



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

LEAD ME, GUIDE ME
ENSEMBLE MUSICIANS

DORIS AKERS

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRAYER

PSALM 13

L: How long, O LORD? Will you forget me forever?

C: How long will you hide your face from me?

L: How long shall I have perplexity in my mind, and grief in my heart, day after day?

C: How long shall my enemy triumph over me?

L: Look upon me and answer me, O LORD my God;

C: give light to my eyes, lest I sleep in death;

L: lest my enemy say, "I have defeated you,"

C: and my foes rejoice that I have fallen.

L: But I trust in your un-failing love;

C: my heart is joyful because of your saving help.

L: I will sing to the LORD,

C: who has dealt with me richly.

HYMN

SHELTER ME

MICHAEL JONCAS

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

Songleaders 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: Comforting God,

C: traumatic events happen in our lives and we can feel overwhelmed. We cry out in prayer, but we don't always sense your presence. We think about telling a friend or two, but we aren't always sure how they will respond. Surround us with your strength and healing. Send people to support us. Help us find ways to open up to them. In Jesus' name. Amen.

BIBLE READING

ROMANS 8:15-28 THE MESSAGE

15-17 This resurrection life you received from God is not a timid, grave-tending life. It's adventurously expectant, greeting God with a childlike "What's next, Papa?" God's Spirit touches our spirits and confirms who we really are. We know who he is, and we know who we are: Father and children. And we know we are going to get what's coming to us—an unbelievable inheritance! We go through exactly what Christ goes through. If we go through the hard times with him, then we're certainly going to go through the good times with him!

18-21 That's why I don't think there's any comparison between the present hard times and the coming good times. The created world itself can hardly wait for what's coming next. Everything in creation is being more or less held back. God reins it in until both creation and all the creatures are ready and can be released at the same moment into the glorious times ahead. Meanwhile, the joyful anticipation deepens.

22-25 All around us we observe a pregnant creation. The difficult times of pain throughout the world are simply birth pangs. But it's not only around us; it's within us. The Spirit of God is arousing us within. We're also feeling the birth pangs. These sterile and barren bodies of ours are yearning for full deliverance. That is why waiting does not diminish us, any more than waiting diminishes a pregnant mother. We are enlarged in the waiting. We, of course, don't see what is enlarging us. But the longer we wait, the larger we become, and the more joyful our expectancy.

26-28 Meanwhile, the moment we get tired in the waiting, God's Spirit is right alongside helping us along. If we don't know how or what to pray, it doesn't matter. He does our praying in and for us, making prayer out of our wordless sighs, our aching groans. He knows us far better than we know ourselves, knows our pregnant condition, and keeps us present before God. That's why we can be so sure that every detail in our lives of love for God is worked into something good.

L: Holy Wisdom, holy word.

C: Thanks be to God.

STORYTIME (8:30AM)

JANETTE REEVES

SERMON

OPENING UP ABOUT TRAUMATIC EVENTS

PASTOR VERN CHRISTOPHERSON

HYMN

THY HOLY WINGS

**Thy holy wings, O Savior,
spread gently over me,
and let me rest securely
through good and ill in thee.
Oh, be my strength and portion,
my rock and hiding place,
and let my ev'ry moment
be lived within thy grace.**

**Oh, let me nestle near thee,
within thy downy breast
where I will find sweet comfort
and peace within thy nest.
Oh, close thy wings around me
and keep me safely there,
for I am but a newborn
and need thy tender care.**

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**Oh, wash me in the waters
of Noah's cleansing flood.
Give me a willing spirit,
a heart both clean and good.
Oh, take into thy keeping
thy children great and small,
and while we sweetly slumber,
enfold us one and all.**

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 (8:30AM) – PARKER TREVI KOLZ

Child of Allison Sue (Klabo) Kolz and Joshua Michael Kolz
Sponsors: Jordan and JD Dorsey, Megan and Zach Walters

EXPRESSIONS OF GRATITUDE

I WANT JESUS TO WALK WITH ME

SAM SIMATAA, SOLOIST

AFRICAN AMERICAN SPIRITUAL
ARR. K. LEE SCOTT

I want Jesus to walk with me;
I want Jesus to walk with me;
all along my pilgrim journey,
Lord, I want Jesus to walk with me.

In my trials, Lord, walk with me;
in my trials, Lord, walk with me;
when my heart is almost breaking,
Lord, I want Jesus to walk with me.

When I'm in trouble, Lord, walk with me;
when I'm in trouble, Lord, walk with me;
when my head is bowed in sorrow,
Lord, I want Jesus to walk with me.

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: 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.

BLESSING

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

C: Amen.

HYMN

LIGHT DAWNS ON A WEARY WORLD

**Light dawns on a weary world
when eyes begin to see
all people's dignity.
Light dawns on a weary world:
the promised day of justice comes.**

Refrain **The trees shall clap their hands;
the dry lands, gush with springs;
the hills and mountains shall break forth with singing!
We shall go out in joy,
and be led forth in peace,
as all the world in wonder echoes shalom.**

**Love grows in a weary world
when hungry hearts find bread
and children's dreams are fed.
Love grows in a weary world:
the promised feast of plenty comes.** *Refrain*

**Hope blooms in a weary world
when creatures, once forlorn,
find wilderness reborn.
Hope blooms in a weary world:
the promised green of Eden comes.** *Refrain*

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

I WANT JESUS TO WALK WITH ME
ENSEMBLE MUSICIANS

AFRICAN AMERICAN SPIRITUAL

Prayers for Healing:

Marge Breuer

Walter Hanson

Karen Jensen

Curt Johnson

Sympathy to:

Rebecca (William Deng) Manyok on the death of her father.

Desiree (Joe) Ahrens on the death of her father, Edward Jones.

Inez Langhus on the death of her sister, Bernice Peterson.

Today's Radio Broadcast is given in celebration of the 60th wedding anniversary of Judy and Les Thronson. They were united in marriage at Zumbro Lutheran on September 10, 1960.

WORSHIP LEADERS TODAY

PROCLAIMER-Pastor Vern Christopherson; **WORSHIP ASSISTANT**-Jason Bryan-Wegner; **LECTOR**-Vikki Dalquist; **STORYTIME**-Janette Reeves; **PIANISTS**-Ralph Schornack and Kristy Giere; **GUITAR**-Bob Giere; **FLUTE**-Kristy Giere; **SOLOIST**-Sam Simataa; **SONGLEADERS**-Janette Reeves and Sam Simataa

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