



First Sunday of Christmas
January 3, 2021
8:30am

Welcome to Zumbro Lutheran Church!

From now until summer we will be following the Narrative Lectionary, developed by professors at Luther Seminary. The vast majority of this time will be spent in the Gospel of Luke. Luke has a distinctive feel to it that Jesus really has come for everyone. The flow of the gospel sweeps up all kinds of people into God's mercy and grace. In order for people to experience this grace, Jesus will flex our expectations of what it means to be a disciple.

Jesus started flexing people's expectations early in life. In today's reading, Mary and Joseph find Jesus sitting among the Temple's religious teachers. These teachers are surprised by his wisdom. Mary and Joseph are surprised by his righteous defiance. Perhaps this year, Jesus will be trying to flex our expectations of him too. As we dig into the Gospel of Luke you are invited to get caught up in what Jesus is doing in our lives, and be surprised by the grace and wisdom he offers.

PRELUDE

IMPRESSION ON "WE THREE KINGS"
KRISTY GIERE, ORGAN

ALFRED V. FEDAK

'TWAS IN THE MOON OF WINTERTIME
HANDBELL QUARTET WITH PIANO

ARR. ANNE KRENTZ ORGAN

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

CONFESSIONS AND FORGIVENESS

All may make the sign of the cross, the sign marked at baptism, as the presiding minister begins.

L: Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God,
who was in the beginning,
who makes a dwelling among us,
who covers us with justice and mercy.

C: Amen.

L: Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

Silence is kept for reflection.

L: God of goodness and lovingkindness,

**C: we confess that we have sinned against you
and our neighbors.**

We have turned away from your invitation to new life.

We have turned away from the lowly and downtrodden.

In your abundant mercy, forgive us our sins,

those we know and those known only to you,

for the sake of the one who came to live among us,

Jesus Christ, our Savior. Amen.

L: Hear the good news of peace and salvation!
God forgives us all our sins,
not through our own work,
but through † Jesus Christ, made known to all people.
With all who come to the manger,
rejoice in this amazing gift of grace.

C: Amen.

SONG

COLD DECEMBER FLIES AWAY



1 Cold De - cem - ber flies a - way at the rose - red splen - dor.
 2 In the hope - less time of sin shad - ows deep had fall - en.
 3 Now the bud has come to bloom, and the world a - wak - ens.



A - pril's crown - ing glo - ry breaks while the whole world won - ders
 All the world lay un - der death. Eyes were closed in sleep - ing.
 In the lil - y's pur - est flow'r dwells a won - drous fra - grance.



at the ho - ly un - seen pow'r of the tree which bears the
 But, when all seemed lost in night, came the sun whose gold - en
 And it spreads to all the earth from the mo - ment of its



flow'r. On the bless - ed tree blooms the red - dest flow'r. On the tree blooms the
 light brings un - end - ing joy, brings the end - less joy of our hope, high - est
 birth; and its beau - ty lives. In the flow'r it lives, in the flow'r, and it



rose here in love's own gar - den, full and strong in glo - ry.
 hope, of our hope's bright dawn - ing, Son be - lov'd of heav - en.
 spreads in its heav'n - ly bright - ness sweet per - fume de - light - ful.

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

ARISE, YOUR LIGHT HAS COME

**Arise, your light has come!
The Spirit's call obey;
show forth the glory of your God
which shines on you today.**

**Arise, your light has come!
Fling wide the prison door;
proclaim the captive's liberty,
good tidings to the poor.**

**Arise, your light has come!
All you in sorrow born,
bind up the brokenhearted ones
and comfort those who mourn.**

PRAYER OF THE DAY

L: God of grace and mercy,

C: When Jesus was a boy, he stayed in the temple to learn from the elders, and yet it was the elders who learned from him. Teach us, Lord, as you have taught others. When we think you have wandered off, help us find your wisdom and grace again. Amen.

HOLY GOSPEL

LUKE 2:41-52 NRSV

⁴¹Now every year his parents went to Jerusalem for the festival of the Passover. ⁴²And when he was twelve years old, they went up as usual for the festival. ⁴³When the festival was ended and they started to return, the boy Jesus stayed behind in Jerusalem, but his parents did not know it. ⁴⁴Assuming that he was in the group of travelers, they went a day's journey. Then they started to look for him among their relatives and friends. ⁴⁵When they did not find him, they returned to Jerusalem to search for him. ⁴⁶After three days they found him in the temple, sitting among the teachers, listening to them and asking them questions. ⁴⁷And all who heard him were amazed at his understanding and his answers. ⁴⁸When his parents saw him they were astonished; and his mother said to him, "Child, why have you treated us like this? Look, your father and I have been searching for you in great anxiety." ⁴⁹He said to them, "Why were you searching for me? Did you not know that I must be in my Father's house?" ⁵⁰But they did not understand what he said to them. ⁵¹Then he went down with them and came to Nazareth, and was obedient to them. His mother treasured all these things in her heart. ⁵²And Jesus increased in wisdom and in years, and in divine and human favor.

L: The Gospel of the Lord,

C: Thanks be to God.

LITANY OF PRAISE

BRIAN WREN

- L: Jesus of Nazareth, born among us, we remember with gratitude the parents who raised you, the traditions that formed you, and the faith in which you lived and died;
C: Youthful Jesus, we praise you.
- L: Going with your family to Jerusalem, standing in the Temple courtyard, hearing the chanting of psalms, smelling the smoke of sacrifice;
C: Youthful Jesus, we praise you.
- L: Schooled in the practice of your faith, knowing from an early age that God is Holy, Unique, and One, and that you belonged by birth to God's own chosen people;
C: Youthful Jesus, we praise you.
- L: Puzzling your anxious parents by speaking of God's holy Temple as your Father's house, and honoring your father and mother by accepting their loving authority as you grew in wisdom and years;
C: Youthful Jesus, we praise you.

STORYTIME

JANETTE REEVES

SERMON

FINDING THE JESUS WE THOUGHT WE LOST

PASTOR JASON BRYAN-WEGNER

SOLO

THAT BOY-CHILD OF MARY

TOM COLVIN

PAM HAMMOND, SOLOIST

Refrain That boy-child of Mary was born in a stable,
a manger his cradle in Bethlehem.

What shall we call him, child of the manger?
What name is given in Bethlehem? *Refrain*

His name is Jesus, God ever with us,
God given for us in Bethlehem. *Refrain*

How can he save us, how can he help us,
born here among us in Bethlehem? *Refrain*

Gift of the Father, to human mother,
makes him our brother in Bethlehem. *Refrain*

One with the Father, he is our Savior,
heaven-sent helper in Bethlehem. *Refrain*

Gladly we praise him, love and adore him,
give ourselves to him in Bethlehem. *Refrain*

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

L: Joining our voices with the song of the angels, let us pray for the church, the world, and all who are in need.

After each petition the congregation responds:

L: Hear us, O God,

C: Your mercy is great.

L: God of mercy, come quickly to us with grace upon grace as we lift these and all our prayers to you, in the name of Jesus.

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

WE THREE KINGS

ARR. DANIEL KELLEY

COREY HENKE, HORN; SUSAN HENKE, PIANO

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, that you have once again fed us from your very self with the body and blood of Christ. Through this mystery, send us forth to proclaim your promise to a world in need, through the same Jesus Christ, our Savior.

C: Amen.

BLESSING

L: Almighty God, who sent the Holy Spirit to Mary, proclaimed joy through the angels, sent the shepherds with good news, and led the magi by a star, bless you this day † through the Word made flesh.

C: Amen.

HYMN

LET OUR GLADNESS HAVE NO END



1 Let our glad - ness have no end, Hal - le - lu - jah!
2 Proph - e - sies in days of old, Hal - le - lu - jah!
3 See the love - liest bloom - ing rose, Hal - le - lu - jah!
4 In - to flesh is made the Word, Hal - le - lu - jah!



for to earth did Christ de - scend. Hal - le - lu - jah!
God has sent the one fore - told. Hal - le - lu - jah!
from the branch of Jes - se grows. Hal - le - lu - jah!
our true ref - uge and our Lord. Hal - le - lu - jah!

Refrain



On this day God gave us Christ, the Son, to



save us; Christ, the Son, to save us.

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

FROM HEAVEN ABOVE TO EARTH I COME
KRISTY GIERE, ORGAN

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SYMPATHY TO:

Ann Hoven on the death of her husband, Duane.

Jeff Davis on the death of his wife, June.

WORSHIP LEADERS TODAY

PROCLAIMER-Pastor Jason Bryan-Wegner; **WORSHIP ASSISTANT**-Pastor Vern Christopherson;

LECTOR-Ruth Stoeckel; **STORYTIME**-Janette Reeves; **ORGANIST**-Kristy Giere; **SINGING**-Pam Hammond;

SONGLEADERS-Pam Hammond, Janette Reeves; **INSTRUMENTAL**-Corey Henke, horn; Susan Henke, piano;

HANDBELL QUARTET-Paul Bye, Stacy Freimuth, Andy Larson, Christine Williams; Kristy Giere, piano

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