



ZUMBRO
LUTHERAN CHURCH

SIXTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

July 4, 2021

8:30am and 10am

Encouraging
**WORDS
FROM GOD**

Your Ultimate Allegiance Is to Christ

Welcome to Zumbro Lutheran Church!

SUNDAY, JULY 4, 2021

In our summer sermon series, we are listening for *Eight Encouraging Words from God*. Our theme for Independence Day reminds us that, in the midst of the fireworks and celebrations, our ultimate allegiance belongs to not just to country but to Christ.

GATHERING MUSIC

○ BEAUTIFUL FOR SPACIOUS SKIES

ARR. RALPH SCHORNACK

RALPH SCHORNACK, PIANIST

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

please stand as you are able

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

L: Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God, the God of manna, the God of miracles, the God of mercy.

C: Amen.

L: Drawn to Christ and seeking God's abundance, let us confess our sin.

silence for reflection and self-examination

L: God our provider,

C: help us. It is hard to believe there is enough to share. We question your ways when they differ from the ways of the world in which we live. We turn to our own understanding rather than trusting in you. We take offense at your teachings and your ways. Turn us again to you. Where else can we turn? Share with us the words of eternal life and feed us for life in the world. Amen.

L: Beloved people of God: in Jesus, the manna from heaven, you are fed and nourished. By Jesus, the worker of miracles, there is always more than enough. Through Jesus, † the bread of life, you are shown God's mercy: you are forgiven and loved into abundant life.

C: Amen.

**O beautiful for spacious skies,
for amber waves of grain,
for purple mountain majesties
above the fruited plain:
America! America!
God shed his grace on thee,
and crown thy good with brotherhood
from sea to shining sea.**

**O beautiful for heroes proved
in liberating strife,
who more than self their country loved,
and mercy more than life:
America! America!
May God thy gold refine,
till all success be nobleness,
and ev'ry gain divine.**

**O beautiful for patriot dream
that sees beyond the years
thine alabaster cities gleam,
undimmed by human tears:
America! America!
God mend thine ev'ry flaw,
confirm thy soul in self-control,
thy liberty in law.**

you may be seated

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.



God, be the love to search and keep me; God, be the prayer to
Bright-ness of sun and glow of moon-light, flash - ing of light - ning,
Walk - ing be-hind to hem my jour - ney, go - ing a - head to



move my voice; God, be the strength to now up - hold me:
strength of wind, depth of the sea to soil of plan - et:
light my way, and from be - neath, a - bove, and all ways:



O Christ, sur - round me; O Christ, sur - round me.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

L: Holy and loving God,

C: We are profoundly grateful for our nation and for the many blessings you give to us. In the midst of these blessings, help us not forget that you are our creator and redeemer, and you want our ultimate allegiance to belong to Christ. Amen.

please stand as you are able

SCRIPTURE SONG

**God has spoken to the people, hallelujah!
God has spoken words of wisdom, hallelujah!
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God has spoken words of wisdom, hallelujah!**

BIBLE READING

MATTHEW 22:15-22 NRSV

¹⁵Then the Pharisees went and plotted to entrap Jesus in what he said. ¹⁶So they sent their disciples to him, along with the Herodians, saying, "Teacher, we know that you are sincere, and teach the way of God in accordance with truth, and show deference to no one; for you do not regard people with partiality. ¹⁷Tell us, then, what you think. Is it lawful to pay taxes to the emperor, or not?" ¹⁸But Jesus, aware of their malice, said, "Why are you putting me to the test, you hypocrites? ¹⁹Show me the coin used for the tax." And they brought him a denarius. ²⁰Then he said to them, "Whose head is this, and whose title?" ²¹They answered, "The emperor's." Then he said to them, "Give therefore to the emperor the things that are the emperor's, and to God the things that are God's." ²²When they heard this, they were amazed; and they left him and went away.

L: Holy Wisdom, Holy Word.

C: Thanks be to God.

you may be seated

please stand as you are able

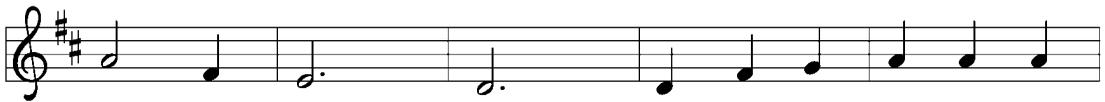
HYMN

I WANT TO WALK AS A CHILD OF THE LIGHT

HYMN TUNE HOUSTON



1 I want to walk as a child of the light. I want to
 2 I want to see . . . the bright-ness of God. I want to
 3 I'm look - ing for . . . the com - ing of Christ. I want to



fol - low Je - sus. God set the stars to give
 look at Je - sus. Clear Sun of righ - teous-ness,
 be with Je - sus. When we have run . . . with



light to the world. The star of my life is Je - sus.
 shine on my path, and show me the way to the Fa - ther.
 pa - tience the race, we shall know the joy of Je - sus.

Refrain



In him there is no dark-ness at all. The night and the



day are both a - like. The Lamb is the light of the



cit - y of God. Shine in my heart, Lord Je - sus.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

L: We need to hear encouraging words from you, O God.

After each petition we respond:

L: Hear us, O God.

C: Your mercy is great.

L: Gracious God, as you have encouraged us, help us to bring encouragement to others.
In Jesus' name,

C: Amen.

you may be seated

EXPRESSIONS OF GRATITUDE

We are not passing offering baskets during worship. If you happened to bring an offering with you today, there are baskets available at the exits. Thank you for your generosity.

MY FATHER'S HEART

CHRIS EATON

EMILY SCHMIDT, SOLOIST

Let everything that breathes praise you,
The earth the sky the sea praise you.
Just as nature shows to us your blessing,
Soon I find my heart confessing.

Refrain My love is not my own,
It all belongs to you.
And after all you've done,
The least that I can do
Is live my life in every part
Only to please my Father's heart.

Love is all you need to heal us;
Flowing from the heavens, Jesus.
And with one voice we'll sing together,
And this will be our song forever. *Refrain*

"My Father's Heart"

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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 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 COMMUNION

L: Christ has set the table with more than enough for all. Come!

COMMUNION OF THE PEOPLE

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

L: Jesus, Bread of life, we have received from your table more than we could ever ask. As you have nourished us in this meal, now strengthen us to love the world with your own life. In your name we pray.

C: Amen.

please stand as you are able

BLESSING

L: The blessing of God, who provides for us, feeds us, and journeys with us, ☩ be upon you now and forever.

C: Amen.

HYMN

MINE EYES HAVE SEEN THE GLORY

HYMN TUNE: BATTLE HYMN

**Mine eyes have seen the glory of the coming of the Lord;
he is trampling out the vintage where the grapes of wrath are stored;
he has loosed the fateful lightning of his terrible swift sword:
his truth is marching on.**

Refrain **Glory, glory! Hallelujah!
Glory, glory! Hallelujah!
Glory, glory! Hallelujah!
His truth is marching on.**

**He has sounded forth the trumpet that shall never call retreat;
he is sifting out the hearts of men before his judgment seat.
Oh, be swift, my soul, to answer him; be jubilant, my feet!
Our God is marching on. *Refrain***

**In the beauty of the lilies Christ was born across the sea,
with a glory in his bosom that transfigures you and me.
As he died to make men holy, let us live to make men free,
while God is marching on. *Refrain***

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

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ARR. KARRIN FORD

RALPH SCHORNACK, ORGANIST

Worship Leaders Today

PROCLAIMER and WORSHIP LEADER-Pastor Vern Christopherson; **LECTORS**-Pamela Vetter (8:30am); Wayne Vogt (10am); **STORY TIME**-Pastor Jason Bryan-Wegner; **ORGANIST and PIANIST**-Ralph Schornack; **SONGLEADER**-Janette Reeves; **SOLOIST**-Emily Schmidt; **USHERS**-Gloria and Ron Bonnicksen, Bruce Horazdovsky (8:30am); Gary Austin, Wayne DeBruin, Kathryn Horntvedt (10am); **GREETERS**-Maggie Bartels, Alice Benedett (8:30am); Kathy and Wayne Vogt (10am); **COMMUNION SERVERS**-Ivy and Paul Baker, Ruth Monson, Laurel Otteson (8:30am); Susan Boehm, Karen Cohen (10am)

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Prayers for God's Good Care:

Don Christensen
Phil Schmalz
Barb Turner
Diana Warne

Sympathy to:

Elaine Anderson and family on the death of their husband and father, Arleigh Anderson
The family of Jack Hawkins
Norma Jurisson and family on the death of their son and brother, Carl
The family of Florence Schubert

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