



ZUMBRO

**LUTHERAN CHURCH
SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT**

December 9, 2018

8:30am

THE BLESSING OF
DISRU / **PTION**

Disruptions Can Reconnect Us to Who We Are

Welcome to Zumbro Lutheran Church!

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Our current sermon series is
“The Blessing of Disruption”

Today is the Second Sunday of Advent.

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.

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.

Story Time +PLUS+ is offered during the sermon for children three years old to fifth grade. They return to the sanctuary during the hymn following the sermon.

Please silence your phones at the start of worship.

GATHERING

PRELUDE

ONCE IN ROYAL DAVID'S CITY
BEL CANTO HANDBELL CHOIR

ARR. KEVIN MCCHESENEY

*As you prepare your heart for worship during the prelude, you are invited to pray:
Lord, keep me attentive to your coming today and always. Amen.*

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

CALL TO WORSHIP

ALL EARTH IS HOPEFUL



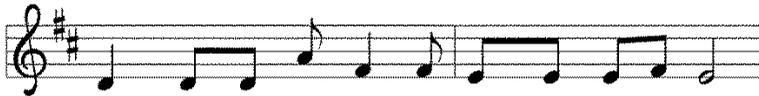
All earth is hope - ful, the Sav - ior comes at last!



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 and face the cross as it enters the sanctuary

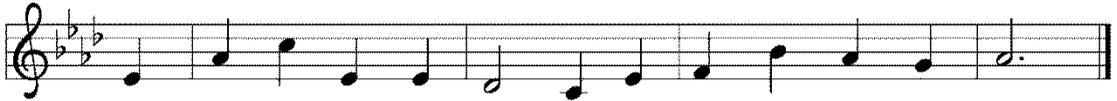
HYMN OF PRAISE

REJOICE, REJOICE, BELIEVERS

1 Re - joice, re - joice, be - liev - ers, and let your lights ap - pear;
 2 The watch - ers on the moun - tain pro - claim the bride - groom near;
 4 Our hope and ex - pec - ta - tion, O Je - sus, now ap - pear;
 the eve - ning is ad - vanc - ing, and dark - er night is near.
 go forth as he ap - proach - es with al - le - lu - ias clear.
 a - rise, O Sun so longed for, o'er this be - night - ed sphere.



The bride-groom is a - ris - ing and soon is draw - ing nigh.
 The mar - riage feast is wait - ing; the gates wide o - pen stand.
 With hearts and hands up - lift - ed, we plead, O Lord, to see



Up, pray and watch and wres - tle; at mid - night comes the cry.
 A - rise, O heirs of glo - ry; the bride-groom is at hand.
 the day of earth's re - demp - tion that sets your peo - ple free!

PRAYER OF THE DAY

L: God of light,

C: there are times when we lose track of who you have made us to be. Send your peace and salvation to free us from exile, and help us to see the new things you are doing in this season of hope. We pray this in Jesus' holy name. Amen.

you may be seated

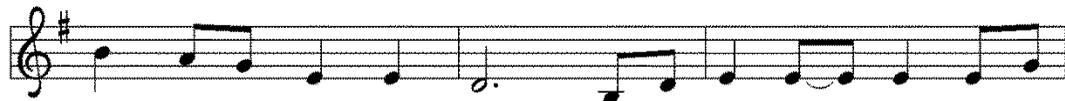
WORD

SCRIPTURE SONG

CANTICLE OF THE TURNING



From the halls of pow'r to the for - tress tow'r, not a



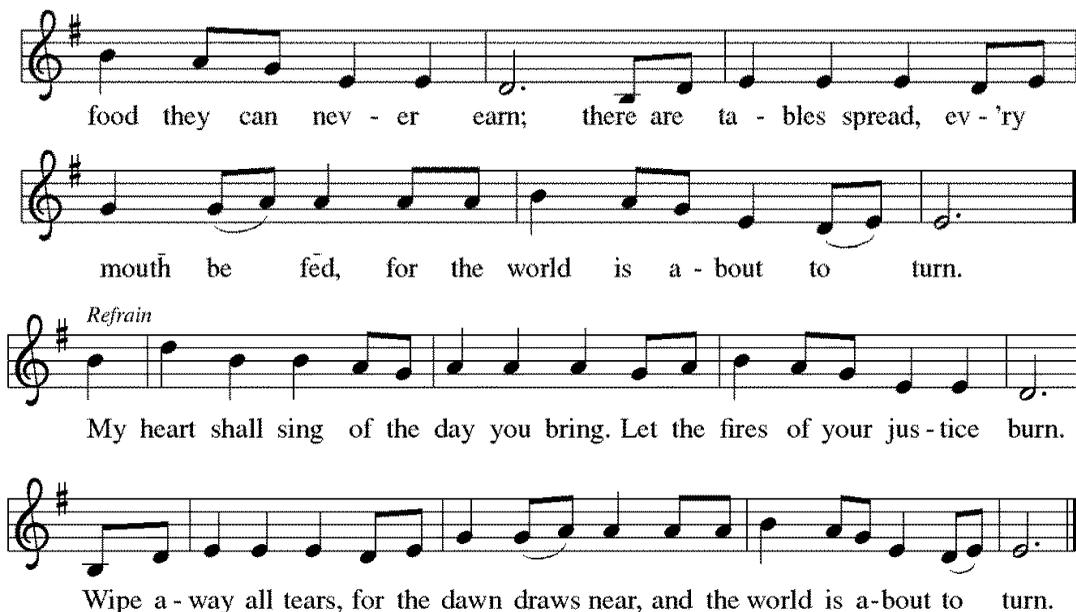
stone will be left on stone. Let the king be - ware for your



jus - tice tears ev - 'ry ty - rant . . . from his throne.



The hun - gry poor shall . . weep no more, for the



food they can nev - er earn; there are ta - bles spread, ev - 'ry
mouth be fed, for the world is 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 THE PROPHET TELLS OF NEW THINGS TO COME ISAIAH 42:1-9 NRSV

¹Here is my servant, whom I uphold, my chosen, in whom my soul delights; I have put my spirit upon him; he will bring forth justice to the nations. ²He will not cry or lift up his voice, or make it heard in the street; ³a bruised reed he will not break, and a dimly burning wick he will not quench; he will faithfully bring forth justice. ⁴He will not grow faint or be crushed until he has established justice in the earth; and the coastlands wait for his teaching. ⁵Thus says God, the LORD, who created the heavens and stretched them out, who spread out the earth and what comes from it, who gives breath to the people upon it and spirit to those who walk in it: ⁶I am the LORD, I have called you in righteousness, I have taken you by the hand and kept you; I have given you as a covenant to the people, a light to the nations, ⁷to open the eyes that are blind, to bring out the prisoners from the dungeon, from the prison those who sit in darkness. ⁸I am the LORD, that is my name; my glory I give to no other, nor my praise to idols. ⁹See, the former things have come to pass, and new things I now declare; before they spring forth, I tell you of them.

L: Holy wisdom. Holy word.

C: Thanks be to God.

STORY TIME

JANETTE REEVES

INSTRUMENTAL

O COME, O COME, EMMANUEL
ZUMBRO INTERGENERATIONAL BAND

ARR. JAMES CURNOW

SERMON

DISRUPTIONS CAN RECONNECT US
TO WHO WE ARE

PASTOR JASON BRYAN-WEGNER

please stand as you are able

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

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OFFERING

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ADVENT JOY

BEL CANTO HANDBELL CHOIR

ARR. BRIAN CHILDERS

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.

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 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 436

stanzas 1 and 3

WAKE, AWAKE, FOR NIGHT IS FLYING

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

HARK! THE HERALD ANGELS SING

TRADITIONAL CAROL

ZUMBRO INTERGENERATIONAL BAND AND BEL CANTO HANDBELL CHOIR

WORSHIP LEADERS TODAY

PROCLAIMER-Jason Bryan-Wegner; **WORSHIP LEADER**-Shelley Cunningham; **LECTOR**-Kathy Morton;
ORGANIST-Kristy Giere; **STORY TIME**-Janette Reeves; **ZUMBRO INTERGENERATIONAL BAND**-Kristy Giere, director; members include Sam Freimuth, Monica Robertson, Ashley Stortz, Mary Walls, clarinet; Tammera Bird, flute; Paul Bye, Daniel Rydberg, Jeremy Stortz, alto saxophone; Rena Hilleshiem, Maika Suzuki, tenor saxophone; Cassidy Tschida, French horn; Bob Freimuth, Luke Freimuth, Sam Frick, Alan Hansen, John Lieske, Isaiah Nordine, trumpet; Ron Elcombe, flugel horn; Chris Gade, Mark Kjer, baritone; Matt Hafar, trombone; Erik Kjer, tuba; Ralph Schornack, piano and organ; **HANDBELLS**-Bel Canto Handbell Choir, Kristy Giere, director; **GREETERS**-Amy Holtan, Olivia Jensen, Carol Noonan; **USHERS**-Janet and Chuck Carstensen, Vicki Erickson, Dorothea and Randy Fritz, Karen and Jeff Lansing

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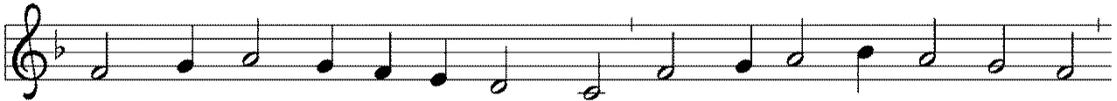
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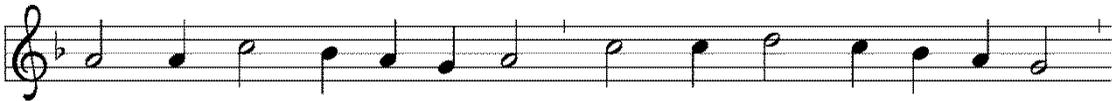
Comfort, Comfort Now My People



1 "Com - fort, com-fort now my peo - ple; tell of peace!" So says our God.
2 For the her-ald's voice is cry - ing in the des - ert far and near,
3 Straight shall be what long was crook - ed, and the rough - er plac - es plain.



Com-fort those who sit in dark - ness mourn-ing un - der sor - row's load.
call - ing us to true re - pen - tance, since the reign of God is here.
Let your hearts be true and hum - ble, as be-fits God's ho - ly reign.



To God's peo - ple now pro-claim that God's par - don waits for them!
Oh, that warn - ing cry o - bey! Now pre - pare for God a way.
For the glo - ry of the Lord now on earth is shed a - broad,



Tell them that their war is o - ver; God will reign in peace for-ev - er.
Val - leys, rise to greet the Sav - ior; hills, bow down in hum-ble fa - vor.
and all flesh shall see the to - ken that God's word is nev - er bro - ken.

Text: Johann G. Olearius, 1635–1711; tr. Catherine Winkworth, 1827–1878, alt.
Music: FREU DICH SEHR, *Trente quatre psaumes de David*, Geneva, 1551

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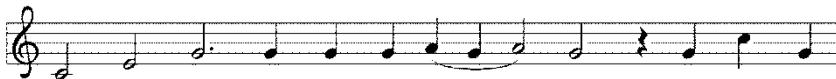
Wake, Awake, for Night Is Flying



1 Wake, a - wake, for night is fly - ing, the watch-men
 2 Zi - on hears the watch-men sing - ing, and all her
 3 Glo - ri - a! Let heav'n a - dore you! Let saints and



on the heights are cry - ing; a - wake, Je - ru - sa - lem, at last.
 heart with joy is spring-ing. She wakes, she ris - es from her gloom.
 an - gels sing be - fore you. with harp and cym-bal's clear-est tone.



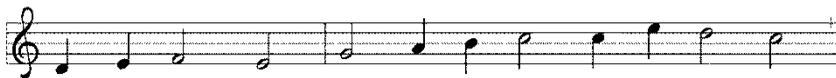
Mid - night hears the wel - come voic - es, and at the
 Her dear friend comes down, all glo - rious, the strong in
 Gates of pearl, twelve por - tals gleam - ing, lead us to



thrill-ing cry re - joic - es: "Come forth, you maid-ens! Night is past.
 grace, in truth vic - to - rious: her star is ris'n; her light is come.
 bliss be - yond all dream - ing, with an - gel choirs a - round your throne.



The bride - groom comes! A - wake; your lamps with glad - ness take!"
 Now come, O Bless - ed One, Lord Je - sus, God's own Son.
 No eye has caught the light, no ear the thun-d'ring might



Al - le - lu - ia! Rise and pre - pare the feast to share;
 Sing ho - san - na! Oh, hear the call! Come one, come all,
 of such glo - ry. There we will go: what joy we'll know!



go, meet the bride - groom, who draws near.
 and fol - low to the ban - quet hall.
 There sweet de - light will cv - er flow.

