



All Saints Sunday
November 1, 2020
8:30am

Welcome to Zumbro Lutheran Church!

We continue our four-week sermon series entitled, "Strength for Today and Bright Hope for Tomorrow." This is our stewardship theme for 2021. Our inspiration comes from the hymn, "Great is Thy Faithfulness." In the midst of COVID-19 and a highly partisan election process, we long to hear that God is faithful even when we are not, and God promises to walk with us - and all people - every step of the journey.

Our turbulent times continue, with a good deal of uncertainty about tomorrow. As we observe a season of stewardship, we pause to name God's blessings and to consider how we might respond in gratitude.

In this week's sermon we give thanks for the great cloud of witnesses surrounding us and cheering us on. We miss these dear saints. We entrust them to God's eternal care and to the peace that endures.

This morning Kristy Giere will speak about our third stewardship goal for 2021: "Tending to Our Faith and the Faith of Our Children."

PRELUDE

WHEN PEACE LIKE A RIVER
FOR ALL THE SAINTS
KRISTY GIERE, PIANO

ARR. JOHN CARTER
ARR. SYLVIA OINES

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

HYMN

FOR ALL THE SAINTS

**For all the saints who from their labors rest,
who thee by faith before the world confessed,
thy name, O Jesus, be forever blest.
Alleluia! Alleluia!**

**Oh, blest communion, fellowship divine,
we feebly struggle, they in glory shine;
yet all are one in thee, for all are thine.
Alleluia! Alleluia!**

**But then there breaks a yet more glorious day:
the saints triumphant rise in bright array;
the King of glory passes on his way.
Alleluia! Alleluia!**

**From earth's wide bounds, from ocean's farthest coast,
through gates of pearl streams in the countless host,
singing to Father, Son, and Holy Ghost:
Alleluia! Alleluia!!**

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: Almighty God,

C: we remember and honor those saints who have gone before us in the faith. We give thanks for the faith they have nurtured in us along the way. Help us in our efforts to tend to the faith of the children in our midst. May we follow your blessed saints in lives of faith and commitment, to know the inexpressible joys of those who love you, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

BIBLE READING

HEBREWS 12:1-3 NRSV

¹Therefore, since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us also lay aside every weight and the sin that clings so closely, and let us run with perseverance the race that is set before us, ²looking to Jesus the pioneer and perfecter of our faith, who for the sake of the joy that was set before him endured the cross, disregarding its shame, and has taken his seat at the right hand of the throne of God. ³Consider him who endured such hostility against himself from sinners, so that you may not grow weary or lose heart.

L: Holy wisdom, holy word,

C: Thanks be to God.

STORYTIME

JEN GRUENDLER

SERMON

A PEACE THAT ENDURES

PASTOR VERN CHRISTOPHERSON

HYMN

GREAT IS THY FAITHFULNESS

**Great is thy faithfulness, O God my Father;
there is no shadow of turning with thee;
thou changest not, thy compassions they fail not;
as thou hast been, thou forever wilt be.**

Refrain **Great is thy faithfulness! Great is thy faithfulness!
Morning by morning new mercies I see;
all I have needed thy hand hath provided;
great is thy faithfulness, Lord, unto me!**

**Summer and winter and springtime and harvest,
sun, moon, and stars in their courses above
join with all nature in manifold witness
to thy great faithfulness, mercy, and love.** *Refrain*

**Pardon for sin and a peace that endureth,
thine own dear presence to cheer and to guide;
strength for today and bright hope for tomorrow,
blessings all mine, with ten thousand beside!** *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.

MISSION MOMENT

“TENDING TO OUR FAITH AND THE FAITH OF OUR CHILDREN”

KRISTY GIERE

I have some friends before me gone who love to sing hosanna,
And I'm resolved to travel on, for I love to sing hosanna.

Refrain: For we have but the one more river to cross, and then we'll sing hosanna.
For we have but the one more river to cross, and then we'll sing hosanna.

One army of the living God, we love to sing hosanna,
Part of the host have crossed the flood who love to sing hosanna. *Refrain*

Amen, amen, my soul replies, I love to sing hosanna,
I'm bound to meet you in the skies where we will sing hosanna. *Refrain*

Music commissioned in memory of Zumbro member, Nicole Hayek (1983-2008), by the Zumbro Lutheran Choir and the Choral Arts Ensemble of Rochester.

EXPRESSIONS OF GRATITUDE

SANCTUS (HOLY, HOLY IS THE LORD)
A VIRTUAL RECORDING BY MARY SCHNEEKLOTH, HARP

FRANZ SCHUBERT,
ARR. MARY SCHNEEKLOTH

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,

C: 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. Amen.

BLESSING

PRAYER OF GOOD COURAGE

first time through **L:**
second time through **C:** O God, You have called us to ventures where we can not see the
end, By paths ne-ver yet tak en, Through per ils un known.
Give us good cour-age Not know ing where we go, To
know that your hand is lead-ing us Wher ever we might go.
A - - - - - men.

L: Creator God, source of wisdom and wonder, wrap us in your blanket of love, and give us the strength and courage to carry on with our journey. In Jesus' name we pray.

C: Amen.

HYMN

O DAY FULL OF GRACE

**O day full of grace that now we see
appearing on earth's horizon,
bring light from our God that we may be
abundant in joy this season.
God, shine for us now in this dark place;
your name on our hearts emblazon.**

**For Christ bore our sins, and not his own,
when he on the cross was hanging;
and then he arose and moved the stone,
that we, unto him belonging,
might join with angelic hosts to raise
our voices in endless singing.**

**When we on that final journey go
that Christ is for us preparing,
we'll gather in song, our hearts aglow,
all joy of the heavens sharing,
and there we will join God's endless praise,
with angels and saints adoring.**

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.

POSTLUDE

FANTASY ON SINE NOMINE (FOR ALL THE SAINTS)
KRISTY GIERE, ORGAN

ARR. MICHAEL BEDFORD

PRAYERS FOR HEALING:

Krista Jacobson Liam Kiefer John Lideen Joyce McFadden Ron Post Melissa Stortz

SYMPATHY TO:

Sara (Jeff) Staab on the death of her mother, Sue Hippe.

Kathy McLaughlin on the death of her mother, Carol Peterson.

Moose Doherty on the death of her husband, Gary. A memorial service will be held at a later date.

Wendy (Sherwood) Korn Peterson on the death of her mother, Everine Korn.

Dolores Badger on the death of her brother, Don Backstrom.

Gladys Duncomb on the death of her brother, Floyd Tapp.

We extend a special word of thanks to harpist Mary Schneekloth for her pre-recorded music during today's Expressions of Gratitude. Mary has provided beautiful harp arrangements on All Saints Sunday for many years. Mary and her husband, Terry, have relocated to Scottsdale, AZ. We are blessed by her virtual presence in our All Saints worship. She will also be a part of Zumbro's virtual Lessons and Carols service in December.

WORSHIP LEADERS TODAY

PROCLAIMER-Pastor Vern Christopherson; **WORSHIP ASSISTANTS**-Pastor Shelley Cunningham, Pastor Jason Bryan-Wegner;
LECTOR-Sara Holmes; **STORYTIME**-Jen Gruendler; **PIANIST/ORGANIST**-Kristy Giere; **SONGLEADERS**-Pastor Jason Bryan-Wegner,
Janette Reeves; **SINGING**-Zumbro Lutheran Choir; Bob Giere director; **HARPIST**-Mary Schneekloth

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