



Welcome to Zumbro Lutheran Church!

The last six months have been a blur of uncertainty and struggle. Any number of questions have weighed us down: How will we do school this fall? Where can we safely go? Will my job hold up? If loved ones get sick, will we be able to spend time with them?

In the midst of these agonizing questions, hope often seems in short supply. We'll be exploring these questions and more during a sermon series over the next three months: **"Searching for Hope During Turbulent Times."** We don't necessarily have all the answers for you, but together we turn to scripture for help and encouragement. We invite you to join us on the journey. And even though we're physically separated, we will continue to search for ways to connect and support each other. Above all, we need the reminder: "The steadfast love of the Lord never ceases, his mercies never come to an end; they are new every morning; great is your faithfulness. Lamentations 3:22-23

GATHERING MUSIC

SHELTER ME
RALPH SCHORNACK, PIANO

MICHAEL JONCAS, ARR. RALPH SCHORNACK

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

L: Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God, who creates, redeems, and sustains us and all of creation.

C: Amen.

L: Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

Silence is kept for reflection.

L: Faithful God,

C: have mercy on us.

We confess that we are captive to sin and cannot free ourselves.

We turn from your loving embrace and go our own ways.

We pass judgment on one another before examining ourselves.

We place our own needs before those of our neighbors.

We keep your gift of salvation to ourselves.

Make us humble, cast away our transgressions, and turn us again to life in you through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

L: God hears the cries of all who call out in need, and through his death and resurrection, Christ has made us his own. Hear the truth that God proclaims:

Your sins are forgiven in the name of † Jesus Christ.

Led by the Holy Spirit, live in freedom and newness
to do God's work in the world.

C: Amen.

A Prayer-Song in the Time of the COVID-19

Songleader on the verses; all on refrain

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 **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 you will shelter me.**

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*

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.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

L: O Lord God,

C: enliven and preserve your church with your perpetual mercy. Without your help, we mortals will fail; remove far from us everything that is harmful, and lead us toward all that gives life and salvation, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

BIBLE READING

MARK 5:21-23, 35-43 NRSV

²¹ When Jesus had crossed again in the boat to the other side, a great crowd gathered around him; and he was by the sea. ²² Then one of the leaders of the synagogue named Jairus came and, when he saw him, fell at his feet ²³ and begged him repeatedly, "My little daughter is at the point of death. Come and lay your hands on her, so that she may be made well, and live."

³⁵ While he was still speaking, some people came from the leader's house to say, "Your daughter is dead. Why trouble the teacher any further?" ³⁶ But overhearing what they said, Jesus said to the leader of the synagogue, "Do not fear, only believe." ³⁷ He allowed no one to follow him except Peter, James, and John, the brother of James. ³⁸ When they came to the house of the leader of the synagogue, he saw a commotion, people weeping and wailing loudly. ³⁹ When he had entered, he said to them, "Why do you make a commotion and weep? The child is not dead but sleeping." ⁴⁰ And they laughed at him. Then he put them all outside, and took the child's father and mother and those who were with him, and went in where the child was. ⁴¹ He took her by the hand and said to her, "Talitha cum," which means, "Little girl, get up!" ⁴² And immediately the girl got up and began to walk about (she was twelve years of age). At this they were overcome with amazement. ⁴³ He strictly ordered them that no one should know this, and told them to give her something to eat.

L: The Gospel of our Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

STORYTIME (8:30AM)

JANETTE REEVES

SERMON

WHERE IS YOUR STRENGTH WHEN TIMES ARE TOUGH?

PASTOR JASON BRYAN-WEGNER

**Day by day, your mercies, Lord, attend me,
bringing comfort to my anxious soul.
Day by day, the blessings, Lord, you send me
draw me nearer to my heav'nly goal.
Love divine, beyond all mortal measure,
brings to naught the burdens of my quest;
Savior, lead me to the home I treasure,
where at last I'll find eternal rest.**

**Day by day, I know you will provide me
strength to serve and wisdom to obey;
I will seek your loving will to guide me
o'er the paths I struggle day by day.
I will fear no evil of the morrow,
I will trust in your enduring grace.
Savior, help me bear life's pain and sorrow
till in glory I behold your face.**

**Oh, what joy to know that you are near me
when my burdens grow too great to bear;
oh, what joy to know that you will hear me
when I come, O Lord, to you in prayer.
Day by day, no matter what betide me,
you will hold me ever in your hand.
Savior, with your presence here to guide me,
I will reach at last the promised land.**

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.

SHARING OF PEACE

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

EXPRESSIONS OF GRATITUDE

I WILL PRAISE HIM, STILL

FERNANDO ORTEGA

JANETTE REEVES, SOLOIST

When the morning falls on the farthest hill
I will sing His name, I will praise Him, still.

When dark trials come and my heart is filled
With the weight of doubt, I will praise Him, still.

For the Lord, our God, He is strong to save
From the arms of death, from the deepest grave;

And He gave us life in His perfect will,
And by His good grace I will praise Him still.

When the morning falls on the farthest hill
I will sing His name, I will praise Him, still.

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WORDS OF INSTITUTION

LORD'S PRAYER

L: Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us:

C: Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done on earth as it is 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.

INVITATION TO SHARE THE MEAL

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

L: We give you thanks, gracious God, that you have once again fed us with food beyond compare, the body and blood of Christ. Lead us from this place, nourished and forgiven, into your beloved vineyard to wipe away the tears of all who hunger and thirst, guided by the example of the same Jesus Christ and led by the Holy Spirit, now and forever.

C: Amen.

BLESSING

L: Mothering God, Father, ✝ Son, and Holy Spirit, bless you and lead you into the way of truth and life.

C: Amen.

HYMN

O GOD, OUR HELP IN AGES PAST

**O God, our help in ages past,
our hope for years to come,
our shelter from the stormy blast,
and our eternal home:**

**Under the shadow of your throne
your saints have dwelt secure;
sufficient is your arm alone,
and our defense is sure.**

**Before the hills in order stood
or earth received its frame,
from everlasting you are God,
to endless years the same.**

**A thousand ages in your sight
are like an evening gone,
short as the watch that ends the night
before the rising sun.**

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

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- Karen Jensen
- Curt Johnson

Sympathy to:

Inez Langhus on the death of her sister, Bonnie Peterson

WORSHIP LEADERS TODAY

PROCLAIMER-Pastor Jason Bryan-Wegner; **WORSHIP ASSISTANT**-Pastor Vern Christopherson; **LECTOR**-Marne Gade;

PIANIST-Ralph Schornack; **SONGLEADER**-Janette Reeves

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