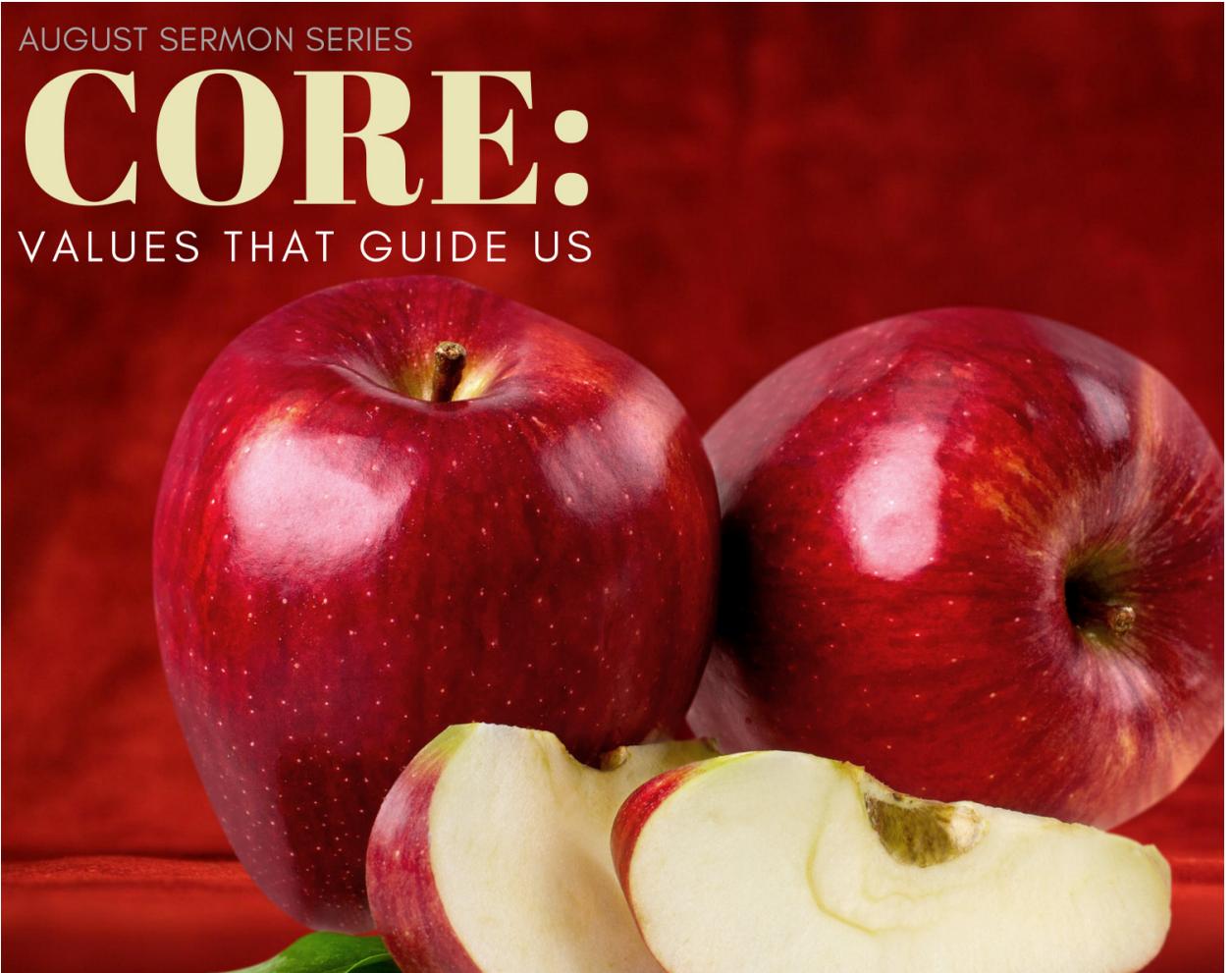


AUGUST SERMON SERIES

CORE:

VALUES THAT GUIDE US



Everyone is Welcome Here

Welcome to Zumbro Lutheran Church!

SUNDAY, AUGUST 9, 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 **Everyone Is Welcome Here**.

By this we mean: *Jesus brings all kinds of people together to be the church. Through the cross and resurrection of Christ, barriers to God's love are broken down and bridges of understanding and peace are built up. We seek to be a community where every is valued and finds a place to belong.*

Jesus' encounter with a tax collector named Zacchaeus raised all sorts of eyebrows. At its core, it's about making space for someone who at first glance doesn't seem to fit in. What can we learn from this story about what it means to welcome others? And how might it shape who we are as a community of faith?

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 HORN CONCERTO NO. 2, K. 417 (MVT. I: ALLEGRO MAESTOSO)
COREY HENKE, HORN; SUSAN HENKE, PIANO

W. A. MOZART

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

Thank you for making room for me in your family, Lord Jesus. Amen.

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

- L: Jesus said, "Go therefore into the main streets, and invite everyone you find to the wedding banquet" (Matthew 22:9).
- C: Does he include the rush-hour traffic of our busiest city streets? Or is this the language of a peaceful little parable in a slow and sleepy day?**
- L: The day and the command are ours. The church is a fellowship that is drawn to God but at the same time is thrust into the maelstrom of human living. We are not meant to isolate ourselves from one another or to insulate ourselves against another's need.
- C: We are to be open. We are not asked to select. It is for us to bring them in. "Everyone you find"—what could be simpler than that?**
- L: God has no favorites. This is a hard lesson for us to learn. Most of us were reared within protective walls, fenced in by provincial attitudes.
- C: We had favorite places and people, special customs to bind us to our families and communities. These ties were good and necessary, especially when we were very young, in order that we should feel secure. But our very securities can become our prisons.**
- L: God is not fenced in. God is "generous to all who call upon him" (Romans 12:12).
- C: We dare not exclude when God has included all. We are not the keepers of the Door.**
- L: The banquet hall of salvation has not changed. It is well prepared.
- C: Its doors are all open, the guest list is still unlimited. Our ministry is to invite.**
- L: If the church will be what it really is—or, rather, if you and I will be the church--
- C: God will find a voice through us that his saving will be known to "as many as we find." Amen.**

HYMN

GATHER US IN

**Here in this place the new light is streaming,
now is the darkness vanished away;
see in this space our fears and our dreamings
brought here to you in the light of this day.
Gather us in, the lost and forsaken,
gather us in, the blind and the lame;
call to us now, and we shall awaken,
we shall arise at the sound of our name.**

**We are the young, our lives are a myst'ry,
we are the old who yearn for your face;
we have been sung throughout all of hist'ry,
called to be light to the whole human race.
Gather us in, the rich and the haughty,
gather us in, the proud and the strong;
give us a heart, so meek and so lowly,
give us the courage to enter the song**

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**Not in the dark of buildings confining,
 not in some heaven, light years away—
 here in this place the new light is shining,
 now is the kingdom, and now is the day.
 Gather us in and hold us forever,
 gather us in and make us your own;
 gather us in, all peoples together,
 fire of love in our flesh and our bone.**

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: God of welcome,

C: Your kingdom is filled with all sorts of people - and you open your arms wide to every one of them. Help us do the same. It's not easy. But we want to be like Jesus: gracious, accepting, full of love. May we see the face of Christ in all of our neighbors, and treat them as we would treat him. 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 19:1-10 NRSV

He entered Jericho and was passing through it. ² A man was there named Zacchaeus; he was a chief tax collector and was rich. ³ He was trying to see who Jesus was, but on account of the crowd he could not, because he was short in stature. ⁴ So he ran ahead and climbed a sycamore tree to see him, because he was going to pass that way. ⁵ When Jesus came to the place, he looked up and said to him, “Zacchaeus, hurry and come down; for I must stay at your house today.” ⁶ So he hurried down and was happy to welcome him. ⁷ All who saw it began to grumble and said, “He has gone to be the guest of one who is a sinner.” ⁸ Zacchaeus stood there and said to the Lord, “Look, half of my possessions, Lord, I will give to the poor; and if I have defrauded anyone of anything, I will pay back four times as much.” ⁹ Then Jesus said to him, “Today salvation has come to this house, because he too is a son of Abraham. ¹⁰ For the Son of Man came to seek out and to save the lost.”

L: The gospel of our Lord

C: Thanks be to God.

STORYTIME

JEN GRUENDLER

SERMON

EVERYONE IS WELCOME HERE

PASTOR SHELLEY CUNNINGHAM

**Let us build a house where love can dwell
and all can safely live,
a place where saints and children tell
how hearts learn to forgive.
Built of hopes and dreams and visions,
rock of faith and vault of grace;
here the love of Christ shall end divisions:**

Refrain

**All are welcome, all are welcome,
all are welcome in this place.**

**Let us build a house where prophets speak,
and words are strong and true,
where all God's children dare to seek
to dream God's reign anew.
Here the cross shall stand as witness
and as symbol of God's grace;
here as one we claim the faith of Jesus: *Refrain***

**Let us build a house where hands will reach
beyond the wood and stone
to heal and strengthen, serve and teach,
and live the Word they've known.
Here the outcast and the stranger
bear the image of God's face;
let us bring an end to fear and danger: *Refrain***

EXPRESSIONS OF GRATITUDE HORN CONCERTO NO. 2, K. 417 (MVT. II: ANDANTE)

W. A. MOZART

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.**

WORSHIP LEADERS TODAY

PROCLAIMER-Pastor Shelley Cunningham; **WORSHIP ASSISTANT**-Pastor Jason Bryan-Wegner; **STORYTIME**-Jen Gruendler; **LECTOR**-Melanie Tschida; **PIANIST**-Ralph Schornack; **HORN**-Corey Henke, Susan Henke, accompanist; **SONGLEADER**-Janette Reeves

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to reach out with compassion, and to share the hope of Jesus.

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