



## Welcome to Zumbro Lutheran Church!

This fall our sermon series is "Searching for Hope During Turbulent Times." It's one thing when those turbulent times last for a short time, or even a season. It's another when they stretch for years and years. Jesus' encounter with a sick woman in the gospel of Mark -- a woman who's dealt with a serious medical condition for over a decade -- speaks to the exhaustion and desperation that come when troubles seem to last forever ... and to the mercy of a God whose healing takes many forms.

GATHERING MUSIC

THERE IS A BALM IN GILEAD  
KRISTY GIERE, PIANO

ARR. PAM GERVAIS

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.**

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 only you will shelter me.**

Yet now I tread a diff'rent 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: Merciful and patient God,

**C: We cannot always see an end to the troubles we face. At times we don't even have the strength to endure them one more day. Sometimes all we can do is cry, "How long, O Lord?" and lean into your promise to never leave us or forsake us. Give us rest, and help us carry the load. Amen.**

#### SCRIPTURE

MARK 5:24-34 NRSV

<sup>24</sup> So Jesus went with Jairus. And a large crowd followed him and pressed in on him. <sup>25</sup> Now there was a woman who had been suffering from hemorrhages for twelve years. <sup>26</sup> She had endured much under many physicians, and had spent all that she had; and she was no better, but rather grew worse. <sup>27</sup> She had heard about Jesus, and came up behind him in the crowd and touched his cloak, <sup>28</sup> for she said, "If I but touch his clothes, I will be made well." <sup>29</sup> Immediately her hemorrhage stopped; and she felt in her body that she was healed of her disease. <sup>30</sup> Immediately aware that power had gone forth from him, Jesus turned about in the crowd and said, "Who touched my clothes?" <sup>31</sup> And his disciples said to him, "You see the crowd pressing in on you; how can you say, 'Who touched me?'" <sup>32</sup> He looked all around to see who had done it. <sup>33</sup> But the woman, knowing what had happened to her, came in fear and trembling, fell down before him, and told him the whole truth. <sup>34</sup> He said to her, "Daughter, your faith has made you well; go in peace, and be healed of your disease."

L: The Gospel of our Lord.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

#### STORYTIME (8:30AM)

JANETTE REEVES

#### SERMON

WHEN TROUBLES SEEM TO LAST FOREVER

PASTOR SHELLEY CUNNINGHAM

#### HYMN

THERE IS A BALM IN GILEAD

AFRICAN AMERICAN SPIRITUAL

*Refrain* **There is a balm in Gilead  
to make the wounded whole;  
there is a balm in Gilead  
to heal the sin-sick soul.**

**Sometimes I feel discouraged  
and think my work's in vain,  
but then the Holy Spirit  
revives my soul again. *Refrain***

**If you cannot preach like Peter,  
if you cannot pray like Paul,  
you can tell the love of Jesus  
and say, "He died for all." *Refrain***

**Don't ever be discouraged,  
for Jesus is your friend;  
and if you lack for knowledge  
he'll ne'er refuse to lend. *Refrain***

#### PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

L: Drawn together in the compassion of God, we pray for the church, the world, and all those in need.

*After each petition the congregation responds:*

L: Lord, in your mercy,

**C: Hear our prayer.**

L: All these things and whatever else you see that we need, we entrust them to your mercy; through 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

## ANCIENT WORDS

MEREDITH PRITCHARD AND BRENDA WICHMANN, VOCALISTS

LYNN DESHAZO  
ARR. MARY McDONALD

Holy words long preserved for our walk in this world,  
they resound with God's own heart; oh, let the ancient words impart.

Words of life, words of hope give us strength, help us cope;  
In this world where 'ere we roam, the ancient words will guide us home.

*Refrain* Ancient words ever true, changing me and changing you;  
We have come with open hearts; oh, let the ancient words impart.

Holy words of our faith, handed down to this age, came to us through sacrifice;  
Oh, heed the faithful words of Christ. *Refrain*

Holy words long preserved for our walk in this world,  
they resound with God's own heart; oh, let the ancient words impart. *Refrain*

## 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

### BREAK BREAD TOGETHER

KRISTY GIERE, PIANO

ANNE KRENTZ ORGAN

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

**C: Amen.**

### HYMN

### HAVE NO FEAR, LITTLE FLOCK

**Have no fear, little flock;  
have no fear, little flock,  
for the Father has chosen  
to give you the kingdom;  
have no fear, little flock!**

**Have good cheer, little flock;  
have good cheer, little flock,  
for the Father will keep you  
in his love forever;  
have good cheer, little flock!**

**Praise the Lord high above;  
praise the Lord high above,  
for he stoops down to heal you,  
uplift and restore you;  
praise the Lord high above!**

**Thankful hearts raise to God;  
thankful hearts raise to God,  
for he stays close beside you,  
in all things works with you;  
thankful hearts raise to God!**

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

HAVE NO FEAR, LITTLE FLOCK

ARR. ANNE KRENTZ ORGAN

**PRAYERS FOR HEALING:**

- Marge Breuer
- Walter Hanson
- Karen Jensen
- Curt Johnson

**SYMPATHY TO:**

Marian King on the death of her son, Jerry King.

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

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

**TODAY'S RADIO BROADCAST IS:**

Given by Judy and Les Thronson in celebration of the 60<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary. They were united in marriage at Zumbro Lutheran on September 10, 1960.

**WORSHIP LEADERS TODAY**

**PROCLAIMER**-Pastor Shelley Cunningham; **WORSHIP ASSISTANT**-Pastor Jason Bryan-Wegner; **LECTOR**-Greg Schoenbeck; **STORYTIME**-Janette Reeves; **PIANIST**-Kristy Giere; **GUITAR**-Bob Giere; **SINGING**-Meredith Pritchard and Brenda Wichmann

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