



November 15, 2020
8:30am

Welcome to Zumbro Lutheran Church!

We are spending two weeks in November focusing on baptism. This theme helps us reflect on the new stained glass cross in our sanctuary. We proclaim that the river of life flows down from the cross, through the center aisle, and out to the baptismal font. That's the beginning of our journey of faith. God comes and claims us in these waters. We are named as children of God and are promised life in abundance.

PRELUDE

COME, THOU FOUNT OF EVERY BLESSING
KRISTY GIERE, ORGANIST

ARR. KENNETH T. KOSCHE

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

THANKSGIVING AT THE FONT

L: Praise and thanksgiving be to you, O God of plenteous grace,
for the waters you provide for the earth:
for snow and dew, for oceans and wells,
for the rain that nourishes plants and trees,
for the streams that enliven the animals, great and small,
for the Zumbro River.
We praise you, O God, for water.

C: We praise you, O God, for water.

L: Blessing and glory be to you, O God of abundant mercy,
for your word that flows with life-giving waters:
for the story of the fountain that gushed from the rock,
for the memory of the Jordan that immersed your Son in our sorrows,
for the living rivers that flow from the cross,
for the reconciling waters of baptism around which we gather.
We bless you, O God, for water and the word.

C: We bless you, O God, for water and the word.

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L: At this font we pray:
Pour upon us yet again the Spirit of our baptism.
Our roots are dry: shower us with divine blessing.
Our fruits need moisture: renew us for vibrant growth.
Wash away the sin within us,
and drown the evil around us.
We beg you, O God, for water and the Spirit.

C: We beg you, O God, for water and the Spirit.

L: You, O God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit,
you are the Water we crave;
you, O God, are Rain and River and Fountain,
life for us all, now and forever.

C: Amen.

HYMN

BAPTIZED AND SET FREE

**We are people created, chosen by God.
Then we're washed, ever gently, in mercy and love.
Sin has power no more. Jesus opened the door
to a fountain bringing healing, and wholeness and more.**

**We are fed and we're nourished, filled and refreshed.
Then our hunger returns and again we are blessed.
For whatever the need, God is greater indeed:
endless ocean, always deeper than all of our need.**

**We are nourished by water, all living things,
and by life that the Spirit abundantly brings.
As we journey toward home, may your presence be known:
precious river, ever-flowing, now carry us home.**

**Now with praise and thanksgiving, we join the song.
All are welcome! We gather to sing loud and strong.
Not enslaved, but set free! From now on, all will be
one in Jesus, one in water, baptized and set free!**

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.

HYMN OF PRAISE

BAPTIZED IN WATER

**Baptized in water, sealed by the Spirit,
cleansed by the blood of Christ our king:
heirs of salvation, trusting his promise,
faithfully now God's praise we sing.**

**Baptized in water, sealed by the Spirit,
dead in the tomb with Christ our king:
one with his rising, freed and forgiven,
thankfully now God's praise we sing.**

**Baptized in water, sealed by the Spirit,
marked with the sign of Christ our king:
born of the Spirit, we are God's children;
joyfully now God's praise we sing.**

PRAYER OF THE DAY

L: Lamb of God,

**C: your name is written upon our foreheads, and your promise of life upon our hearts.
We praise you for your love and grace given to us in baptism. Help us each day to
embrace the call to be your disciples and to be faithful to your promises, through
our Savior, Jesus Christ. Amen.**

BIBLE READING

REVELATION 22:1-5 NRSV

¹Then the angel showed me the river of the water of life, bright as crystal, flowing from the throne of God and of the Lamb ²through the middle of the street of the city. On either side of the river is the tree of life with its twelve kinds of fruit, producing its fruit each month; and the leaves of the tree are for the healing of the nations. ³Nothing accursed will be found there any more. But the throne of God and of the Lamb will be in it, and his servants will worship him; ⁴they will see his face, and his name will be on their foreheads. ⁵And there will be no more night; they need no light of lamp or sun, for the Lord God will be their light, and they will reign forever and ever.

L: Holy wisdom, holy word,

C: Thanks be to God.

STORYTIME

JANETTE REEVES

SERMON

A JOURNEY THAT BEGINS IN BAPTISM

PASTOR JASON BRYAN-WEGNER

HYMN

I'M GOING ON A JOURNEY

songleaders-v. 1; all-v. 2,3

1 I'm go-ing on a jour-ney, and I'm start-ing to-day. My



head is wet, and I'm on my way. Christ's mark is on me;



it's on you, too; it says he loves me, and he loves you, too!



2 I'm be-com-ing this day a saint of God. It



real-ly does-n't mat-ter what roads I trod. Wher-ev-er I go, God's



been there, too. God's love has touched me and will car-ry me through.



3 There are oth-er saints who have said a-men. They'll



keep me faith-ful to my jour-ney's end. A - long the way



I want to be the kind of per-son that God set free.

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 SAMUEL DEAN JOPPA

Child of Michael and Erin Joppa

Sponsors: Stephanie Joppa, Joshua and Keith Wilson

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

L: Longing for Christ's reign to come among us, we pray for the outpouring of God's power on the church, the world, and all in need.

After each petition the congregation responds:

L: Hear us, O God,

C: Your mercy is great.

L: Receive our prayers in the name of Jesus Christ our Savior, until that day when you gather all creation around your throne where you will reign forever and ever.

C: Amen.

SHARING THE PEACE

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

EXPRESSIONS OF GRATITUDE WHEN YOU PASS THROUGH THE WATERS

MEREDITH PRITCHARD AND BRENDA WICHMANN, VOCALISTS

PAUL D. WEBER,
TEXT: ISAIAH 43:1-3

Fear not, fear not, for I have redeemed you;
I have called you by name, you are mine.
When you pass through the waters, I will be with you;
Through the rivers, they shall not overwhelm you;
When you walk through fire, you shall not be burned;
And the flame shall not consume you.
For I am the Lord your God, the Holy One, your Savior.
Fear not, fear not, for I have redeemed you;
I have called you by name, you are mine.

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: Lord Jesus, in this simple meal you have set a banquet. Sustain us on the journey, strengthen us to care for the least of your beloved children, and give us glad and generous hearts as we meet you on the way.

C: Amen

BLESSING

L: May the God of all creation, in whose image we are made, who claims us and calls us beloved, who strengthens us for service, give you reason to rejoice and be glad! The blessing of God, Sovereign, † Savior, and Spirit, be with you today and always..

C: Amen.

HYMN

WE KNOW THAT CHRIST IS RAISED



1 We know that Christ is raised and dies no more.
2 We share by wa - ter in his sav - ing death.
3 The Fa - ther's splen - dor clothes the Son with life.
4 A new cre - a - tion comes to life and grows



Em - braced by death, he broke its fear - ful hold,
Re - born, we share with him an Eas - ter life,
The Spir - it's fis - sion shakes the church of God,
as Christ's new bod - y takes on flesh and blood.



and our de - spair he turned to blaz - ing joy.
as liv - ing mem - bers of our Sav - ior Christ.
Bap - tized, we live with God the Three in One.
The u - ni - verse re - stored and whole will sing:



Hal - le - lu - jah!

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

LORD GOD, WE ALL TO THEE GIVE PRAISE

JOHANN GOTTFRIED WALTHER

KRISTY GIERE, ORGANIST

CONGRATULATIONS TO:

Nancy and Al Johnsrud celebrating their 55th wedding anniversary today! They were married in Bessemer, Michigan.

PRAYERS FOR HEALING:

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SYMPATHY TO:

LaVonne Jergenson on the death of her daughter, Julie Stier.

The family of DeWaine Silker. A memorial service will be held at a later date.

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

TODAY'S RADIO BROADCAST IS GIVEN:

in memory of Rachel Harberts and her daughter, Emerson.

WORSHIP LEADERS TODAY

PROCLAIMER-Pastor Jason Bryan-Wegner; **WORSHIP ASSISTANTS**-Pastor Vern Christopherson and Pastor Shelley Cunningham; **LECTOR**-Pamela Vetter; **STORYTIME**-Janette Reeves; **ORGANIST**-Kristy Giere; **SINGING**-Meredith Pritchard and Brenda Wichmann; **ENSEMBLE**-Ralph Schornack, piano; Bob Giere, guitar; Kristy Giere, flute

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