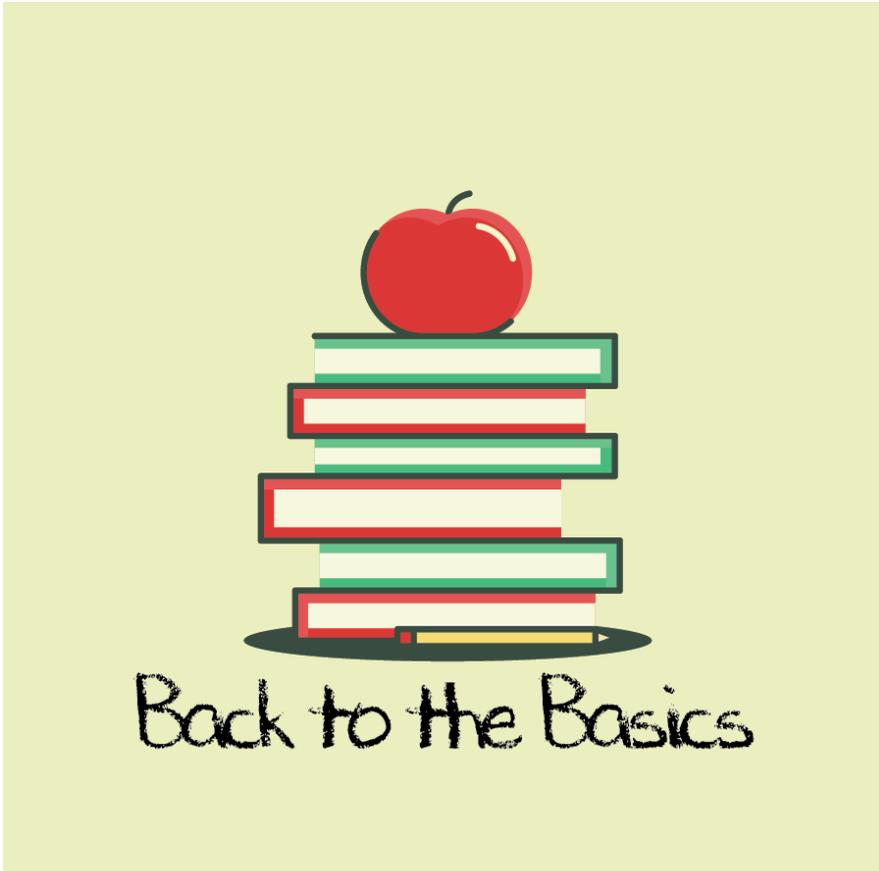




September 9, 2018

8:30am and 10:30am



This Week's Big Idea:
Creation: We Were Made in God's Image

Welcome to Zumbro Lutheran Church!

SUNDAY, SEPT. 9, 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 will start with creation, and will continue through the story of Israel, the coming of Jesus, 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

JOYFUL, JOYFUL WE ADORE THEE
RALPH SCHORNACK, PIANO; KRISTY GIERE, ORGAN

ARR. JOEL RANEY

As you prepare your heart for worship during the prelude, you are invited to pray:

God, I come to worship hoping for an encounter with you. Remind me of your creative work in making the world and all its creatures. Inspire me with stories of your creation. Amen.

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

please stand as you are able

A PRAYER FOR GOD'S CREATED WORLD

L: In the beginning, Lord, I was alone. Like the earth, before your Spirit moved over the waters I was formless and empty, and darkness filled the depths of my heart.

C: Then, it was as if you declared 'Let there be Light', and out of the darkness I began to see hope, like a shimmering ray of love breaking through the parting clouds at the conclusion of the night.

L: In the beginning, Lord I was alone, but when I saw you in the light I was no longer afraid.

C: You held out your hand, and though I had a choice I had no choice, because to refuse was to embrace again the darkness.

L: In the beginning, Lord I was alone. Now I feel again a part of your creation, loved, wanted, needed, family.

C: In the light of your presence, I hold out my heart that others might glimpse through it your reflection, and be drawn from the darkness that I once embraced into the light of your sunrise, the brightness of your face.

L: May this eternal truth be always on our hearts:

C: That the God who breathed this world into being, placed stars into the heavens and designed a butterfly's wing, is the God who entrusted his Son to the care of ordinary people, became vulnerable that we might know how strong the wonder of Love is.

L: A mystery so deep, it is impossible to grasp.

C: A mystery so beautiful, it is impossible to ignore. Amen.

please turn and face the cross as it enters

HYMN 731

EARTH AND ALL STARS!

stanzas 1, 3-5

you may be seated

GREETING

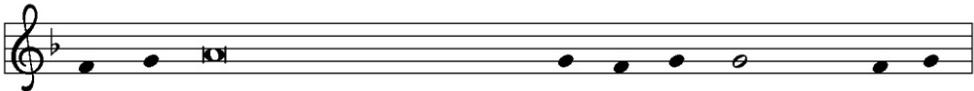
L: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

C: And also with you.

KYRIE



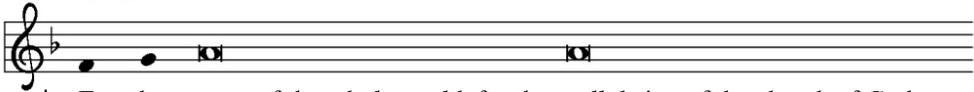
L: In peace, let us pray to the Lord. **C: Lord, have mer-cy.**



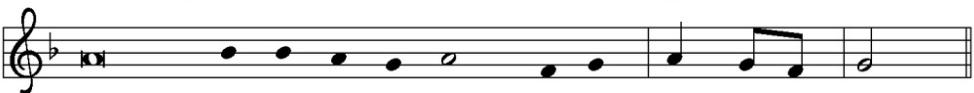
L: For the peace from above, and for our sal - va - tion, let us



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



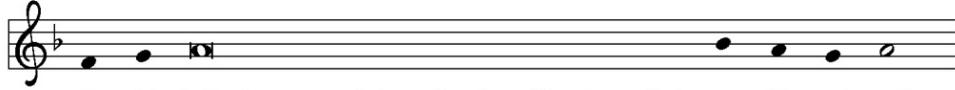
L: For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the church of God,



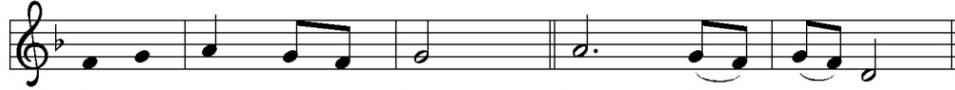
and for the u - ni - ty of all, let us pray to the Lord.



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

continued on next page

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: Creator God,

C: You have fashioned us in your own image and breathed into us the breath of life. As we consider our place in the world you've given us, help us to take good care of it. Encourage us to be mindful of our relationship with each other, and also with you. 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,
The si - lence was bro - ken when God sang the Song,
when there was no earth and no sky and no sun,
and light pierced the dark - ness and rhy - thm be - gan,
and all was deep si - lence and night reigned su - preme,
and with its first birth - cries cre - a - tion was born,
and e - ven our Mak - er had on - ly a dream—
and crea - ture - ly voic - es sang praise to the morn.

BIBLE READING

STORIES OF CREATION

GENESIS 1:26-28; 2:4B-9, 15-25 NRSV

²⁶Then God said, “Let us make humankind in our image, according to our likeness; and let them have dominion over the fish of the sea, and over the birds of the air, and over the cattle, and over all the wild animals of the earth, and over every creeping thing that creeps upon the earth.”

²⁷So God created humankind in his image, in the image of God he created them; male and female he created them. ²⁸God blessed them, and God said to them, “Be fruitful and multiply, and fill the earth and subdue it; and have dominion over the fish of the sea and over the birds of the air and over every living thing that moves upon the earth.”

⁴In the day that the LORD God made the earth and the heavens, ⁵when no plant of the field was yet in the earth and no herb of the field had yet sprung up—for the LORD God had not caused it to rain upon the earth, and there was no one to till the ground; ⁶but a stream would rise from the earth, and water the whole face of the ground— ⁷then the LORD God formed man from the dust of the ground, and breathed into his nostrils the breath of life; and the man became a living being. ⁸And the LORD God planted a garden in Eden, in the east; and there he put the man whom he had formed. ⁹Out of the ground the LORD God made to grow every tree that is pleasant to the sight and good for food, the tree of life also in the midst of the garden, and the tree of the knowledge of good and evil.

¹⁵The LORD God took the man and put him in the garden of Eden to till it and keep it. ¹⁶And the LORD God commanded the man, “You may freely eat of every tree of the garden; ¹⁷but

of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil you shall not eat, for in the day that you eat of it you shall die.”

¹⁸Then the LORD God said, “It is not good that the man should be alone; I will make him a helper as his partner.” ¹⁹So out of the ground the LORD God formed every animal of the field and every bird of the air, and brought them to the man to see what he would call them; and whatever the man called each living creature, that was its name. ²⁰The man gave names to all cattle, and to the birds of the air, and to every animal of the field; but for the man there was not found a helper as his partner. ²¹So the LORD God caused a deep sleep to fall upon the man, and he slept; then he took one of his ribs and closed up its place with flesh. ²²And the rib that the LORD God had taken from the man he made into a woman and brought her to the man. ²³Then the man said, “This at last is bone of my bones and flesh of my flesh; this one shall be called Woman, for out of Man this one was taken.” ²⁴Therefore a man leaves his father and his mother and clings to his wife, and they become one flesh. ²⁵And the man and his wife were both naked, and were not ashamed.

L: Holy Wisdom, Holy Word.

C: Thanks be to God.

you may be seated

STORY TIME

ANTHEM

THIS IS THE DAY

ANONYMOUS (CA. 1600)

ZUMBRO LUTHERAN CHOIR

This is the day which the Lord hath made. We will rejoice and be glad in it.

SERMON

CREATION: WE ARE MADE IN GOD’S IMAGE

PASTOR VERN CHRISTOPHERSON

please stand as you are able

HYMN 735

MOTHERING GOD, YOU GAVE ME BIRTH

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

MISSION MOMENT

SUE KNUTSON, SAMARITAN BETHANY

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

OFFERING

Your giving makes a difference. Recently Zumbro's Gifts and Memorials Team gave \$5,000 to Samaritan Bethany toward the purchase of new ceiling lifts to assist residents with limited mobility. Your giving truly makes a difference in the lives of our neighbors. **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.

FOR THE BEAUTY OF THE EARTH

ZUMBRO LUTHERAN CHOIR

ARR. JOHN RUTTER

For the beauty of the earth, for the beauty of the skies,
For the love which from our birth over and around us lies:
Lord of all, to thee we raise this our joyful hymn of praise.

For the beauty of each hour of the day and of the night,
Hill and vale and tree and flower, sun and moon and stars of light:
Lord of all, to thee we raise this our joyful hymn of praise.

For the joy of human love, brother, sister, parent, child,
Friends on earth, and friends above, for all gentle thoughts and mild:
Lord of all, to thee we raise this our joyful hymn of praise.

For each perfect gift of thine to our race so freely given,
Graces human and divine, flowers of earth and buds of heav'n.
Lord of all, to thee we raise this our joyful hymn of praise.

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: God, creator of all things, speaking reformation into being; Jesus Christ, Savior of the world, raising the dead; Holy Spirit, living voice, calling and enlightening the church: Almighty God, Father, + Son, and Holy Spirit, bless you now and forever.

C: Amen.

HYMN 771

GOD, WHO STRETCHED THE SPANGLED HEAVENS

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

FESTIVE GLORIA

AARON DAVID MILLER

WORSHIP LEADERS TODAY

PROCLAIMER-Vern Christopherson; **WORSHIP ASSISTANTS**-Jason Bryan-Wegner, Lisa Kipp; **ORGANIST**-Kristy Giere; **SINGING**-Zumbro Lutheran Choir, Bob Giere, director; **PRELUDE PIANIST**-Ralph Schornack; **TROMBONE**-Matt Hafar; **LECTORS**-Ruth Johnson (8:30am); Lester Horntvedt (10:30am); **GREETERS**-Sharryn and Tim Melin (8:30am); Diane Kinneberg, Leone Trygstad (10:30am); **USHERS**-Gloria and Ron Bonnicksen, Dan Nelson, Barb and Rick Turner, Luanne Wussow (8:30am); Vickie Gullickson, Todd Lichty, Bev and Larry Radtke, Earlene and Harlan Wickre (10:30am); **CROSS BEARER**-Kyle Boehm(8:30am)

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Earth and All Stars!



1 Earth and all stars! Loud rush - ing plan - ets!
 2 Trum - pet and pipes! Loud clash - ing cym - bals!
 3 En - gines and steel! Loud pound - ing ham - mers!
 4 Class-rooms and labs! Loud boil - ing test tubes!
 5 Knowl-edge and truth! Loud sound - ing wis - dom!



Sing to the Lord a new song!
 Sing to the Lord a new song!



Hail, wind, and rain! Loud blow - ing snow - storm!
 Harp, lute, and lyre! Loud hum - ming cel - los!
 Lime - stone and beams! Loud build - ing work - ers!
 Ath - lete and band! Loud cheer - ing peo - ple!
 Daugh - ter and son! Loud pray - ing mem - bers!



Sing to the Lord a new song!
 Sing to the Lord a new song!



God has done mar - vel - ous things.



I too sing prais - es with a new song!

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Mothering God, You Gave Me Birth



1 Moth - er - ing God, you gave me birth in the bright
2 Moth - er - ing Christ, you took my form, of - fer - ing
3 Moth - er - ing Spir - it, nur - t'ring one, in arms of



morn - ing of this world. Cre - a - tor, source of ev - 'ry
me your food of light, grain . . . of life, and grape of
pa - tience hold me close, so that in faith I root and



breath, you are my rain, my wind, my sun.
love, your ver - y bod - y for my peace.
grow un - til I flow'r, un - til I know.

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God, Who Stretched the Spangled Heavens



1 God, who stretched the span - gled heav - ens in - fi - nite in time and place,
2 We have ven - tured worlds un - dreamed of since the child - hood of our race;
3 As each far ho - ri - zon beck - ons, may it chal - lenge us a - new:



flung the suns in burn - ing ra - diance through the si - lent fields of space:
known the ec - sta - sy of wing - ing through un - trav - eled realms of space;
chil - dren of cre - a - tive pur - pose, serv - ing oth - ers, hon - 'ring you.



we, your chil - dren in your like - ness, share in - ven - tive pow'rs with you;
probed the se - crets of the at - om, yield - ing un - i - mag - ined pow'r,
May our dreams prove rich with prom - ise; each en - deav - or well be - gun;



great Cre - a - tor, still cre - at - ing, show us what we yet may do.
fac - ing us with life's de - struc - tion or our most tri - um - phant hour.
great Cre - a - tor, give us guid - ance till our goals and yours are one.

Text: Catherine Cameron, b. 1927

Music: HOLY MANNA, W. Walker, *Southern Harmony*, 1835

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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."

*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.*

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