



ZUMBRO

**LUTHERAN CHURCH
FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT**

December 23, 2018

8:30am

THE BLESSING OF
DISRUPTION

Expect to Change Course When Following God

Welcome to Zumbro Lutheran Church!

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Our current sermon series is
“The Blessing of Disruption”

We complete 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 have used biblical story telling to illustrate the ways the arrival of Jesus offers blessing through disruption and continues to change human history.

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.

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.

Please silence your phones at the start of worship.

GATHERING

PRELUDE

JOSEPH DEAREST, JOSEPH MINE
PATTY PELLIKKA, FLUTE

ARR. B. WAYNE BISBEE

*As you prepare your heart for worship during the prelude, you are invited to pray:
Loving God, Christ is coming soon. Make room in my heart for him to lead me. Amen.*

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

CALL TO WORSHIP

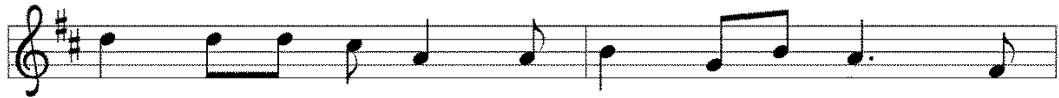
ALL EARTH IS HOPEFUL



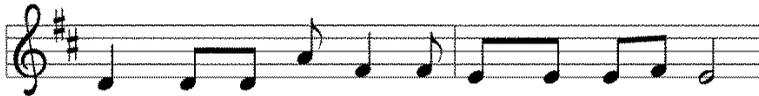
All earth is hope - ful, the Sav - ior comes at last!



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.

please stand and face the cross as it enters the sanctuary

HYMN 257

O COME, O COME, EMMANUEL

stanzas 1-4

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.

C: And also with you.

HYMN OF PRAISE

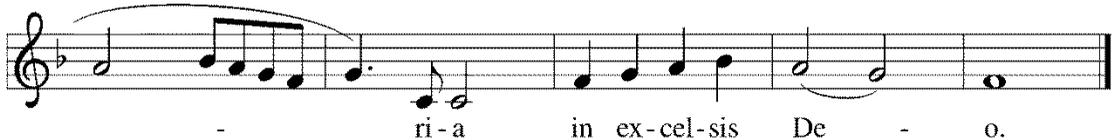
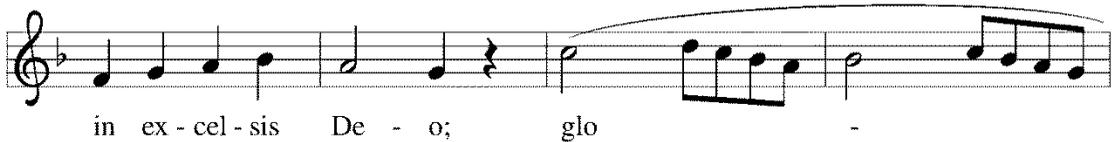
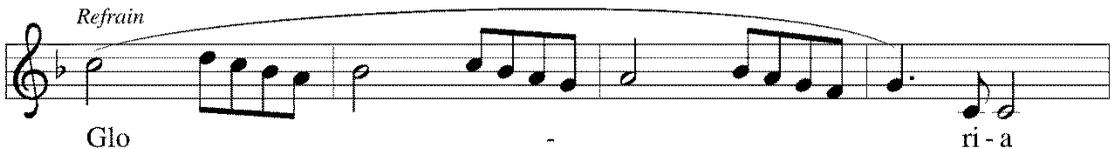
ANGELS WE HAVE HEARD ON HIGH



1 An - gels we have heard on high, sweet - ly sing - ing o'er the plains,
2 Shep-herds, why this ju - bi - lee? Why your joy - ous strains pro - long?
3 Come to Beth - le - hem and see him whose birth the an - gels sing;



and the moun-tains in re - ply, ech - o - ing their joy - ous strains.
What the glad - some tid - ings be which in - spire your heav'n - ly song?
come, a - dore on bend - ed knee Christ the Lord, the new - born king.



PRAYER OF THE DAY

L: God of new life,

C: We have waited for a long time, for your hope, for your joy, for your love to come into our all too distracted lives. Yet we hesitate to conform our lives to your will. Give us courage, like Joseph, to change course when you call, and faith that you are with us when we do not know what the future holds, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

please stand as you are able

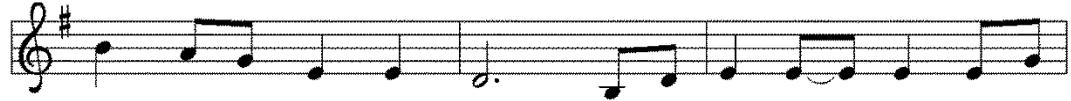
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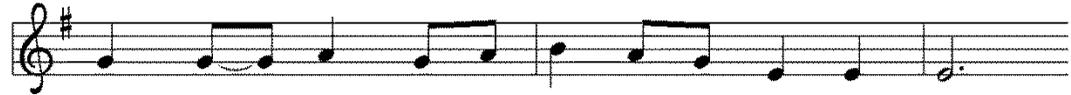
CANTICLE OF THE TURNING



Though I am small, my . . . Ġod, my all, you . . .



work great . . things in me, and your mer - cy will last from the



depths of the past to the end of the age to be.



Your ver - y name puts the proud to šhame, and to



those who would for you yearn, you will show your might, put the



strong to flight, 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.

Now the birth of Jesus the Messiah took place in this way. When his mother Mary had been engaged to Joseph, but before they lived together, she was found to be with child from the Holy Spirit. ¹⁹Her husband Joseph, being a righteous man and unwilling to expose her to public disgrace, planned to dismiss her quietly. ²⁰But just when he had resolved to do this, an angel of the Lord appeared to him in a dream and said, "Joseph, son of David, do not be afraid to take Mary as your wife, for the child conceived in her is from the Holy Spirit. ²¹She will bear a son, and you are to name him Jesus, for he will save his people from their sins." ²²All this took place to fulfill what had been spoken by the Lord through the prophet: ²³"Look, the virgin shall conceive and bear a son, and they shall name him Emmanuel," which means, "God is with us." ²⁴When Joseph awoke from sleep, he did as the angel of the Lord commanded him; he took her as his wife, ²⁵but had no marital relations with her until she had borne a son; and he named him Jesus.

L: The Gospel of Our Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

you may be seated

STORY TIME

JANETTE REEVES

ANTHEM

JOSEPH DEAREST, JOSEPH MINE

ARR. JAMES KIRBY

ZUMBRO LUTHERAN CHOIR

"Joseph dearest, Joseph mine, help me rock the Child divine;
God reward thee and all that's thine in paradise," so prays the mother Mary.

"Gladly, dear one, lady mine, I will rock this child of thine;
Heav'nly light on us shall shine in paradise, as prays the mother Mary."

Sweet and lovely little one, princely, beauteous God's own Son,
without thee were we all undone: Our love is won by thine, O Son of Mary.

Heav'nly Child, thou Lord of all, meanly housed in ox's stall,
Free our souls in Satan's thrall: on thee we call, thou blessed Son of Mary.

SERMON

EXPECT TO CHANGE COURSE
WHEN FOLLOWING GOD

PASTOR JASON BRYAN-WEGNER

HYMN 295

OF THE FATHER'S LOVE BEGOTTEN

stanzas 1-4

SACRAMENT OF HOLY BAPTISM

WILLIAM JAMES MARTENSON, SON OF MARIA BACHMAN AND JIMMY MARTENSON

L: God, who is rich in mercy and love, gives us a new birth into a living hope through the sacrament of baptism. By water and the Word, God delivers us from sin and death and raises us to new life in Jesus Christ. We are united with all the baptized in the one body of Christ, anointed with the gift of the Holy Spirit, and joined in God's mission for the life of the world.

Maria and Jimmy, do you desire to have William baptized into Christ?

Parents: We do.

L: As you bring him to receive the gift of baptism, you are entrusted with responsibilities: to live with him among God's people, bring him to the word of God and the holy supper, teach him the Lord's Prayer, the Creed, and the Ten Commandments, place in his hands the holy scriptures, and nurture him in faith and prayer. Do you promise to help William grow in the Christian faith and life?

Parents: We do.

L: Sponsors, do you promise to nurture William in the Christian faith as you are empowered by God's spirit, and to help him live in the covenant of baptism and in communion with the church?

Sponsors: We do.

L: People of God, do you promise to support William and pray for him in his new life in Christ?

C: We do.

please stand as you are able

L: I ask you to profess your faith in Christ Jesus, and confess the faith of the church. Do you believe in God the Father?

C: I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

L: Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?

C: 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.

L: Do you believe in the Holy Spirit?

C: 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.

L: Pour out your Holy Spirit, the power of your living Word, that those who are washed in the waters of baptism may be given new life. To you be given honor and praise through Jesus Christ our Lord, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, now and forever.

C: Amen.

you may be seated

L: William James, you are baptized in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

C: (*sing*) Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

L: Let us pray. We give you thanks, O God, that through water and the Holy Spirit you give your daughters and sons new birth, cleanse them from sin, and raise them to eternal life. Sustain William with the gift of your Holy Spirit: the spirit of wisdom and understanding, the spirit of counsel and might, the spirit of knowledge and the fear of the Lord, the spirit of joy in your presence, both now and forever.

C: Amen.

L: William James, child of God, you have been sealed by the Holy Spirit and marked with the cross of Christ forever.

Jesus said, "I am the light of the world. Whoever follows me will have the light of life."
Let us welcome the newly baptized.

C: We welcome you into the body of Christ and into the mission we share: join us in giving thanks and praise to God and bearing God's creative and redeeming word to all the world.

THANKSGIVING

please pass the Connection Pad in the pew

OFFERING

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Your giving makes a difference. Thank you.

THE FATHER'S LOVE

12TH CENT. PLAINSONG/15TH CENT. GERMAN,

ZUMBRO LUTHERAN CHOIR

ARR. WILLIAM ROGER PRICE

Of the Father's love begotten, ere the worlds began to be,
He is Alpha and Omega, he the source, the ending he,
Of the things that are, that have been, and that future years shall see,
Evermore and evermore.

Lo, how a rose e'er blooming from tender stem hath sprung.
Of Jesse's lineage coming, as men of old have sung.
It came, a flow'ret bright, amid the cold of winter,
When half-spent was the night.

This flower, whose fragrance tender with sweetness fills the air.
Dispels with glorious splendor, the darkness everywhere.
True man but very God, from sin and death he saves us,
And lightens every load.

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 267

stanzas 1, 2, 4

JOY TO THE WORLD

please turn and face the cross as it exits the sanctuary

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

FROM HEAVEN ABOVE TO EARTH I COME

ARR. WILBUR HELD

WORSHIP LEADERS TODAY

PROCLAIMER-Jason Bryan-Wegner; **WORSHIP LEADERS**-Shelley Cunningham, Lisa Kipp; **LECTOR**-Ruth Stoeckel; **ORGANIST**-Kristy Giere; **INSTRUMENTAL**-Patty Pellikka, flute; **SINGING**-Zumbro Lutheran Choir, Bob Giere, director; **GREETERS**-Maggie Bartels, Alice Benedett; **USHERS**-Bruce Horazdovsky, Karen and Jeff Lansing, Kathy Lawrence, Jim Martenson, Luanne Wussow

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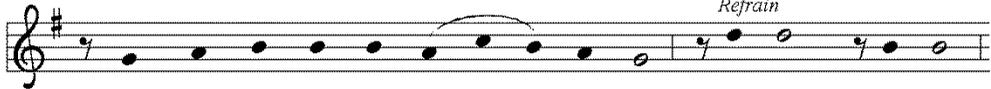
O Come, O Come, Emmanuel



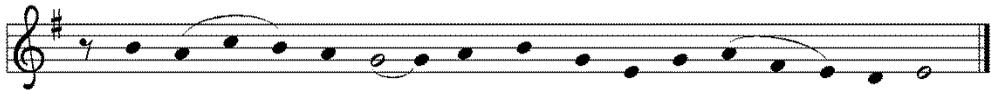
1 O come, O come, Em - man - u - el, and ran - som cap - tive
 2 O come, O Wis - dom from on high, em - brac - ing all things
 3 O come, O come, O Lord of might, as to your tribes on
 4 O come, O Branch of Jes - se, free your own from Sa - tan's



Is - ra - el, that mourns in lone - ly ex - ile here
 far and nigh: in strength and beau - ty come and stay;
 Si - nai's height in an - cient times you gave the law
 tyr - an - ny; from depths of hell your peo - ple save,



un - til the Son of God ap - pear.
 teach us your will and guide our way. Re-joyce! Re-joyce!
 in cloud, and maj - es - ty, and awe.
 and give them vic - t'ry o'er the grave.



Em - man - u - el shall come to you, O Is - ra - el.

Of the Father's Love Begotten



1 Of the Fa - ther's love be - got - ten ere the worlds be -
 2 Oh, that birth for - ev - er bless - ed, when the vir - gin,
 3 This is he whom seers in old time chant - ed of with
 4 Let the heights of heav'n a - dore him; an - gel hosts, his
 5 Christ, to thee, with God the Fa - ther, and, O Ho - ly



gan to be, he is Al - pha and O - me - ga,
 full of grace, by the Ho - ly Ghost con - ceiv - ing,
 one ac - cord, whom the voic - es of the proph - ets
 prais - es sing; pow'rs, do - min - ions, bow be - fore him
 Ghost, to thee, hymn and chant and high thanks - giv - ing



he the source, the end - ing he, of the things that are, that
 bore the Sav - ior of our race, and the babe, the world's re -
 prom - ised in their faith - ful word; now he shines, the long - ex -
 and ex - tol our God and King; let no tongue on earth be
 and un - wea - ried prais - es be: hon - or, glo - ry, and do -



have been, and that fu - ture years shall see,
 deem - er, first re - vealed his sa - cred face,
 pect - ed; let cre - a - tion praise its Lord
 si - lent, ev - 'ry voice in con - cert ring
 min - ion, and e - ter - nal vic - to - ry



ev - er - more and ev - er - more.
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 ev - er - more and ev - er - more.
 ev - er - more and ev - er - more! A - men.

Joy to the World



1 Joy to the world, the Lord is come! Let earth re -
 2 Joy to the earth, the Sav - ior reigns! Let all their
 3 No more let sin and sor - row grow nor thorns in -
 4 He rules the world with truth and grace and makes the



ceive her king; let ev - 'ry heart pre - pare him
 songs em - ploy, while fields and floods, rocks, hills, and
 fest the ground; he comes to make his bless - ings
 na - tions prove the glo - ries of his righ - teous -



room and heav'n and na - ture sing, and heav'n and na - ture
 plains re - peat the sound-ing joy, re - peat the sound-ing
 flow far as the curse is found, far as the curse is
 ness and won - ders of his love, and won - ders of his

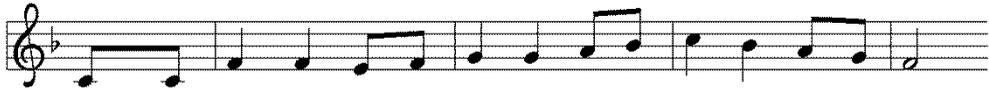


sing, and heav'n, and heav'n and na - ture sing.
 joy, re - peat, re - peat the sound - ing joy.
 found, far as, far as the curse is found.
 love, and won - ders, won - ders of his love.

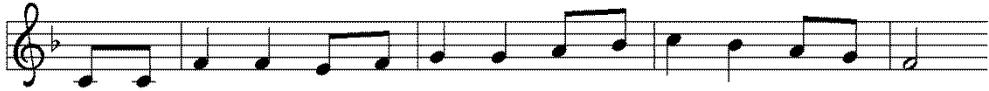
Text: Isaac Watts, 1674–1748

Music: ANTIOCH, English melody, 18th cent.; arr. Lowell Mason, 1792–1872

Infant Holy, Infant Lowly



1 In - fant ho - ly, in - fant low - ly, for his bed a cat - tle stall;
2 Flocks were sleep - ing, shep - herds keep - ing vig - il till the morn - ing new



ox - en low - ing, lit - tle know - ing Christ the child is Lord of all.
saw the glo - ry, heard the sto - ry, tid - ings of a gos - pel true.



Swift - ly wing - ing, an - gels sing - ing, bells are ring - ing, tid - ings bring - ing:
Thus re - joic - ing, free from sor - row, prais - es voic - ing, greet the mor - row:



Christ the child is Lord of all! Christ the child is Lord of all!
Christ the child was born for you! Christ the child was born for you!

Text: Polish carol; tr. Edith M. G. Reed, 1885–1933, alt.
Music: W ŻŁOBIE LEŻY, Polish carol



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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