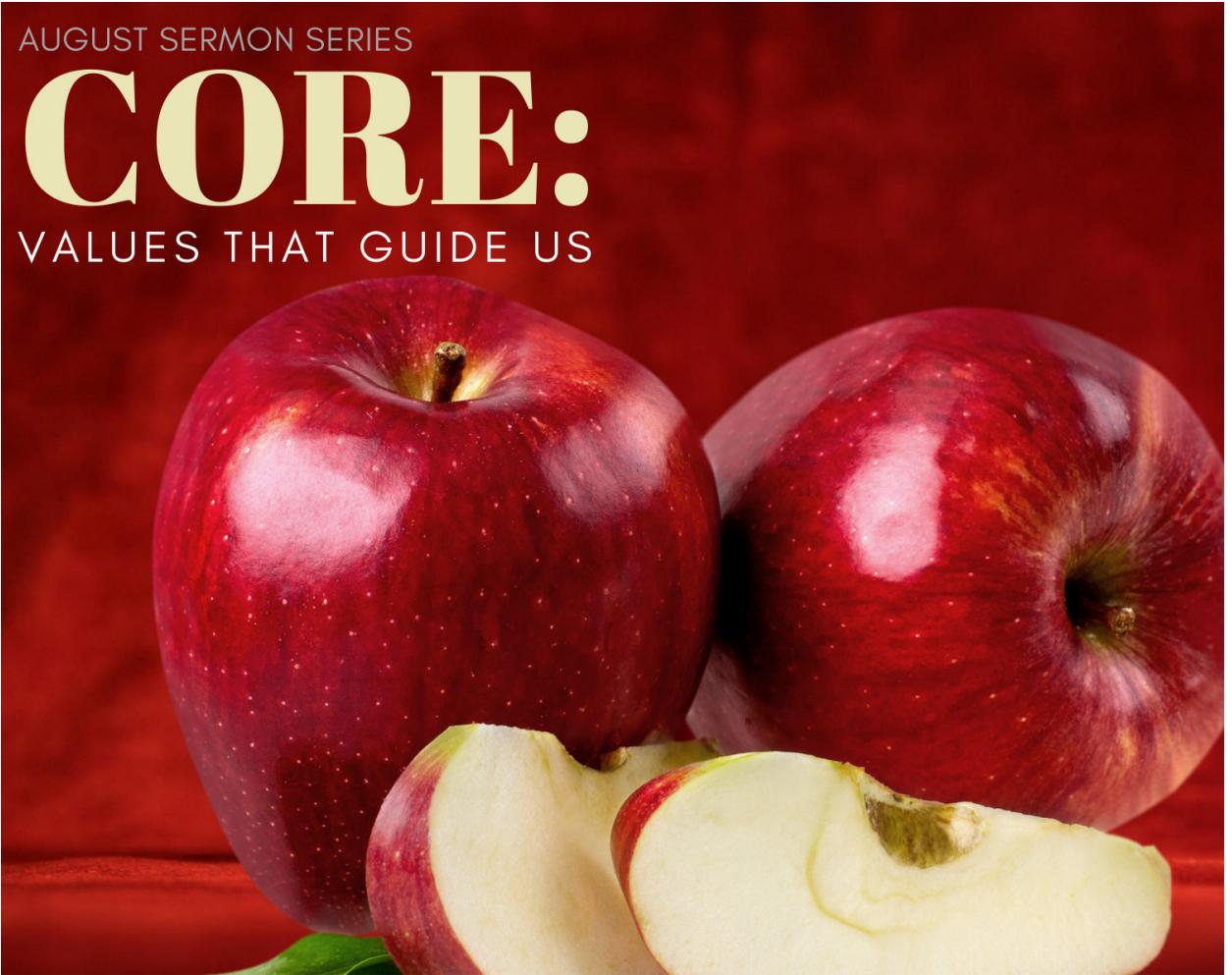


AUGUST SERMON SERIES

CORE:

VALUES THAT GUIDE US



Jesus is the Center of Our Life Together

Welcome to Zumbro Lutheran Church!

SUNDAY, AUGUST 2, 2020

During the month of August we are doing a sermon series on Zumbro's core values. The title of the series is *Values That Guide Us*.

Zumbro's Core Values are inspired by our mission statement. They are:

- Jesus is the center of our life together.
- Everyone is welcome here.
- Worship changes us.
- Following Jesus is a lifelong journey.
- We are sent to serve.

Our core values are the basic elements of how we go about our ministry and mission. They are the practices to which we strive in everything we do. Admittedly, some of these values are actual and some are aspirational, but in that they are inspired by our mission statement, they help form the center of all we say and do.

Our focus this week is **Jesus is the Center of Our Life Together**.

By this we mean: *Everything we do is in response to God's love for us in Jesus. Much like the Magi who followed the star to Bethlehem, we feel called to join the journey of faith. This journey gives us a purpose and leads us to a life beyond ourselves.*

Worship will continue to be streamed online. It will also be broadcast on the radio at 1520AM.

We will be taking a break from Wednesday Worship in August, but will return this fall in a new way.

GATHERING MUSIC

ARISE, YOUR LIGHT HAS COME

ARR. RALPH SCHORNACK

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

Jesus, come close to me as I worship today. Remind me of your love.
Let that love be the inspiration for my life. Amen.

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

L: God of all wonders, you have set us humans under the swirling stars and among the wild winds, hoping that—in your love—we will grow deep, sustaining roots.

C: Though we get lost among our schedules and phones and emails and lists and, in the process, we forget our roots.

L: For the sake of living hopefully, remind us that your love has no end.

C: We forget what's most important.

L: For the sake of living joyfully, remind us to care for one another.

C: We forget to be kind.

L: For the sake of living peacefully, remind us that we are fragile.

C: We forget to protect ourselves and others.

L: For the sake of living faithfully, remind us that your creation is holy.

C: We forget our responsibility to care for it.

L: For the sake of living powerfully, remind us of your peace.

C: Forgive us, loving God.

L: God of wonders, be with us. We need your forgiveness. Help us see and believe that Jesus is the center of our life together.

C: Amen.

HYMN

ARISE, YOUR LIGHT HAS COME!

**Arise, your light has come!
The Spirit's call obey;
show forth the glory of your God
which shines on you today.**

**Arise, your light has come!
Fling wide the prison door;
proclaim the captive's liberty,
good tidings to the poor.**

**Arise, your light has come!
All you in sorrow born,
bind up the brokenhearted ones
and comfort those who mourn.**

**Arise, your light has come!
The mountains burst in song!
Rise up like eagles on the wing,
God's pow'r will make us strong.**

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

LORD, BE GLORIFIED



1 In my life, Lord, be glo - ri - fied, be glo - ri - fied;
 2 In our song, Lord, be glo - ri - fied, be glo - ri - fied;
 3 In your church, Lord, be glo - ri - fied, be glo - ri - fied;
 4 In your world, Lord, be glo - ri - fied, be glo - ri - fied;



in my life, Lord, be glo - ri - fied to - day.
 in our song, Lord, be glo - ri - fied to - day.
 in your church, Lord, be glo - ri - fied to - day.
 in your world, Lord, be glo - ri - fied to - day.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

L: Holy and loving God,

C: we feel your care and concern for our world in Jesus, your Son. Like the Magi who followed the star to Bethlehem, we look for meaning and purpose on the journey of faith. Give us values that guide us on the journey. Help us to center our life together in Jesus. 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.

In the time of King Herod, after Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea, wise men from the East came to Jerusalem, ² asking, “Where is the child who has been born king of the Jews? For we observed his star at its rising, and have come to pay him homage.” ³ When King Herod heard this, he was frightened, and all Jerusalem with him; ⁴ and calling together all the chief priests and scribes of the people, he inquired of them where the Messiah was to be born. ⁵ They told him, “In Bethlehem of Judea; for so it has been written by the prophet:

⁶ ‘And you, Bethlehem, in the land of Judah, are by no means least among the rulers of Judah;

for from you shall come a ruler who is to shepherd my people Israel.’”

⁷ Then Herod secretly called for the wise men and learned from them the exact time when the star had appeared. ⁸ Then he sent them to Bethlehem, saying, “Go and search diligently for the child; and when you have found him, bring me word so that I may also go and pay him homage.” ⁹ When they had heard the king, they set out; and there, ahead of them, went the star that they had seen at its rising, until it stopped over the place where the child was. ¹⁰ When they saw that the star had stopped, they were overwhelmed with joy. ¹¹ On entering the house, they saw the child with Mary his mother; and they knelt down and paid him homage. Then, opening their treasure chests, they offered him gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh. ¹² And having been warned in a dream not to return to Herod, they left for their own country by another road.

L: The gospel of our Lord

C: Thanks be to God.

SERMON

JESUS IS THE CENTER OF OUR LIFE TOGETHER

PASTOR VERN CHRISTOPHERSON

HYMN

JESUS LOVES ME!

**Jesus loves me! this I know,
for the Bible tells me so;
little ones to him belong,
they are weak, but he is strong.**

Refrain **Yes, Jesus loves me,
yes, Jesus loves me,
yes, Jesus loves me,
the Bible tells me so.**

**Jesus loves me! he who died
heaven’s gates to open wide;
he will wash away my sin,
let his little child come in.** *Refrain*

**Jesus loves me! he will stay
close beside me all the way;
when at last I come to die,
he will take me home on high.** *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.

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.

BAPTISM VIDEO – MAEVE CLARE SPERLING

Child of Alissa Lawler and Erik Sperling

Sponsors: Lindsey and Adam Lawler

EXPRESSIONS OF GRATITUDE

ABIDE IN ME

KATHRYN HORNTVEDT

MUSIC BY KATHRYN HORNTVEDT;

TEXT FROM JOHN 15, I CORINTHIANS 13, AND

PHILIPPIANS 4

Chorus I am the vine and you are the branches
Abide in me and I in you
Love one another as I have loved you
That my joy in you may be full

God is our Gift-Giver who gives you to each other
To delight in and to love in a still more excellent way

God is our Cross Bearer who shows us how to love
Bear each other's burdens and so fulfill the love of Christ

God is our Comforter whose wisdom, the love of the world,
Will cradle your union in the peace which passes all understanding

SHARING OF PEACE

Those with smart phones are encouraged to text a message of peace to someone in your life.

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

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.

INVITATION TO SHARE IN THE MEAL AT HOME

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

L: God of the welcome table, in this meal we have feasted on your goodness and have been united by your presence among us. Empower us to go forth sustained by these gifts so that we may share your neighborly love with all, through Jesus Christ, the giver of abundant life.

C: 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

JESUS SHALL REIGN

**Jesus shall reign where'er the sun
does its successive journeys run;
his kingdom stretch from shore to shore,
till moons shall wax and wane no more.**

**To him shall endless prayer be made,
and praises throng to crown his head;
his name like sweet perfume shall rise
with ev'ry morning sacrifice.**

**People and realms of ev'ry tongue
dwell on his love with sweetest song;
and infant voices shall proclaim
their early blessings on his name.**

**Blessings abound where'er he reigns:
the pris'ners leap to lose their chains,
the weary find eternal rest,
and all who suffer want are blest.**

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

JESUS SHALL REIGN

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Sympathy to:

Marion Alborn on the death of her husband, Jerry. His funeral was held on July 31 at Oakwood Cemetery Chapel.

Kristy (Bob) Giere, Erikka Giere, Alysson (Joel) Pehoski, and family on the death of their mother/grandmother, Ardis Witte. Her memorial service was held August 1 at Ranfranz & Vine Funeral Homes Chapel.

Lois Johnson on the death of her husband, Lowell Johnson.

WORSHIP LEADERS TODAY

PROCLAIMER-Pastor Vern Christopherson; **WORSHIP ASSISTANT**-Pastor Shelley Cunningham; **LECTOR**-Kate Campbell; **PIANIST**-Ralph Schornack; **SONGLEADER**-Janette Reeves; **SOLOIST**-Kathryn Horntvedt

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