



Summer Worship Series:
**DIDN'T SEE IT
COMING**

Why So Many Of Us Feel So Alone

Welcome to Zumbro Lutheran Church!

SUNDAY, JUNE 14, 2020

Our sermon series for June and July is entitled, “Didn’t See It Coming.” With COVID-19 keeping us closer to home, we’re going to spend some time looking inward. The topics will include things like cynicism, compromise (in a not-so-good way), and disconnection. Hopefully these topics will hit home and provide some guidance for our daily lives. We’re confident that, with help from God and some effort on our part, we can change course. The goal is to live the thoughtful, purposeful lives that God intends for us.

In 2019 a study revealed 50% of the 20,000 Americans surveyed reported “feeling alone, left out, and isolated”. Health experts named this “the epidemic of loneliness”. Some medical experts say that this epidemic is as bad for our health as smoking 15 cigarettes a day and worse than being obese. At the same time, through the miracle of technology, we have more ways of being connected than ever before. So why are so many feeling alone and how might a parable from Jesus about 100 sheep help us engage this question?

Worship will continue to be streamed online. It will also be broadcast on the radio at 1520AM. You’re invited to Wednesday Worship online at 6:15pm.

GATHERING MUSIC

THIS LITTLE LIGHT OF MINE

ARR. MARK ALBRECHT

*As you prepare your heart for worship during the gathering music,
you are invited to breathe and pray several times:*

Inhale: I find rest

Exhale: in Your shelter.

(From Psalm 103:4-5)

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

L: Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God, whose steadfast love is everlasting, whose faithfulness endures from generation to generation.

C: Amen.

L: Trusting in the mercy of God, let us confess our sin.

silence for reflection and self-examination

L: Reconciling God,

C: we confess that we do not trust your abundance, and we deny your presence in our lives. We place our hope in ourselves and rely on our own efforts. We fail to believe that you provide enough for all. We abuse your good creation for our own benefit. We fear difference and do not welcome others as you have welcomed us. We sin in thought, word, and deed. By your grace, forgive us; through your love, renew us; and in your Spirit, lead us; so that we may live and serve you in newness of life.

L: Beloved of God, by the radical abundance of divine mercy we have peace with God through † Christ Jesus, through whom we have obtained grace upon grace. Our sins are forgiven. Let us live now in hope. For hope does not disappoint, because God's love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

HYMN

SAVIOR, LIKE A SHEPHERD LEAD US

**Savior, like a shepherd lead us;
much we need your tender care.
In your pleasant pastures feed us,
for our use your fold prepare.
Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus,
you have bought us; we are yours.
Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus,
you have bought us; we are yours.**

**We are yours; in love befriend us,
be the guardian of our way;
keep your flock, from sin defend us,
seek us when we go astray.
Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus,
hear us children when we pray.
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hear us children when we pray.**

**You have promised to receive us,
poor and sinful though we be;
you have mercy to relieve us,
grace to cleanse, and pow'r to free.
Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus,
early let us turn to you.
Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus,
early let us turn to you.**

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

HIDDEN WITH CHRIST

RICHARD BRUXVOORT-COLLIGAN



Hid-den with Christ, hid - den with Christ, all of us deep with-in God's heart.



*end here
last time*

Hid-den with Christ, hid-den with Christ, all of us deep with-in God's heart.



We are the wit - nes - ses of gos - pel pos - si - bil - it - y,
Called from our wan - der - ing, and claimed— with our his - tor - y,



lov - ing the world, liv - ing in mys - ter - y.
voice of our home, whis - per of mys - ter - y.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

L: Good Shepherd,

C: there is no where we can go that you will not find us and nothing that we can do that your grace cannot redeem and make whole. Transform us into a holy community that leaves no one behind and where each person is seen, heard, and called beloved. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

SCRIPTURE SONG

LORD, LET MY HEART BE GOOD SOIL



Lord, let my heart be good soil, o-pen to the seed of your word.



Lord, let my heart be good soil, where love can grow and peace is un-der-stood.



When my heart is hard, break the stone a - way. When my heart is cold,



warm it with the day. When my heart is lost, lead me on your way.



Lord, let my heart, Lord, let my heart, Lord, let my heart be good soil.

BIBLE READING

LUKE 15:1-7 NRSV

Now all the tax collectors and sinners were coming near to listen to him. ²And the Pharisees and the scribes were grumbling and saying, “This fellow welcomes sinners and eats with them.”

³So he told them this parable: ⁴“Which one of you, having a hundred sheep and losing one of them, does not leave the ninety-nine in the wilderness and go after the one that is lost until he finds it? ⁵When he has found it, he lays it on his shoulders and rejoices. ⁶And when he comes home, he calls together his friends and neighbors, saying to them, ‘Rejoice with me, for I have found my sheep that was lost.’ ⁷Just so, I tell you, there will be more joy in heaven over one sinner who repents than over ninety-nine righteous persons who need no repentance.

L: The Gospel of our Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

STORYTIME

JANETTE REEVES

SERMON

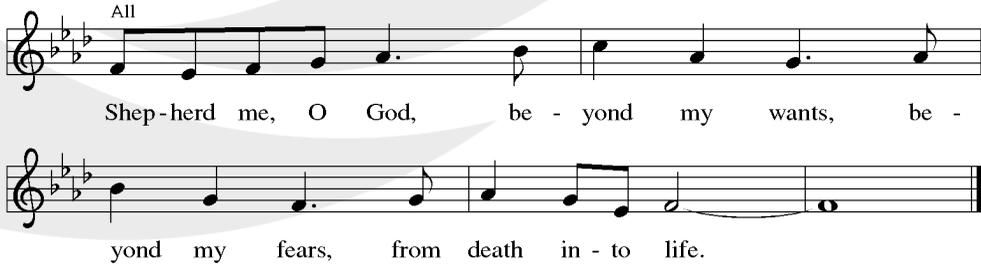
WHY SO MANY OF US FEEL SO ALONE

JEN GRUENDLER

HYMN

SHEPHERD ME, O GOD

All



Shep-herd me, O God, be - yond my wants, be -
yond my fears, from death in - to life.

Songleaders: God is my shepherd, so nothing shall I want,
I rest in the meadows of faithfulness and love,
I walk by the quiet waters of peace. *Refrain*

Gently you raise me and heal my weary soul,
you lead me by pathways of righteousness and truth,
my spirit shall sing the music of your name. *Refrain*

Though I should wander the valley of death,
I fear no evil, for you are at my side,
your rod and your staff, my comfort and my hope. *Refrain*

You have set me a banquet of love
in the face of hatred,
crowning me with love beyond my pow'r to hold. *Refrain*

Surely your kindness and mercy follow me
all the days of my life;
I will dwell in the house of my God forevermore. *Refrain*

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.

(A PRAYER-SONG IN THE TIME OF THE COVID-19 PANDEMIC)

KELSEY O'LEARY, SOLOIST

Refrain

O shelter me, O shelter me: The way ahead is dark and difficult to see.

O shelter me, O shelter me: All will be well if only you will shelter me.

Shepherd and sheep, my God and I: to fresh green fields you led my steps in days gone by.

You gave me rest by quiet springs and filled my soul with peace your loving presence brings.

Refrain

Yet now I tread a different way; death dogs my path with stealthy steps from day to day.

I cannot find your peaceful place but dwell in dreary darkness, longing for your face. *Refrain*

I will look back in days to come and realize your faithfulness has led me home.

Within your house I'll find my peace, trusting that in your mercy you have sheltered me. *Refrain*

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

L: Called into unity with one another and the whole creation, let us pray for our shared world.

After each petition the congregation responds:

L: Hear us, O God.

C: Your mercy is great.

L: Receive these prayers, O God, and those too deep for words; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

C: Amen.

LORD'S PRAYER

L: Lord, draw us close to you and 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.

BLESSING

L: Neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor rulers, nor things present, nor things to come, nor powers, nor height, nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus. God, the creator, ✝ Jesus, the Christ, and the Holy Spirit, the comforter, bless you and keep you in eternal love.

C: Amen.

HYMN

AMAZING GRACE, HOW SWEET THE SOUND

**Amazing grace! how sweet the sound
that saved a wretch like me!
I once was lost, but now am found;
was blind, but now I see.**

**'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear,
and grace my fears relieved;
how precious did that grace appear
the hour I first believed!**

**Through many dangers, toils, and snares
I have already come;
'tis grace has brought me safe thus far,
and grace will lead me home.**

**The Lord has promised good to me;
his word my hope secures;
he will my shield and portion be
as long as life endures.**

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.**

SENDING MUSIC

AMAZING GRACE

ARR. JIM BRICKMAN

Prayers for Healing: Rachel Arol, Delphine Burt

Sympathy to:

Kamen (Aisha Saad) Makuer and Mary Ijong on the death of their mother, Elizabeth Akoi Atier.

To watch a live webcast of Pastor John Trelstad's funeral on Thursday, June 18, at 10am, go to <https://www.washburn-mcreavy.com/obituaries/John-Trelstad/>

WORSHIP LEADERS TODAY

PROCLAIMER-Jen Gruendler; **WORSHIP ASSISTANT**-Vern Christopherson; **STORYTIME**-Janette Reeves;

LECTOR-Elizabeth Cozine; **PIANIST**-Kristy Giere; **SOLOIST**-Kelsey O'Leary; **SONGLEADERS**-Janette Reeves, Kelsey O'Leary

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