



February 9, 2020

8:30am



Following
JESUS to
SURPRISING
Places



This Week's Big Idea:
Jesus Starts to Count the Cost

Welcome to Zumbro Lutheran Church!

SUNDAY, FEB. 9, 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.

In today’s reading Jesus faces increasing opposition to his ministry. He’s rejected in his hometown of Nazareth. And soon after, his mentor, John, is put to death by King Herod. In the midst of the conflict, Jesus starts to count the cost of his efforts to usher in the kingdom of God.

We welcome our friends at Luther College. A special welcome to President Jennifer Ward; Campus Pastor Annie Edison-Albright; trumpet instructor, Jon Ailabouni; Executive Director of the Center for Global Learning, John Lund, and to Norskkor under the direction of Mark Potvin. We are grateful to have you participating in our worship this morning.

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.

Young children are most welcome with us at worship. If needed, the nursery is available and staffed during all services. Please ask an usher for directions.

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

Please silence your cell phones and pagers.

GATHERING

PRELUDE

ARIA

FLOR PEETERS

JON AILABOUNI, TRUMPET

As you prepare your heart for worship during the prelude, you are invited to pray:
Lord, lead me into worship and praise for you that I may follow you wherever you send me.
In Jesus name, Amen.

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

please stand as you are able and face the cross as it enters the sanctuary

HYMN 880

O GOD BEYOND ALL PRAISING

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.

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: God of surprises,

C: you send us out in faith, and sometimes without much else. Give us confidence to trust your leading and give us faith to proclaim your good news and to offer peace wherever we go. When troubles arise help us to hold on to the promise of forgiveness and new life found in your Son, our Savior, Jesus Christ. Amen.

ANTHEM

COME, LET'S REJOICE

JOHN AMNER

ZUMBRO LUTHERAN CHOIR

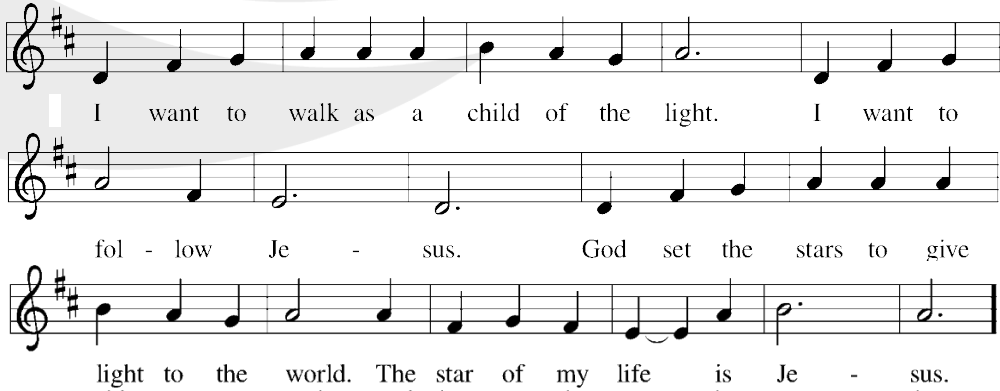
Come, let's rejoice unto our Lord, let us make joy to God our Savior.
Let us approach God's presence in confession, and in psalms.
Let us make joy to God. Alleluia!

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

MARK 6:1-29 NRSV

He [Jesus] left that place and came to his hometown, and his disciples followed him. ²On the sabbath he began to teach in the synagogue, and many who heard him were astounded. They said, "Where did this man get all this? What is this wisdom that has been given to him? What deeds of power are being done by his hands! ³Is not this the carpenter, the son of Mary and brother of James and Joses and Judas and Simon, and are not his sisters here with us?" And they took offense at him. ⁴Then Jesus said to them, "Prophets are not without honor, except in their hometown, and among their own kin, and in their own house." ⁵And he could do no deed of power there, except that he laid his hands on a few sick people and cured them. ⁶And he was amazed at their unbelief.

Then he went about among the villages teaching. ⁷He called the twelve and began to send them out two by two, and gave them authority over the unclean spirits. ⁸He ordered them to take nothing for their journey except a staff; no bread, no bag, no money in their belts; ⁹but to wear sandals and not to put on two tunics. ¹⁰He said to them, “Wherever you enter a house, stay there until you leave the place. ¹¹If any place will not welcome you and they refuse to hear you, as you leave, shake off the dust that is on your feet as a testimony against them.” ¹²So they went out and proclaimed that all should repent. ¹³They cast out many demons, and anointed with oil many who were sick and cured them.

¹⁴King Herod heard of it, for Jesus’ name had become known. Some were saying, “John the baptizer has been raised from the dead; and for this reason these powers are at work in him.” ¹⁵But others said, “It is Elijah.” And others said, “It is a prophet, like one of the prophets of old.” ¹⁶But when Herod heard of it, he said, “John, whom I beheaded, has been raised.”

¹⁷For Herod himself had sent men who arrested John, bound him, and put him in prison on account of Herodias, his brother Philip’s wife, because Herod had married her. ¹⁸For John had been telling Herod, “It is not lawful for you to have your brother’s wife.” ¹⁹And Herodias had a grudge against him, and wanted to kill him. But she could not, ²⁰for Herod feared John, knowing that he was a righteous and holy man, and he protected him. When he heard him, he was greatly perplexed; and yet he liked to listen to him. ²¹But an opportunity came when Herod on his birthday gave a banquet for his courtiers and officers and for the leaders of Galilee. ²²When his daughter Herodias came in and danced, she pleased Herod and his guests; and the king said to the girl, “Ask me for whatever you wish, and I will give it.” ²³And he solemnly swore to her, “Whatever you ask me, I will give you, even half of my kingdom.” ²⁴She went out and said to her mother, “What should I ask for?” She replied, “The head of John the baptizer.” ²⁵Immediately she rushed back to the king and requested, “I want you to give me at once the head of John the Baptist on a platter.” ²⁶The king was deeply grieved; yet out of regard for his oaths and for the guests, he did not want to refuse her. ²⁷Immediately the king sent a soldier of the guard with orders to bring John’s head. He went and beheaded him in the prison, ²⁸brought his head on a platter, and gave it to the girl. Then the girl gave it to her mother. ²⁹When his disciples heard about it, they came and took his body, and laid it in a tomb.

L: The Gospel of our Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

you may be seated

SERMON

JESUS STARTS TO COUNT THE COST

PASTOR ANNE EDISON-ALBRIGHT
LUTHER COLLEGE CAMPUS PASTOR

please stand as you are able

HYMN 798

WILL YOU COME AND FOLLOW ME

stanzas 1-3, 5

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

GREETING

JOHN LUND
EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF THE CENTER FOR GLOBAL LEARNING,
LUTHER COLLEGE

OFFERING

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THE PEACE OF GOD

BOOK OF COMMON PRAYER (1962);

ZUMBRO LUTHERAN CHOIR

MUSIC BY JOHN RUTTER

The peace of God, which passeth all understanding,
Keep your hearts and minds in the knowledge and love of God,
And of his Son Jesus Christ our Lord: and the blessing of God Almighty,
The Father, the Son, and the Holy Ghost,
Be amongst you and remain with you always. Amen.

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 843

PRAY THE ONE WHO BREAKS THE DARKNESS

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 FESTIVAL PROCESSIONAL ON PRAISE TO THE LORD, THE ALMIGHTY ARR. JOHN EGGERT
JON AILABOUNI, TRUMPET

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