



Stewardship Sunday  
November 8, 2020  
8:30am and 10:30am

## Welcome to Zumbro Lutheran Church!

Today, we conclude 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.

In today's sermon we see how God works through the church to respond in grace and generosity, even in uncertain and difficult times, and hear a call to consider how our generosity, in many forms, can be a key element for experiencing strength and hope in Jesus.

PRELUDE

COME, YE THANKFUL PEOPLE, COME  
HANDBELL QUARTET

ARR. SONDRRA K. TUCKER

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

CALL TO WORSHIP

PSALM 100 NRSV

L: Make a joyful noise to the LORD, all the earth.

**C: Worship the LORD with gladness; come into his presence with singing.**

L: Know that the LORD is God. It is he that made us, and we are his; we are his people, and the sheep of his pasture.

**C: Enter his gates with thanksgiving, and his courts with praise. Give thanks to him, bless his name.**

L: For the LORD is good; his steadfast love endures forever, and his faithfulness to all generations.

HYMN

FOR THE FRUIT OF ALL CREATION

**For the fruit of all creation,  
thanks be to God.  
For these gifts to ev'ry nation,  
thanks be to God.  
For the plowing, sowing, reaping,  
silent growth while we are sleeping,  
future needs in earth's safekeeping,  
thanks be to God.**

**In the just reward of labor,  
God's will is done.  
In the help we give our neighbor,  
God's will is done.  
In our worldwide task of caring  
for the hungry and despairing,  
in the harvests we are sharing,  
God's will is done.**

**For the harvests of the Spirit,  
thanks be to God.  
For the good we all inherit,  
thanks be to God.  
For the wonders that astound us,  
for the truths that still confound us,  
most of all, that love has found us,  
thanks be to God.**

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: Loving and generous God,  
**C: you provide your church with strength for today and hope for tomorrow. In these days, when the future seems unclear give us confidence in your power to provide a way. Help us to see that way and shape us into people who embody your grace and generosity, through Jesus Christ our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

<sup>1</sup>We want you to know, brothers and sisters, about the grace of God that has been granted to the churches of Macedonia; <sup>2</sup>for during a severe ordeal of affliction, their abundant joy and their extreme poverty have overflowed in a wealth of generosity on their part. <sup>3</sup>For, as I can testify, they voluntarily gave according to their means, and even beyond their means, <sup>4</sup>begging us earnestly for the privilege of sharing in this ministry to the saints — <sup>5</sup>and this, not merely as we expected; they gave themselves first to the Lord and, by the will of God, to us, <sup>6</sup>so that we might urge Titus that, as he had already made a beginning, so he should also complete this generous undertaking among you. <sup>7</sup>Now as you excel in everything — in faith, in speech, in knowledge, in utmost eagerness, and in our love for you — so we want you to excel also in this generous undertaking.

L: Holy wisdom, holy word,

**C: Thanks be to God.**

STORYTIME (8:30AM)

PASTOR SHELLEY CUNNINGHAM

SERMON

STRENGTH FOR TODAY  
AND BRIGHT HOPE FOR TOMORROW

PASTOR JASON BRYAN-WEGNER

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*

MISSION MOMENT

“LOVE YOUR NEIGHBOR AS YOURSELF”

SARAH LICHTY

## 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 OF BENNETT DAVID BORN (8:30AM VIDEO)

Child of Samantha and Jason Born

Sponsors: Megan and Dan Sandgren

## EXPRESSIONS OF GRATITUDE

## NOW THANK WE ALL OUR GOD

ARR. SONDRRA K. TUCKER

HANDBELL QUARTET

## GATHERING OF COMMITMENT CARDS (10:30AM)

## PRAYER OF COMMITMENT

## A THANKSGIVING BLESSING

JOYCE RUPP

L: May an abundance of gratitude burst forth as you reflect upon what you have received.

**C: May thanksgiving overflow in your heart, and often be proclaimed in your prayer.**

L: May you gather around the table of your heart the ardent faithfulness, kindness, and goodness of each person who is true to you.

**C: May the harvest of your good actions bring forth plentiful fruit each day.**

L: May you discover a cache of hidden wisdom among the people and events that have brought you distress and sorrow.

**C: May your basket of blessings surprise you with its rich diversity of gifts and its opportunities for growth.**

L: May all that nourishes and resources your life bring you daily satisfaction and renewed hope.

**C: May you slow your hurried pace of life so you can be aware of, and enjoy, what you too easily take for granted.**

L: May you always be open, willing, and ready to share your blessings with others.

**C: May you never forget the Generous One who loves you lavishly and unconditionally.**

## 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.**

## 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

## PRAYER OF GOOD COURAGE

*first time through* **L:** O God, You have called us to ventures where we can not see the  
*second time through* **C:** 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

LET ALL THINGS NOW LIVING

Let all things now living  
a song of thanksgiving  
to God the creator triumphantly raise,  
who fashioned and made us,  
protected and stayed us,  
who still guides us on to the end of our days.  
God's banners are o'er us,  
God's light goes before us,  
a pillar of fire shining forth in the night,  
till shadows have vanished  
and darkness is banished,  
as forward we travel from light into light.

God rules all the forces:  
the stars in their courses  
and sun in its orbit obediently shine;  
the hills and the mountains,  
the rivers and fountains,  
the deeps of the ocean proclaim God divine.  
We too should be voicing  
our love and rejoicing;  
with glad adoration a song let us raise  
till all things now living  
unite in thanksgiving:  
"To God in the highest, hosanna and praise!"

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

CHRISTIANS, WE HAVE MET TO WORSHIP  
HANDBELL QUARTET

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## **PRAYERS FOR HEALING:**

Marge Severeid, Leroy Stortz, DeWaine Silker, Ben Weichselbaum

## **SYMPATHY TO:**

Dawn (Mark) Grande on the death of her mother, Pat Molde.

Ben Hippe and Sara (Jeff) Staab on the death of his wife/her mother, Sue Hippe.

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

Moose Doherty on the death of her husband, Gary.

## **TODAY'S RADIO BROADCAST IS GIVEN BY:**

Nina Lee in memory of her husband, Rod, and in honor of all veterans.

## **WORSHIP LEADERS TODAY**

**PROCLAIMER**-Pastor Jason Bryan-Wegner; **WORSHIP ASSISTANT**-Pastor Vern Christopherson; **LECTOR**-Bob Saunders; **STORYTIME**-Pastor Shelley Cunningham; **PIANIST**-Kristy Giere; **SONGLEADER**-Janette Reeves; **HANDBELL QUARTET**-Paul Bye, Kristy Giere, Andy Larson, Chad Larson

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