



January 5, 2020

8:30am and 10:30am



**This Week's Big Idea:  
Jesus' Reputation Spreads**

# Welcome to Zumbro Lutheran Church!

SUNDAY, JAN. 5, 2020

Our current sermon series is

## “Following Jesus to Surprising Places”

The Gospel of Mark was likely the first gospel to be written. Unlike Luke and Matthew, Mark forgoes any stories of Jesus’ birth and instead starts with the story of his baptism. After forty days of testing in the wilderness, Jesus arrives in Galilee with some really good news. Soon he’s inviting ordinary people – including fishermen, tax collectors, and others – to come and follow him. They become his disciples.

Our sermon series this winter will pick up the story of those disciples as they’re *Following Jesus to Surprising Places*. The action is fast-paced. Mark uses the word “immediately” a lot. Jesus heals the sick and his reputation begins to spread. Before long, Jesus attracts the attention of the religious leaders, and they vow to keep an eye on him. As readers, we wonder where this story is heading and what will be the cost for Jesus and his followers. Clearly, there’s a lot on the line.

There is a monitor in the lounge for anyone to watch a live broadcast of the service.

Our 8:30am service is live-streamed and posted online.

Please silence your cell phones and pagers.

## GATHERING

PRELUDE

DEAREST JESUS, WE ARE HERE  
SHANNON EDD, FLUTE

ARR. KENNETH T. KOSCHE

*As you prepare your heart for worship during the prelude, you are invited to pray:*  
God, give me focus to dwell on your word, an openness to hear your call,  
and a willing spirit to glorify you in all that I say and do. Amen.

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

*please stand as you are able*

## CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

L: Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God,  
Love from the beginning, Word made flesh, Breath of heaven.

**C: Amen.**

L: Let us confess our sinfulness before God and one another, trusting in God's endless mercy and love.

*silence for reflection and self-examination*

L: Merciful God,

**C: we confess that we are not perfect. We have said and done things we regret.**

**We have tried to earn your redeeming grace, while denying it to others.**

**We have resisted your call to be your voice in the world. Forgive us, loving God.**

**Give us your righteousness, the strength to put aside our failures, and the courage to try again.**

L: Dear people of God, hear the good news: Christ the Savior is born! You are loved and forgiven in the name of † Jesus, who has come among us. You are freed from proving that you deserve to be loved, because God's love is given to you as the most precious gift of all. Rejoice in this love and share it with the world.

**C: Amen.**

*please turn and face the cross as it enters the sanctuary*

## HYMN 314

## ARISE, YOUR LIGHT HAS COME!

*you may be seated*

## GREETING

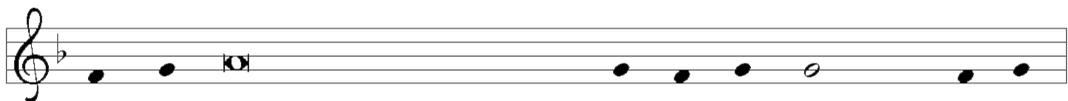
L: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

**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

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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.

# THIS IS THE FEAST

*Refrain*



This is the feast of vic - to - ry for our God. Al - le -



lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.



1 Wor - thy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose blood set us



free to be peo - ple of God. Pow - er, rich - es, wis - dom, and



strength, and hon - or, bless - ing, and glo - ry are his.

*Refrain*



This is the feast of vic - to - ry for our God. Al - le -



lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.



2 Sing with all the peo - ple of God, and join in the



hymn of all cre - a - tion: Bless - ing, hon - or, glo - ry, and



might be to God and the Lamb for - ev - er. A - men.

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*Final refrain*



This is the feast of vic - to - ry for our God,  
 for the Lamb who was slain has be - gun his reign.  
 Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

### PRAYER OF THE DAY

L: Compassionate God,

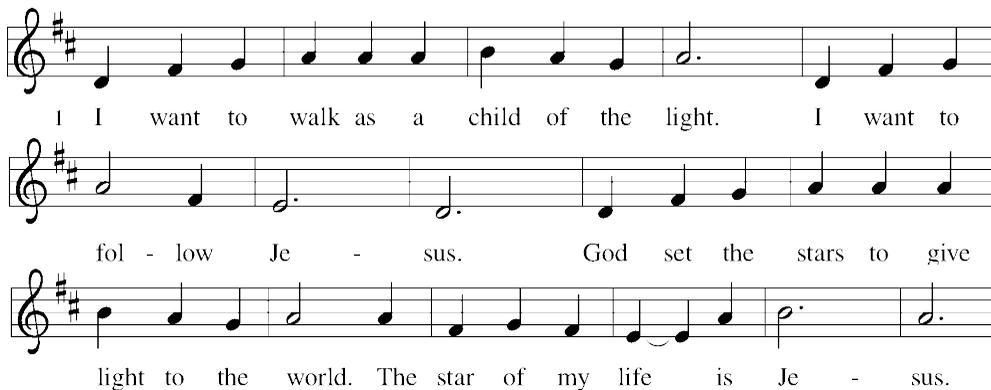
**C: you call us to love deeply. Give us the strength we need to love one another, to love your creation, and to love you with all our heart. As we do, may you be glorified, and may your kingdom come here on earth, in the name of Christ, our king, Amen.**

## WORD

*please stand as you are able*

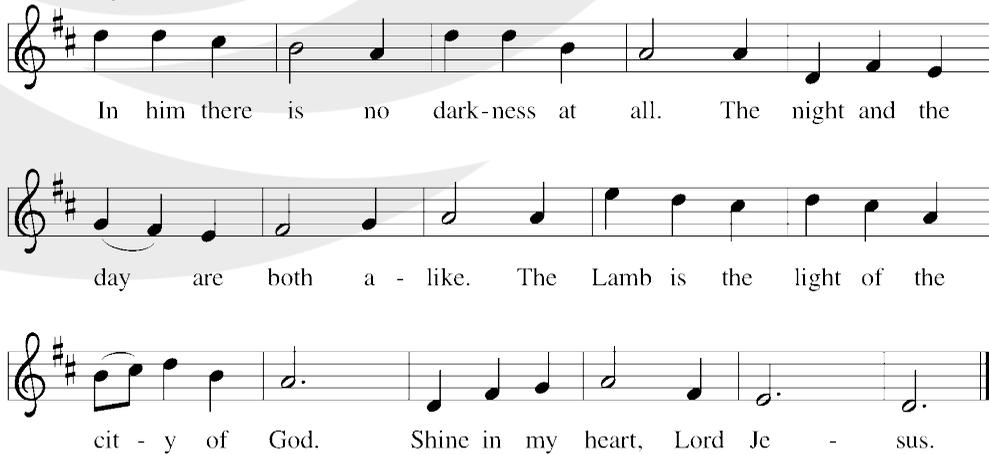
### SCRIPTURE SONG

### I WANT TO WALK AS A CHILD OF THE LIGHT



I want to walk as a child of the light. I want to  
 fol - low Je - sus. God set the stars to give  
 light to the world. The star of my life is Je - sus.

*Refrain*



In him there is no dark-ness at all. The night and the day are both a - like. The Lamb is the light of the cit - y of God. Shine in my heart, Lord Je - sus.

**BIBLE READING**

1 PETER 4:7-19 NRSV

<sup>21</sup>They went to Capernaum; and when the sabbath came, he entered the synagogue and taught. <sup>22</sup>They were astounded at his teaching, for he taught them as one having authority, and not as the scribes. <sup>23</sup>Just then there was in their synagogue a man with an unclean spirit, <sup>24</sup>and he cried out, "What have you to do with us, Jesus of Nazareth? Have you come to destroy us? I know who you are, the Holy One of God." <sup>25</sup>But Jesus rebuked him, saying, "Be silent, and come out of him!" <sup>26</sup>And the unclean spirit, convulsing him and crying with a loud voice, came out of him. <sup>27</sup>They were all amazed, and they kept on asking one another, "What is this? A new teaching—with authority! He commands even the unclean spirits, and they obey him." <sup>28</sup>At once his fame began to spread throughout the surrounding region of Galilee.

<sup>29</sup>As soon as they left the synagogue, they entered the house of Simon and Andrew, with James and John. <sup>30</sup>Now Simon's mother-in-law was in bed with a fever, and they told him about her at once. <sup>31</sup>He came and took her by the hand and lifted her up. Then the fever left her, and she began to serve them. <sup>32</sup>That evening, at sunset, they brought to him all who were sick or possessed with demons. <sup>33</sup>And the whole city was gathered around the door. <sup>34</sup>And he cured many who were sick with various diseases, and cast out many demons; and he would not permit the demons to speak, because they knew him.

<sup>35</sup>In the morning, while it was still very dark, he got up and went out to a deserted place, and there he prayed. <sup>36</sup>And Simon and his companions hunted for him. <sup>37</sup>When they found him, they said to him, "Everyone is searching for you." <sup>38</sup>He answered, "Let us go on to the neighboring towns, so that I may proclaim the message there also; for that is what I came out to do." <sup>39</sup>And he went throughout Galilee, proclaiming the message in their synagogues and casting out demons.

<sup>40</sup>A leper came to him begging him, and kneeling he said to him, "If you choose, you can make me clean." <sup>41</sup>Moved with pity, Jesus stretched out his hand and touched him, and said to him, "I do choose. Be made clean!" <sup>42</sup>Immediately the leprosy left him, and he was made clean. <sup>43</sup>After sternly warning him he sent him away at once, <sup>44</sup>saying to him, "See that you say nothing to anyone; but go, show yourself to the priest, and offer for your cleansing what Moses commanded, as a testimony to them." <sup>45</sup>But he went out and began to proclaim it freely, and to spread the word, so that Jesus could no longer go into a town openly, but stayed out in the country; and people came to him from every quarter.

L: The Gospel of our Lord.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

*you may be seated*

## STORY TIME

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SERMON

JESUS' REPUTATION SPREADS

PASTOR VERN CHRISTOPHERSON

*please stand if you are able*

HYMN 638

BLESSED ASSURANCE

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*

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

L: Trusting that God hears us, let us pray for the church, the world, and all those in need.

*a brief silence*

L: Hear us, O God.

*After each petition the congregation responds:*

**C: Your mercy is great.**

L: Confident that you are able to accomplish more than we even dare to ask, we bring these prayers before you, believing in your saving grace revealed in Jesus Christ our Lord.

**C: Amen.**

PEACE

*you may be seated*

# MEAL

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

## OFFERING

*Do 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.*

(8:30)

O MORNING STAR, HOW FAIR AND BRIGHT

ARR. ALLAN MAHNKE

(10:30)

WALK IN THE LIGHT

ZUMBRO LUTHERAN CHOIR

TRADITIONAL,  
ARR. ANDRÉ THOMAS

We'll walk in the light, beautiful light,  
come where the dew-drops of mercy shine bright.  
Shine all around us by day and by night, Jesus, the Light of the world.  
Hark! The herald angels sing, Jesus, the Light of the world;  
"Glory to the newborn King." Jesus, the Light of the world.  
Walk in the light, beautiful light, come where the dew-drops of mercy shine bright.  
Shine all around us by day and by night, Jesus, the Light of the world.  
Hail the heav'n-born Prince of Peace! Jesus, the Light of the world;  
"Christ, the everlasting Lord! Jesus, the Light of the world.  
Walk in the light, beautiful light, come where the dewdrops of mercy shine bright.  
Shine all around us by day and by night, Jesus, the Light of the world.

## GREAT THANKSGIVING

L: The Lord be with you.

**C: And also with you.**

L: Lift up your hearts.

**C: We lift them to the Lord.**

L: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**C: It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

## WORDS OF INSTITUTION

## LORD'S PRAYER

L: Lord, teach us to pray:

**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.**

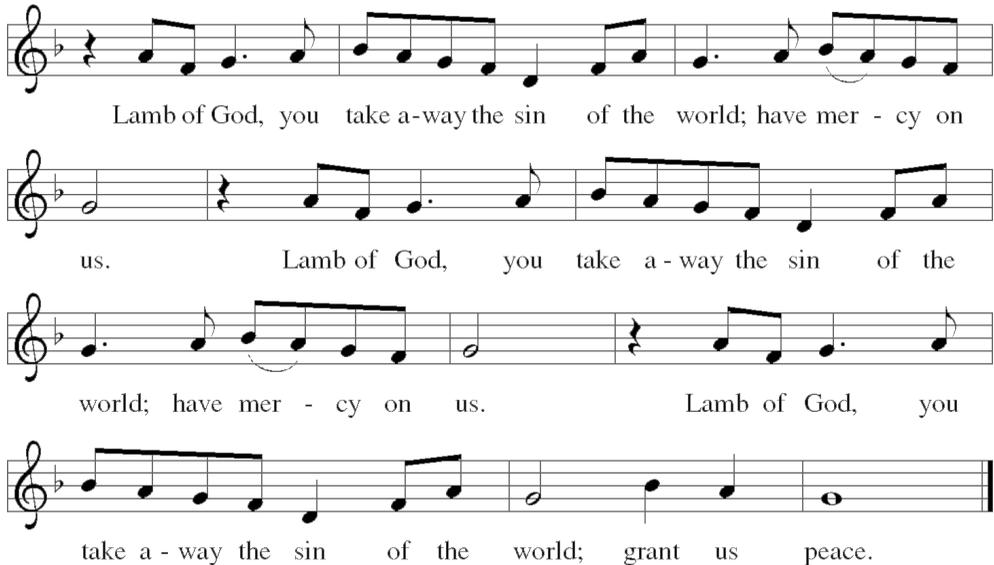
## INVITATION TO THE TABLE

L: Come now with joy to Emmanuel's table. Feast at the banquet of hope and love.

## COMMUNION OF THE PEOPLE

- We invite to the table all who hunger for Jesus.
- We will serve communion at stations; the ushers will direct you.
- If you prefer wine, take an empty cup from the serving tray and it will be filled from the pouring chalice.
- If you prefer grape juice, take a filled cup from the center of the serving tray.
- Gluten-free wafers are available upon request.
- Children who do not yet commune are welcome to come forward for a blessing.
- If you are unable to come forward to receive the sacrament and would like a server to bring it to you at your seat, please tell an usher when your row is invited to go forward.
- Today we bless the bread and wine that will be brought by Care Ministers to those homebound members who are unable to be at worship. This offers our absent members a means of participating in the worship of the whole assembly.
- Following communion, if you would like to receive a prayer for healing for yourself or someone you know, please stop at a prayer station.

## LAMB OF GOD



Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world; have mer - cy on  
us. Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the  
world; have mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, you  
take a - way the sin of the world; grant us peace.

(8:30) INTONATION AND REFLECTION ON I WANT TO WALK AS A CHILD OF THE LIGHT

SHANNON EDD, FLUTE

ARR. ANNE KRENTZ ORGAN

(10:30)

JESUS! NAME OF WONDROUS LOVE!

ROBERT J. POWEL

ZUMBRO LUTHERAN CHOIR

At the Name of Jesus, every knee shall bow,  
Every tongue confess Him King of glory now;  
It is his pleasure we should call Him Lord,  
Who from the beginning was the mighty Word.

Humbled for a season, to receive a name  
From the lips of sinners unto whom He came,  
Gladly He bore it spotless to the last,  
Brought it back victorious when from death He passed.

Bore it up triumphant with its human light,  
Through all ranks of creatures, to the central height,  
Before the throne and to the Father's breast;  
Filled it with the glory of that perfect rest.

In your hearts enthrone Him; there let Him subdue  
All that is not holy, all that is not true;  
Crown as your Captain in temptation's hour;  
Let His will enfold you in its light and power.

## SENDING

*please stand as you are able*

### BENEDICTION

L: May Christ, the wisdom and power of God, and the source of our life together, keep you united in mind and purpose. And the blessing of almighty God, the Father, the † Son, and the Holy Spirit, be with you always.

**C: Amen**

### HYMN 860

### I'M SO GLAD JESUS LIFTED ME

*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

### HOW BRIGHTLY SHINES THE MORNING STAR

ARR. ROBERT H. HOBBY

## WORSHIP LEADERS TODAY

**PROCLAIMER**-Vern Christopherson; **WORSHIP LEADERS**- ; **LECTORS**-Noel Peterson (8:30am); Meridith Dunn (10:30am); **STORY TIME**- ; **ORGANIST**-Kristy Giere; **SINGING**-Zumbro Lutheran Choir (10:30am), Bob Giere, director; Ralph Schornack, Kristy Giere, accompanists; **INSTRUMENTAL**-Shannon Edd, flute; **USHERS**-Helen and Phil Erickson, Russell Johnson, Bill Miller, Richard Miller, Lyle Solem, Les Thronson (8:30am); Gloria and Ron Bonnicksen, Vickie Gullickson, Jo Meyer, Pat O'Leary, Leone Trygstad (10:30am); **GREETERS**-Helen Erickson (8:30am); (10:30am); **CROSS BEARERS**- (8:30am); Lori Windhorst (10:30am)

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