



**CHRIST THE KING SUNDAY**

November 25, 2018

8:30am



**This Week's Big Idea:  
God's Blessings Provide an Inheritance of Faith**

# Welcome to Zumbro Lutheran Church!

SUNDAY, NOV. 25, 2018

Our current sermon series is

## “Ruth: Discovering Our Place in God’s Story”

This is our last week in our series on the book of Ruth. The story invites us to see God work in the midst of suffering and grief through family and community. It may be in an ancient story, but it reflects a timeless truth: that God is never far away in difficult times.

Today is Christ the King Sunday, the final Sunday of the liturgical church year. We confess that Christ is “seated at the right hand of the Father, and he will come to judge the living and the dead.” We await the day when Christ will come and the world will be made new.

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. Children are also welcome forward for Story Time during the service.

Please silence your phones at the start of worship.

## GATHERING

PRELUDE

JESUS SHALL REIGN (DUKE STREET)

ARR. WILBUR HELD

*As you prepare your heart for worship, you are invited to pray:*  
Gracious God, fill me with faith in you as I worship today.

## WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

*please stand as you are able*

## CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

L: Blessed be the holy Trinity, + one God, who forgives all our sin, whose mercy endures forever.

**C: Amen.**

L: One with the communion of saints in all times and places, let us confess our sin against God and one another.

*silence for reflection and examination*

L: O God, our merciful redeemer,

**C: we confess the ways we live only for ourselves. We fail to see you in our neighbor’s face. We turn our ears from voices that cry out. We pass by the hungry and the oppressed. In your great mercy, forgive our sin and strengthen us for service to all in need; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

L: In the mercy of almighty God, Jesus Christ was given to die for you, and for + his sake, God forgives you all your sin. Blessed are you! Rejoice and be glad, beloved people of God.

**C: Amen.**

*please turn and face the cross as it enters*

## HYMN 434

*stanzas 1, 3-5*

*you may be seated*

## JESUS SHALL REIGN

### GREETING

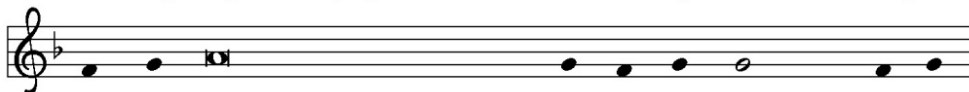
L: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

**C: And also with you.**

### KYRIE



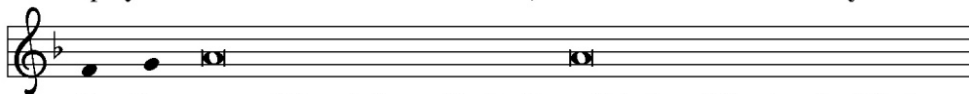
L: In peace, let us pray to the Lord. **C: Lord, have mer-cy.**



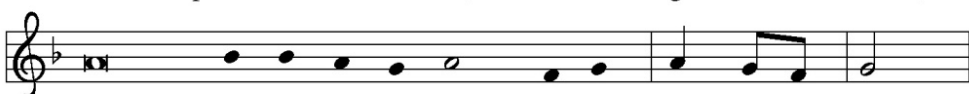
L: For the peace from above, and for our sal - va - tion, let us



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



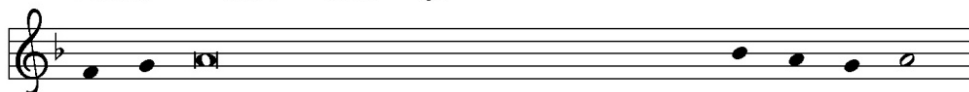
L: For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the church of God,



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



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.



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



God, you take a-way the sin of the world: have mer-cy on us; you are



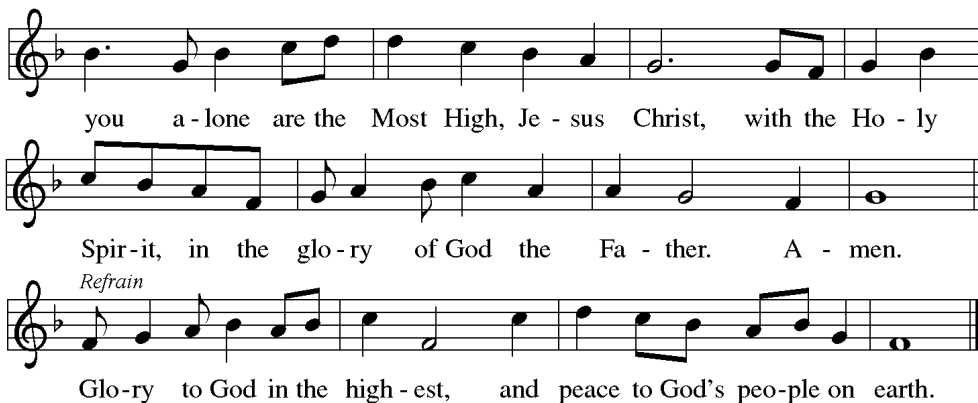
seat-ed at the right hand of the Fa - ther: re - ceive our prayer.



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

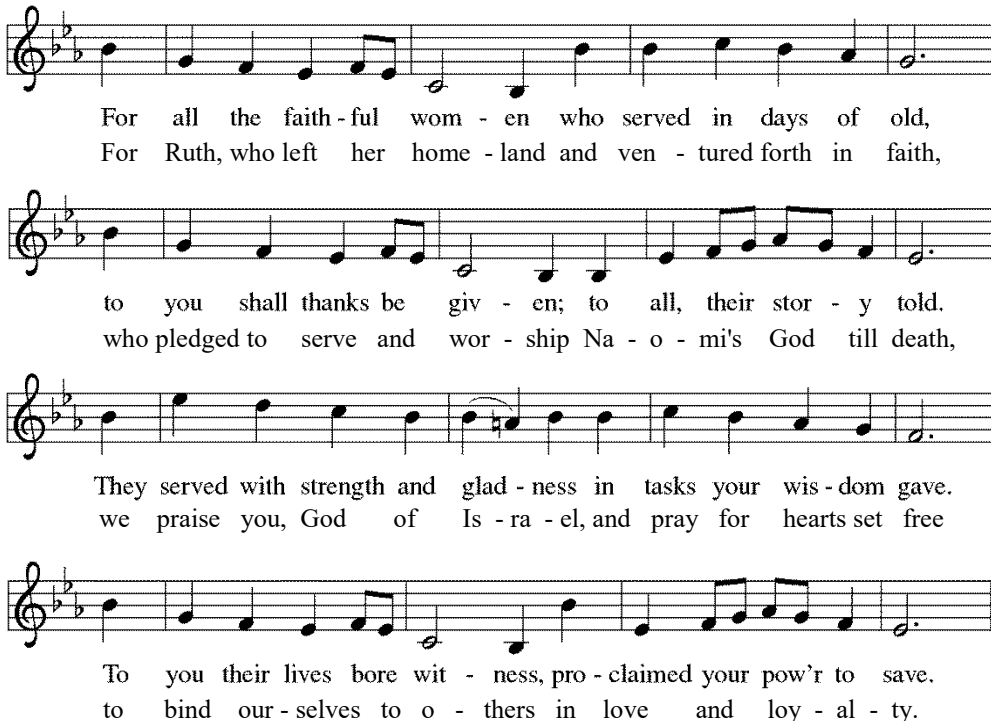
L: God of blessing,

**C: life doesn't always work out the way we expect. When we grow weary waiting for answers, open our hearts and minds to new possibilities. Give us patience to see the subtle ways you are at work, calling us to trust in you, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

## WORD

### SCRIPTURE SONG

### FOR ALL THE FAITHFUL WOMEN



For all the faith-ful wom - en who served in days of old,  
For Ruth, who left her home - land and ven - tured forth in faith,  
to you shall thanks be giv - en; to all, their stor - y told,  
who pledged to serve and wor - ship Na - o - mi's God till death,  
They served with strength and glad - ness in tasks your wis - dom gave.  
we praise you, God of Is - ra - el, and pray for hearts set free  
To you their lives bore wit - ness, pro - claimed your pow'r to save.  
to bind our - selves to o - thers in love and loy - al - ty.

<sup>1</sup>Boaz went straight to the public square and took his place there. Before long the "closer relative," the one mentioned earlier by Boaz, strolled by. "Step aside, old friend," said Boaz. "Take a seat." The man sat down. <sup>2</sup>Boaz then gathered ten of the town elders together and said, "Sit down here with us; we've got some business to take care of." And they sat down. <sup>3</sup>Boaz then said to his relative, "The piece of property that belonged to our relative Elimelech is being sold by his widow Naomi, who has just returned from the country of Moab. <sup>4</sup>I thought you ought to know about it. Buy it back if you want it - you can make it official in the presence of those sitting here and before the town elders. You have first redeemer rights. If you don't want it, tell me so I'll know where I stand. You're first in line to do this and I'm next after you." He said, "I'll buy it." <sup>5</sup>Then Boaz added, "You realize, don't you, that when you buy the field from Naomi, you also get Ruth the Moabite, the widow of our dead relative, along with the redeemer responsibility to have children with her to carry on the family inheritance." <sup>6</sup>Then the relative said, "Oh, I can't do that - I'd jeopardize my own family's inheritance. You go ahead and buy it - you can have my rights - I can't do it." <sup>7</sup>In the olden times in Israel, this is how they handled official business regarding matters of property and inheritance: a man would take off his shoe and give it to the other person. This was the same as an official seal or personal signature in Israel. <sup>8</sup>So when Boaz's "redeemer" relative said, "Go ahead and buy it," he signed the deal by pulling off his shoe. <sup>9</sup>Boaz then addressed the elders and all the people in the town square that day: "You are witnesses today that I have bought from Naomi everything that belonged to Elimelech and Kilion and Mahlon, <sup>10</sup>including responsibility for Ruth the foreigner, the widow of Mahlon - I'll take her as my wife and keep the name of the deceased alive along with his inheritance. The memory and reputation of the deceased is not going to disappear out of this family or from his hometown. To all this you are witnesses this very day." <sup>11</sup>All the people in the town square that day, backing up the elders, said, "Yes, we are witnesses. May God make this woman who is coming into your household like Rachel and Leah, the two women who built the family of Israel. May God make you a pillar in Ephrathah and famous in Bethlehem! <sup>12</sup>With the children God gives you from this young woman, may your family rival the family of Perez, the son Tamar bore to Judah." <sup>13</sup>Boaz married Ruth. She became his wife. Boaz slept with her. By God's gracious gift she conceived and had a son. <sup>14</sup>The town women said to Naomi, "Blessed be God! He didn't leave you without family to carry on your life. May this baby grow up to be famous in Israel! <sup>15</sup>He'll make you young again! He'll take care of you in old age. And this daughter-in-law who has brought him into the world and loves you so much, why, she's worth more to you than seven sons!" <sup>16</sup>Naomi took the baby and held him in her arms, cuddling him, cooing over him, waiting on him hand and foot. <sup>17</sup>The neighborhood women started calling him "Naomi's baby boy!" But his real name was Obed. Obed was the father of Jesse, and Jesse the father of David. <sup>18</sup>This is the family tree of Perez: Perez had Hezron, <sup>19</sup>Hezron had Ram, Ram had Amminadab, <sup>20</sup>Amminadab had Nahshon, Nahshon had Salmon, <sup>21</sup>Salmon had Boaz, Boaz had Obed, <sup>22</sup>Obed had Jesse, and Jesse had David.

SOLO

## WILL YOU COME AND FOLLOW ME

JOHN L. BELL

KELSEY O'LEARY, SOLOIST

"Will you come and follow me if I but call your name?  
Will you go where you don't know and never be the same?  
Will you let my love be shown, will you let my name be known,  
will you let my life be grown in you and you in me?"

"Will you leave yourself behind if I but call your name?  
Will you care for cruel and kind and never be the same?  
Will you risk the hostile stare, should your life attract or scare?  
Will you let me answer pray'r in you and you in me?"

"Will you let the blinded see if I but call your name?  
Will you set the pris'ners free and never be the same?  
Will you kiss the leper clean, and do such as this unseen,  
and admit to what I mean in you and you in me?"

"Will you love the you you hide if I but call your name?  
Will you quell the fear inside and never be the same?  
Will you use the faith you've found to reshape the world around,  
through my sight and touch and sound in you and you in me?"

Lord, your summons echoes true when you but call my name.  
Let me turn and follow you and never be the same.  
In your company I'll go where your love and footsteps show.  
Thus I'll move and live and grow in you and you in me.

SERMON

## GOD'S BLESSINGS PROVIDE AN INHERITANCE OF FAITH

PASTOR JASON BRYAN-WEGNER

*please stand as you are able*

HYMN 796

## HOW FIRM A FOUNDATION

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.***

*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.*

## LET ALL THINGS NOW LIVING

KELSEY O'LEARY, SOLOIST

Let all things now living a song of thanksgiving  
to God the creator triumphantly raise,  
who fashioned and made us, protected and stayed us,  
who still guides us on to the end of our days.  
God's banners are o'er us, God's light goes before us,  
a pillar of fire shining forth in the night, till shadows have vanished  
and darkness is banished, as forward we travel from light into light.

God rules all the forces: the stars in their courses  
and sun in its orbit obediently shine;  
the hills and the mountains, the rivers and fountains,  
the deeps of the ocean proclaim God divine.  
We too should be voicing our love and rejoicing;  
with glad adoration a song let us raise till all things now living  
unite in thanksgiving: "To God in the highest, hosanna and praise!"

## PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

L: With the people of God gathered here and throughout the world, we offer our prayers  
for the church, the world, and all people in need.

*After each petition the congregation responds:*

L: Lord, in your mercy,

**C: hear our prayer.**

L: Hear our prayers, spoken and silent, that we commend to you this day, trusting in your  
abundant mercy, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and 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: The love of God surround you; the grace of + Christ release you; and the Holy Spirit be your guide and strength, now and forevermore.

**C: Amen.**

## HYMN 389

## CHRIST IS ALIVE! LET CHRISTIANS SING

*stanzas 1, 2, 4*

*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

## CROWN HIM WITH MANY CROWNS (DIADEMATA)

ARR. MICHAEL BURKHARDT

## WORSHIP LEADERS TODAY

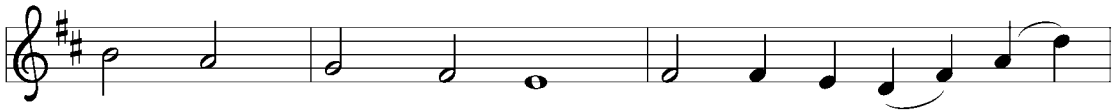
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# Jesus Shall Reign



1 Je - sus shall reign wher - e'er the sun does its suc -  
2 To him shall end - less prayer be made, and prais - es  
3 Peo - ple and realms of ev - 'ry tongue dwell on his  
4 Bless - ings a - bound wher - e'er he reigns: the pris - 'ners  
5 Let ev - 'ry crea - ture rise and bring pe - cu - liar



ces - sive jour - neys run; his king - dom stretch from  
throng to crown his head; his name like sweet per -  
love with sweet - est song; and in - fant voic - es  
leap to lose their chains, the wea - ry find e -  
hon - ors to our king; an - gels de - scend with



shore to shore, till moons shall wax and wane no more.  
fume shall rise with ev - 'ry morn - ing sac - ri - fice.  
shall pro - claim their ear - ly bless - ings on his name.  
ter - nal rest, and all who suf - fer want are blest.  
songs a - gain, and earth re - peat the loud a - men.

Text: Isaac Watts, 1674–1748, alt.

Music: DUKE STREET, attr. John Hatton, d. 1793

## How Firm a Foundation



1 How firm a foun - da - tion, O saints of the Lord,  
2 "Fear not, I am with you, oh, be not dis - mayed,  
3 "When through fi - 'ry tri - als your path - way shall lie,  
4 "Through - out all their life - time my peo - ple shall prove



is laid for your faith in Christ Je - sus, the Word!  
for I am your God and will still give you aid;  
my grace, all - suf - fi - cient, shall be your sup - ply.  
my sov - 'reign, e - ter - nal, un - change - a - ble love;



What more can he say than to you he has said  
I'll strength - en you, help you, and cause you to stand,  
The flames shall not hurt you; I on - ly de - sign  
and then, when gray hairs shall their tem - ples a - dorn,



who un - to the Sav - ior for ref - uge have fled?  
up - held by my righ - teous, om - nip - o - tent hand."  
your dross to con - sume and your gold to re - fine."  
like lambs they shall still in my bo - som be borne."

Text: J. Rippon, *A Selection of Hymns*, 1787, alt.  
Music: FOUNDATION, Early American

# Christ Is Alive! Let Christians Sing



1 Christ is a - live! Let Chris - tians sing. The cross stands  
2 Christ is a - live! No long - er bound to dis - tant  
3 In ev - 'ry in - sult, rift, and war, where col - or,  
4 Wom - en and men, in age and youth, can feel the  
5 Christ is a - live, and comes to bring good news to



emp - ty to the sky. Let streets and homes with  
years in Pal - es - tine, but sav - ing, heal - ing,  
scorn, or wealth di - vide, Christ suf - fers still, yet  
Spir - it, hear the call, and find the way, the  
this and ev - 'ry age, till earth and sky and



prais - es ring. Love, drowned in death, shall nev - er die.  
here and now, and touch - ing ev - 'ry place and time.  
loves the more, and lives, where e - ven hope has died.  
life, the truth, re - vealed in Je - sus, freed for all.  
o - cean ring with joy, with jus - tice, love, and praise.

Text: Brian A. Wren, b. 1936

Music: TRURO, T. Williams, *Psalmodia Evangelica*, 1789

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