly there,  
Oh, take in - to thy keep - ing thy chil - dren great and small,



and let my ev - 'ry mo - ment be lived with-in thy grace.  
for I am but a new - born and need thy ten - der care.  
and while we sweet-ly slum - ber, en - fold us one and all.

## PRAYER OF THE DAY

L: Gracious God,

**C: Your love for us is strong and deep and never-ending. Even more, you promise to keep loving us no matter what. In a world that is often dry and weary, we cling to your promise this day, because your steadfast love is better than life. Amen.**

# WORD

*please stand as you are able*

## SCRIPTURE SONG

## BREAK NOW THE BREAD OF LIFE



Break now the bread of life, dear Lord, to me, as once you  
broke the loaves be - side the sea. Be - yond the sa - cred page  
I seek you, Lord; my spir - it waits for you, O liv - ing Word.

## BIBLE READING

## A LOVE THAT IS BETTER THAN LIFE

PSALM 63:1-8 NRSV

<sup>1</sup>O God, you are my God, I seek you,  
my soul thirsts for you;  
my flesh faints for you,  
as in a dry and weary land where there is no water.

<sup>2</sup>So I have looked upon you in the sanctuary,  
beholding your power and glory.

<sup>3</sup>Because your steadfast love is better than life,  
my lips will praise you.

<sup>4</sup>So I will bless you as long as I live;  
I will lift up my hands and call on your name.

<sup>5</sup>My soul is satisfied as with a rich feast,  
and my mouth praises you with joyful lips

<sup>6</sup>when I think of you on my bed,  
and meditate on you in the watches of the night;

<sup>7</sup>for you have been my help,  
and in the shadow of your wings I sing for joy.

<sup>8</sup>My soul clings to you;  
your right hand upholds me.

L: Holy Wisdom, Holy Word.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

*you may be seated*

## STORY TIME

PASTOR SHELLEY CUNNINGHAM

## HYMN 595

## JESUS LOVES ME!

*Amy Holtan requests this hymn.*

## SERMON

## GOD LOVES US NO MATTER WHAT

PASTOR VERN CHRISTOPHERSON

*please stand as you are able*

## HYMN 581

## YOU ARE MINE

*Sue Weber requests this because, "This hymn brings me comfort."*

*Susan Boehm requests this hymn and says, "I love the refrain, 'Do not be afraid, I am with you.' "*

## 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.*** *The Zumbro Aeolian-Skinner pipe organ and Petrof grand piano are two instruments that are used in Sunday worship every week. Other instruments heard regularly throughout the year include timpani, the Flentrop organ in the chapel, the harpsichord, the Schulmerich handbells, Malmark handchimes and Kidsplay handbells. All instruments require maintenance and tuning. Because of your giving, Zumbro has budgeted \$4,000 to keep our instruments sounding pleasing to the ears and in working condition. Thank you.*

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*Duane Hoven requests this hymn and says, "This is the new hymn my wife, Ann, and I learned while singing during our morning devotions."*



- 1 When long be - fore time and the worlds were be - gun,  
 2 The si - lence was bro - ken when God sang the Song,  
 3 The sounds of the crea - tures were one with their Lord's,  
 4 Though down through the a - ges the Song dis - ap - peared,



when there was no earth and no sky and no sun,  
 and light pierced the dark - ness and rhy - thm be - gan,  
 their har - mo - nies sweet and be - fit - ting the Word;  
 its har - mo - nies bro - ken and al - most un - heard,



and all was deep si - lence and night reigned su - preme,  
 and with its first birth - cries cre - a - tion was born,  
 the Sing - er was pleased as the earth sang the Song,  
 the Sing - er comes to us to sing it a - gain,



and e - ven our Mak - er had on - ly a dream—  
 and crea - ture - ly voic - es sang praise to the morn.  
 the choir of the crea - tures re - ech - oed it long.  
 our God - is - with - us in the world now as then.

5 The Light has returned as it came once before,  
 the Song of the Lord is our own song once more,  
 so let us all sing with one heart and one voice  
 the Song of the Singer in whom we rejoice.

6 To you, God the Singer, our voices we raise,  
 to you, Song Incarnate, we give all our praise,  
 to you, Holy Spirit, our life and our breath,  
 be glory forever, through life and through death.

## PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

L: Growing in faith and discipleship, we give thanks for God's merciful compassion as we pray for the church, the world, and all in need.

*After each petition the congregation responds:*

L: Lord, in your mercy,

**C: hear our prayer.**

L: Gracious God, we lift to you these prayers and the prayers of our hearts, trusting in your everlasting love and mercy, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

**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 629

*stanzas 1, 3-5*

*Megan Wagner requests this hymn because, "This hymn reminds me of my grandmother. It gives me comfort and reassurance."*

## ABIDE WITH ME

## 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

## TOCCATA IN C

PACHELBEL

## WORSHIP LEADERS TODAY

**PROCLAIMER**-Vern Christopherson; **WORSHIP ASSISTANTS**-Jason Bryan-Wegner, Shelley Cunningham; **STORYTIME**-Shelley Cunningham; **ORGANIST**-Ruth Monson; **INSTRUMENTALIST**-Paul Bye, alto saxophone; **LECTORS**-Ruth Stoeckel (8:30am); Ashley Stortz (10am); **GREETERS**-Amy Holtan, Sharryn Melin, Wanda Rasch (8:30am); Marlys and Chuck Fremstad (10am); **USHERS**-Jan and Chuck Carstensen, Tom Johnson, Jim Martenson, Rollie Nannestad, Carol Post (8:30am); Vickie Gullickson, Kathryn Horntvedt, Todd Lichty, Bev and Larry Radtke, Leone Trygstad (10am)

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# Gather Us In



1 Here in this place the new light is stream-ing, now is the dark-ness  
2 We are the young, our lives are a mys-t'ry, we are the old who  
3 Here we will take the wine and the wa-ter, here we will take the  
4 Not in the dark of build-ings con-fin-ing, not in some heav-en,



van-ish-ed a-way; see in this space our fears and our dream-ings  
yearn for your face; we have been sung through-out all of his-t'ry,  
bread of new birth, here you shall call your sons and your daugh-ters,  
light years a-way— here in this place the new light is shin-ing,



brought here to you in the light of this day.  
called to be light to the whole hu-man race.  
call us a-new to be salt for the earth.  
now is the king-dom, and now is the day.



Gath-er us in, the lost and for-sak-en, gath-er us in, the  
Gath-er us in, the rich and the haugh-ty, gath-er us in, the  
Give us to drink the wine of com-pas-sion, give us to eat the  
Gath-er us in and hold us for-ev-er, gath-er us in and



blind and the lame; call to us now, and we shall a-wak-en,  
proud and the strong; give us a heart, so meek and so low-ly,  
bread that is you; nour-ish us well, and teach us to fash-ion  
make us your own; gath-er us in, all peo-ples to-geth-er,



we shall a-rise at the sound of our name.  
give us the cour-age to en-ter the song.  
lives that are ho-ly and hearts that are true.  
fire . . of love in our flesh and our bone.

Text: Marty Haugen, b. 1950

Music: GATHER US IN, Marty Haugen

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## Jesus Loves Me!

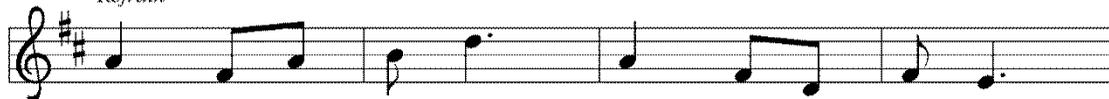


1 Je - sus loves me! this I know, for the Bi - ble tells me so;  
2 Je - sus loves me! he who died heav - en's gates to o - pen wide;  
3 Je - sus loves me! he will stay close be - side me all the way;



lit - tle ones to him be - long, they are weak, but he is strong.  
he will wash a - way my sin, let his lit - tle child come in.  
when at last I come to die, he will take me home on high.

### *Refrain*



Yes, Je - sus loves me, yes, Je - sus loves me,

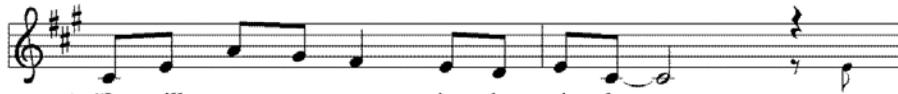


yes, Je - sus loves me, the Bi - ble tells me so.

Text: Anna B. Warner, 1820–1915, alt.

Music: JESUS LOVES ME, William B. Bradbury, 1816–1868

# You Are Mine



1 "I will come to you in the si - lence,  
 2 "I am hope for all who are hope - less,  
 3 "I am strength for all the de - spair - ing,  
 (4) am the Word that leads all to free - dom, I



I will lift you from all your fear.  
 I am eyes for all who long to see. (2) In the  
 heal - ing for the ones who dwell in shame.  
 am the peace the world can - not give.



You will hear my voice, I claim you as my choice. Be  
 shad - ows of the night, I will be your light.  
 All the blind will see, the lame will all run free, and  
 I will call your name, em - brac - ing all your pain. Stand



still and know I am here. *To stanza 2*  
 Come and rest in me. *To refrain*  
 all will know my name. *To refrain*  
 up, now walk and live! *To refrain*



Do not be a - fraid, I am with you. I have called you each by



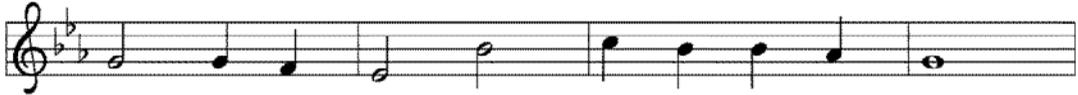
name. Come and fol - low me, I will bring you home; I



love you and you are mine." *To stanzas 3 and 4*

4 "I

## Abide with Me



1 A - bide with me, fast falls the e - ven - tide.  
 2 Swift to its close ebbs out life's lit - tle day;  
 3 I need thy pres - ence ev - 'ry pass - ing hour;  
 4 I fear no foe, with thee at hand to bless;  
 5 Hold thou thy cross be - fore my clos - ing eyes,



The dark - ness deep - ens; Lord, with me a - bide.  
 earth's joys grow dim, its glo - ries pass a - way;  
 what but thy grace can foil the tempt - er's pow'r?  
 ills have no weight, and tears no bit - ter - ness.  
 shine through the gloom, and point me to the skies;



When oth - er help - ers fail and com - forts flee,  
 change and de - cay in all a - round I see;  
 Who like thy - self my guide and stay can be?  
 Where is death's sting? Where, grave, thy vic - to - ry?  
 heav'n's morn - ing breaks, and earth's vain shad - ows flee;



help of the help - less, oh, a - bide with me.  
 O thou who chang - est not, a - bide with me.  
 Through cloud and sun - shine, oh, a - bide with me.  
 I tri - umph still, if thou a - bide with me!  
 in life, in death, O Lord, a - bide with me.

Text: Henry F. Lyte, 1793–1847

Music: EVENTIDE, William H. Monk, 1823–1889



Zumbro Lutheran Church warmly welcomes all people into this Christian community of sinners and saints. This welcome is at the heart of Christ's ministry of reconciliation. Every person is a unique and valuable creation of God. Because God loves us, we are called to love one another. We invite people of every age, economic condition, ethnic and racial background, physical and mental ability, marital status, sexual orientation, and gender identity into our fellowship. In striving to create a place for all, we affirm what the Apostle Paul writes in Galatians 3:28: "There is neither Jew nor Greek, there is neither slave nor free, there is neither male nor female; for all of you are one in Christ Jesus."

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