



January 12, 2020

8:30am and 10:30am



Following  
**JESUS** to  
**SURPRISING**  
Places

**This Week's Big Idea:**  
**Jesus Pushes Boundaries**

# Welcome to Zumbro Lutheran Church!

SUNDAY, JAN. 12, 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.

Special thanks to David Erickson for creating the beautiful mural at the front of the sanctuary. The inspiration for the mural is the spread of the news of Jesus and his teaching as told in the book of Mark. Concentric lines symbolize the spreading of the word of Jesus, while the greens reflect the epiphany theme of growing in our faith.

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

THE GIFT OF LOVE  
PAUL BYE, ALTO SAXOPHONE

ARR. MARK ALBRECHT

*As you prepare your heart for worship during the prelude, you are invited to pray:*  
Loving God, lead me to the surprising places of grace and hope as I worship you today.  
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 670

## BUILD US UP. LORD

*you may be seated*

## GREETING

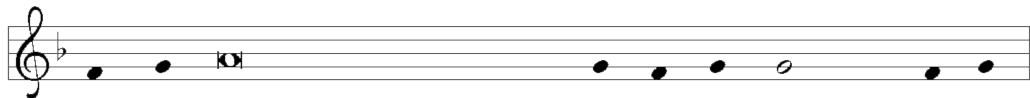
L: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

**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.

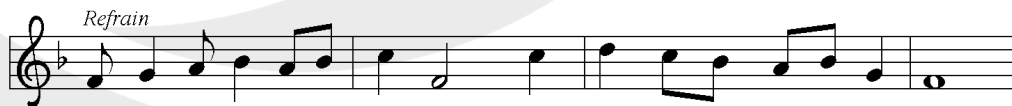
**L:** For this holy house, and for all who offer here their wor-ship and praise,

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



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



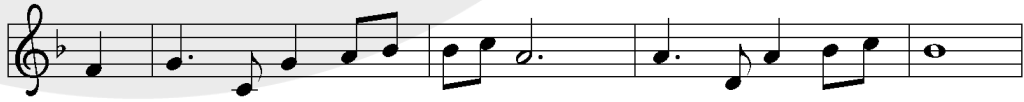
God, you take a-way the sin of the world: have mer-cy on us; you are



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.



Glo-ry to God in the high - est, and peace to God's peo-ple on earth.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

L: Forgiving God,

**C: You lead us to surprising places when we follow you. When we fail, you pick us up. When we doubt, you surround us with the faith of others. No obstacle is too big for your love. Even when we think there is no room for us, you make room for forgiveness and healing. Give us confidence in your power to forgive and empower us to continue in the journey of faith. In Jesus' name. Amen.**

INSTRUMENTAL

OPEN YOUR EARS, O FAITHFUL PEOPLE

ARR. MARK ALBRECHT

PAUL BYE, ALTO SAXOPHONE

# WORD

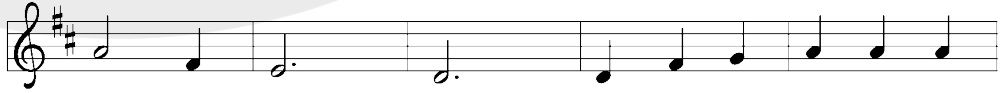
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## SCRIPTURE SONG

## 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.

When he returned to Capernaum after some days, it was reported that he was at home. <sup>2</sup>So many gathered around that there was no longer room for them, not even in front of the door; and he was speaking the word to them. <sup>3</sup>Then some people came, bringing to him a paralyzed man, carried by four of them. <sup>4</sup>And when they could not bring him to Jesus because of the crowd, they removed the roof above him; and after having dug through it, they let down the mat on which the paralytic lay. <sup>5</sup>When Jesus saw their faith, he said to the paralytic, "Son, your sins are forgiven." <sup>6</sup>Now some of the scribes were sitting there, questioning in their hearts, <sup>7</sup>"Why does this fellow speak in this way? It is blasphemy! Who can forgive sins but God alone?" <sup>8</sup>At once Jesus perceived in his spirit that they were discussing these questions among themselves; and he said to them, "Why do you raise such questions in your hearts? <sup>9</sup>Which is easier, to say to the paralytic, 'Your sins are forgiven,' or to say, 'Stand up and take your mat and walk'? <sup>10</sup>But so that you may know that the Son of Man has authority on earth to forgive sins"—he said to the paralytic— <sup>11</sup>"I say to you, stand up, take your mat and go to your home." <sup>12</sup>And he stood up, and immediately took the mat and went out before all of them; so that they were all amazed and glorified God, saying, "We have never seen anything like this!"

<sup>13</sup> Jesus went out again beside the sea; the whole crowd gathered around him, and he taught them. <sup>14</sup> As he was walking along, he saw Levi son of Alphaeus sitting at the tax booth, and he said to him, "Follow me." And he got up and followed him.

<sup>15</sup> And as he sat at dinner in Levi's house, many tax collectors and sinners were also sitting with Jesus and his disciples—for there were many who followed him. <sup>16</sup> When the scribes of the Pharisees saw that he was eating with sinners and tax collectors, they said to his disciples, "Why does he eat with tax collectors and sinners?" <sup>17</sup> When Jesus heard this, he said to them, "Those who are well have no need of a physician, but those who are sick; I have come to call not the righteous but sinners."

<sup>18</sup> Now John's disciples and the Pharisees were fasting; and people came and said to him, "Why do John's disciples and the disciples of the Pharisees fast, but your disciples do not fast?" <sup>19</sup> Jesus said to them, "The wedding guests cannot fast while the bridegroom is with them, can they? As long as they have the bridegroom with them, they cannot fast. <sup>20</sup> The days will come when the bridegroom is taken away from them, and then they will fast on that day. <sup>21</sup> No one sews a piece of unshrunk cloth on an old cloak; otherwise, the patch pulls away from it, the new from the old, and a worse tear is made. <sup>22</sup> And no one puts new wine into old wineskins; otherwise, the wine will burst the skins, and the wine is lost, and so are the skins; but one puts new wine into fresh wineskins."

L: The Gospel of our Lord.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

*you may be seated*



SERMON

JESUS PUSHES BOUNDARIES

PASTOR JASON BRYAN-WEGNER

*please stand as you are able*

HYMN 817

YOU HAVE COME DOWN TO THE LAKESHORE

*stanzas 1-3*

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

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I WILL EXALT YOU, O MY LORD (PSALM 30)  
 SAM SIMATAA, SOLOIST

AARON DAVID MILLER

I will exalt you, O my Lord.  
 You have lifted me up; you have saved me.  
 I will exalt you, O my Lord.

My heart sings to you; my sorrow's turned to dancing.  
 You have clothed me in joy. My heart sings to you;  
 My sorrow's turned to dancing, I will give you thanks forevermore.

I will exalt you, O my Lord.  
 You have lifted me up; You have saved me.  
 I will exalt you, O my Lord.

## 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.**

## LORD'S PRAYER

L: Lord, teach us to pray:

**C: Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us. Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours, now and forever. Amen.**

## 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 726

## LIGHT DAWNS ON A WEARY WORLD

*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

## HOLY, HOLY, HOLY

ARR. MICHAEL BURKHARDT

## WORSHIP LEADERS

**PROCLAIMER**-Jason Bryan-Wegner; **WORSHIP LEADER**-Vern Christopherson; **LECTORS**-Ruth Stoeckel (8:30am); Lester Horntvedt (10:30am); **STORY TIME**-Janette Reeves; **ORGANIST**-Kristy Giere; **SINGING**-Sam Simataa; **INSTRUMENTAL**-Paul Bye, alto saxophone; **USHERS**-Helen and Phil Erickson, Russell Johnson, Bill Miller, Richard Miller, Lyle Solem, Les Thronson (8:30am); Gary Austin, Todd Lichty, Jim Martenson, Richard Nelson, Bev and Larry Radtke (10:30am); **GREETERS**-Maggie Bartels, Cheryl and Brayden McKane (8:30am); Wanda Rasch (10:30am); **CROSS BEARERS**-Luanne Wussow (8:30am); Sarah Perrotti (10:30am)

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