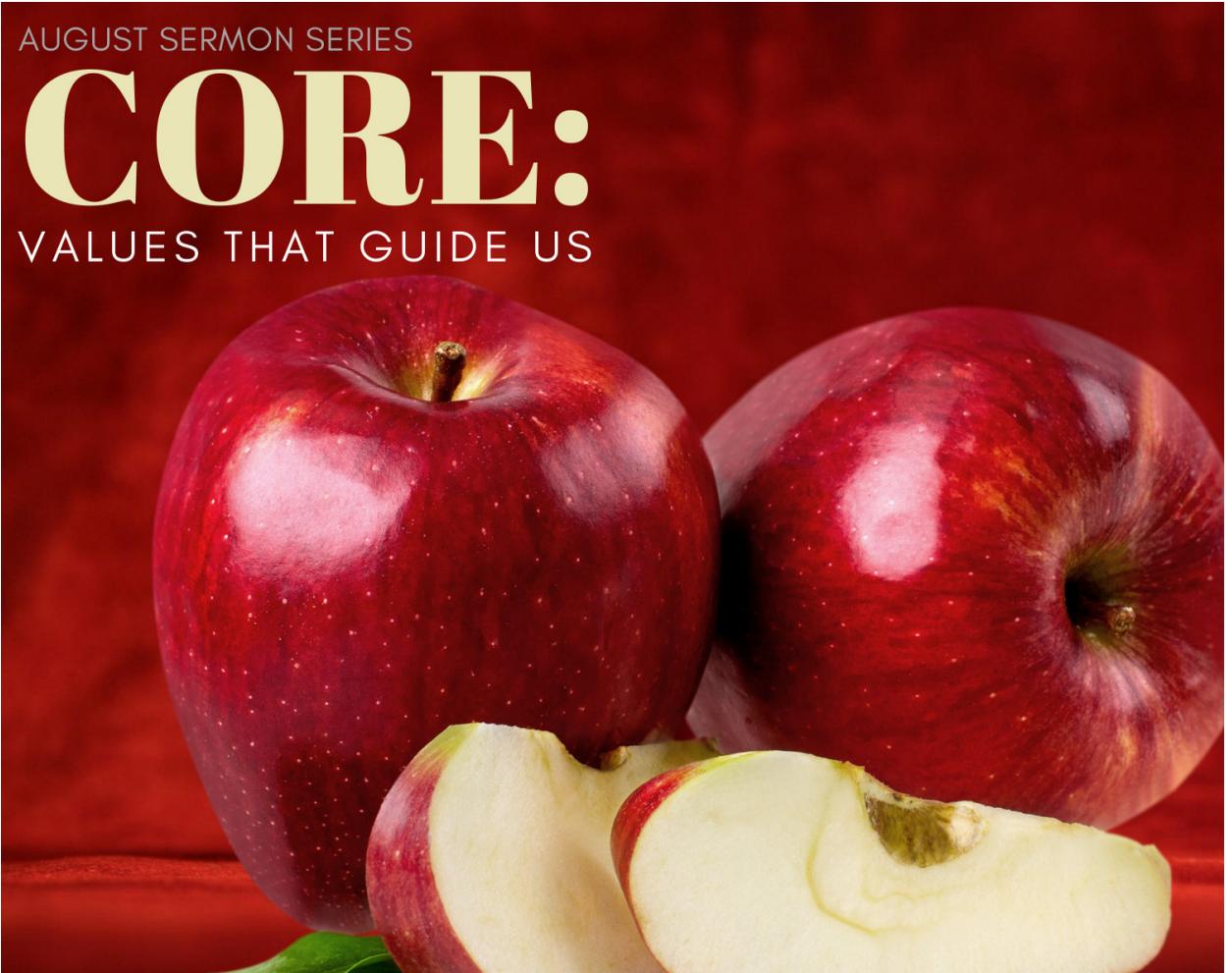


AUGUST SERMON SERIES

CORE:

VALUES THAT GUIDE US



We Are Sent to Serve

Welcome to Zumbro Lutheran Church!

SUNDAY, AUGUST 30, 2020

Today we conclude our August 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 **We Are Sent to Serve**.

By this we mean: *We do God's work with our hands, hearts, and voices. We are called to be the church, both individually and collectively, to reach out with compassion and bring God's healing love to a world in need.*

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

We are having outdoor worship on the southeast lawn on Sundays at 10am. RSVPs are required. Check the website for details.

GATHERING MUSIC

THIS IS MY FATHER'S WORLD

ARR. BILL INGRAM

HANDBELL QUARTET

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

Lord, come to me as I worship today. Inspire me and guide me to be of service to others. I want to make a difference. Amen.

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

CALL TO WORSHIP

MICAH 6:8

L: He has told you, O mortal, what is good; and what does the Lord require of you but to do justice, and to love kindness, and to walk humbly with your God?

"I, the Lord of sea and sky,
 I have heard my people cry.
 All who dwell in dark and sin
 my hand will save.
 I, who made the stars of night,
 I will make their darkness bright.
 Who will bear my light to them?
 Whom shall I send?"

Refrain Here I am, Lord. Is it I, Lord?
 I have heard you calling in the night.
 I will go, Lord, if you lead me.
 I will hold your people in my heart.

"I, the Lord of snow and rain,
 I have borne my people's pain.
 I have wept for love of them.
 They turn away.
 I will break their hearts of stone,
 give them hearts for love alone.
 I will speak my word to them.
 Whom shall I send?" *Refrain*

"I, the Lord of wind and flame,
 I will tend the poor and lame.
 I will set a feast for them.
 My hand will save.
 Finest bread I will provide
 till their hearts be satisfied.
 I will give my life to them.
 Whom shall I send?" *Refrain*

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: Compassionate God,

C: You have shown us what is good: doing justice, loving kindness, and walking humbly with you. But sometimes that's just about the hardest thing in the world to do.

There's so much need and we seem to have so little to offer. As we worship today, remind us of your love in Jesus. And give us hearts full of compassion for a world in need. 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.

¹³ Now when Jesus heard this, he withdrew from there in a boat to a deserted place by himself. But when the crowds heard it, they followed him on foot from the towns. ¹⁴ When he went ashore, he saw a great crowd; and he had compassion for them and cured their sick. ¹⁵ When it was evening, the disciples came to him and said, "This is a deserted place, and the hour is now late; send the crowds away so that they may go into the villages and buy food for themselves." ¹⁶ Jesus said to them, "They need not go away; you give them something to eat." ¹⁷ They replied, "We have nothing here but five loaves and two fish." ¹⁸ And he said, "Bring them here to me." ¹⁹ Then he ordered the crowds to sit down on the grass. Taking the five loaves and the two fish, he looked up to heaven, and blessed and broke the loaves, and gave them to the disciples, and the disciples gave them to the crowds. ²⁰ And all ate and were filled; and they took up what was left over of the broken pieces, twelve baskets full. ²¹ And those who ate were about five thousand men, besides women and children.

L: The Gospel of our Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

STORYTIME

PASTOR SHELLEY CUNNINGHAM

SERMON

WE ARE SENT TO SERVE

PASTOR VERN CHRISTOPHERSON

HYMN

WE ARE CALLED

**Come! Live in the light!
Shine with the joy and the love of the Lord!
We are called to be light for the kingdom,
to live in the freedom of the city of God.**

Refrain **We are called to act with justice,
we are called to love tenderly;
we are called to serve one another,
to walk humbly with God.**

**Come! Open your heart!
Show your mercy to all those in fear!
We are called to be hope for the hopeless
so hatred and blindness will be no more.** *Refrain*

**Sing! Sing a new song!
Sing of that great day when all will be one!
God will reign, and we'll walk with each other
as sisters and brothers united in love.** *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

THIS LITTLE LIGHT OF MINE

**This little light of mine, I'm goin'-a let it shine;
this little light of mine, I'm goin'-a let it shine;
this little light of mine, I'm goin'-a let it shine,
let it shine, let it shine, let it shine.**

**Ev'rywhere I go, I'm goin'-a let it shine;
ev'rywhere I go, I'm goin'-a let it shine;
ev'rywhere I go, I'm goin'-a let it shine,
let it shine, let it shine, let it shine.**

**Jesus gave it to me, I'm goin'-a let it shine;
Jesus gave it to me, I'm goin'-a let it shine;
Jesus gave it to me, I'm goin'-a let it shine,
let it shine, let it shine, let it shine.**

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

LEANING ON THE EVERLASTING ARMS

ARR. BILL INGRAM

HANDBELL QUARTET

Prayers for Healing:

- Don Butters
- Bob Byro
- Karen Jensen
- Curt Johnson
- Diane Kinneberg
- Mark Schroeder
- Pat Vagt
- Tom Westby

Sympathy to:

- Alice Benedett on the death of her brother, Donald Benedett

Today's Radio Broadcast is given in memory of Joyce and Leonard Bjerke.

**Recently, David Haas-the composer of this and other hymns we use regularly in worship ("You Are Mine," "Blest Are They"), was accused of abuse and assault by multiple young women. We are, of course appalled by his behavior and condemn it fully. We are deeply saddened for the trauma these women survived and have been brave enough to share. We trust and pray that authorities and the Catholic Church will do whatever they need to protect future women from his abusive behavior. In light of this announcement, we have been hesitant to use his music in worship. Yet, after prayer and discernment, we have decided to continue to use Haas' music for now. People can do horrific things and yet still create beauty in this world. It's the messy and complicated part of grace. The real work for us as a Church begins as we as a community continue to do everything we can to create a community that is safe for all, listens and uplifts the voice of survivors of any abuse and assault and also leans into God's powerful grace for all people.*

WORSHIP LEADERS TODAY

PROCLAIMER-Pastor Vern Christopherson; **WORSHIP ASSISTANT**-Pastor Shelley Cunningham;
STORYTIME-Pastor Shelley Cunningham; **LECTOR**-Ruth Stoeckel; **PIANIST**-Kristy Giere; **HANDBELL
QUARTET**-Paul Bye, Pam Hammond, Andy Larson, Maika Suzuki; **SONGLEADER**-Janette Reeves;
GUITAR-Bob Giere

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