



NINTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

July 25, 2021

8:30am and 10am



You Have a Future with Hope

Welcome to Zumbro Lutheran Church!

SUNDAY, JULY 25, 2021

This morning we end our sermon series, *Eight Encouraging Words from God*, just where we began: with the exiles in Babylon. In our Bible reading, the prophet Jeremiah sends a letter to the exiles shortly after they arrive in Babylon. He delivers a promise from the Lord: “to give them a future with hope.” That seems to be a promise God’s people need to hear over and over again.

GATHERING MUSIC

ALLEGRO FROM SONATA IN F MAJOR, OP. 1, #1
MONICA ROBERTSON, CLARINET; ANDREA ROBERTSON, OBOE

G. F. HANDEL

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

POEM

GROUNDS FOR HOPE

GERHARD FROST

If I am asked what are my grounds for hope, this is my answer:
Light is lord over darkness, truth is lord over falsehood,
life is ever lord over death.

Of all the facts I daily live with, there’s none more comforting than this:
If I have two rooms, one dark, the other light, and I open the door between
them, the dark room becomes lighter without the light one becoming darker.
I know this is no headline, but it’s a marvelous footnote; and
God comforts me in that.

please stand as you are able

HYMN

O GOD, OUR HELP IN AGES PAST

**O God, our help in ages past, our hope for years to come,
our shelter from the stormy blast, and our eternal home:**

**Under the shadow of your throne your saints have dwelt secure;
sufficient is your arm alone, and our defense is sure.**

**Before the hills in order stood or earth received its frame,
from everlasting you are God, to endless years the same.**

**A thousand ages in your sight are like an evening gone,
short as the watch that ends the night before the rising sun.**

**O God, our help in ages past, our hope for years to come,
still be our guard while troubles last and our eternal home.**

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.

HYMN OF PRAISE GOD, BE THE LOVE TO SEARCH AND KEEP ME



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: God of the future,

C: There is so much about tomorrow that we don't know or understand. In the midst of uncertainty, help us to trust in you. Encourage us and fill us with hope. In Jesus' name. Amen.

please stand as you are able

SCRIPTURE SONG

(Refrain)

OPEN YOUR EARS, O FAITHFUL PEOPLE

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

¹These are the words of the letter that the prophet Jeremiah sent from Jerusalem to the remaining elders among the exiles, and to the priests, the prophets, and all the people, whom Nebuchadnezzar had taken into exile from Jerusalem to Babylon. ⁴Thus says the Lord of hosts, the God of Israel, to all the exiles whom I have sent into exile from Jerusalem to Babylon: ⁵Build houses and live in them; plant gardens and eat what they produce. ⁶Take wives and have sons and daughters; take wives for your sons, and give your daughters in marriage, that they may bear sons and daughters; multiply there, and do not decrease. ⁷But seek the welfare of the city where I have sent you into exile, and pray to the Lord on its behalf, for in its welfare you will find your welfare. ⁸For thus says the Lord of hosts, the God of Israel: Do not let the prophets and the diviners who are among you deceive you, and do not listen to the dreams that they dream, ⁹for it is a lie that they are prophesying to you in my name; I did not send them, says the Lord. ¹⁰For thus says the Lord: Only when Babylon's seventy years are completed will I visit you, and I will fulfill to you my promise and bring you back to this place. ¹¹For surely I know the plans I have for you, says the Lord, plans for your welfare and not for harm, to give you a future with hope. ¹²Then when you call upon me and come and pray to me, I will hear you. ¹³When you search for me, you will find me; if you seek me with all your heart, ¹⁴I will let you find me, says the Lord, and I will restore your fortunes and gather you from all the nations and all the places where I have driven you, says the Lord, and I will bring you back to the place from which I sent you into exile.

L: The Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

you may be seated

STORY TIME

JANETTE REEVES

SOLO

HOW BEAUTIFUL ARE THE FEET (FROM MESSIAH)

G. F. HANDEL

KATHRYN HORNTVEDT, SOLOIST

*How beautiful are the feet of them that preach the gospel of peace,
and bring glad tidings of good things. (Romans 10:15)*

SERMON

YOU HAVE A FUTURE WITH HOPE

PASTOR VERN CHRISTOPHERSON

HYMN

LIGHT DAWNS ON A WEARY WORLD



1 Light dawns on a wea - ry world when eyes be - gin to
2 Love grows in a wea - ry world when hun - gry hearts find
3 Hope blooms in a wea - ry world when crea - tures, once for -



see all peo - ple's dig - ni - ty. Light dawns on a
bread and chil - dren's dreams are fed. Love grows in a
lorn, find wil - der - ness re - born. Hope blooms in a



wea - ry world: the prom - ised day of jus - tice comes.
wea - ry world: the prom - ised feast of plen - ty comes.
wea - ry world: the prom - ised green of E - den comes.



The trees shall clap their hands; the dry lands, gush with springs;



the hills and moun - tains shall break forth with sing - ing!



We shall go out in joy, and be led forth in peace,



as all the world in won - der ech - oes sha - lom.

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.

you may be seated

BAPTISM OF HAYDEN THEO KOLZ

Parents: Josh and Allison Kolz

Sponsors: Rob and Nicole Wells

EXPRESSIONS OF GRATITUDE

HORNSPIPE

G. F. HANDEL

MONICA ROBERTSON, CLARINET; ANDREA ROBERTSON, OBOE; KRISTY GIERE, FLUTE

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.

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 and hope to others. In Jesus' name,

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 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.

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.

GUIDE ME EVER, GREAT REDEEMER

**Guide me ever, great Redeemer,
pilgrim through this barren land.
I am weak, but you are mighty;
hold me with your pow'rful hand.
Bread of heaven, bread of heaven,
feed me now and evermore,
feed me now and evermore.**

**Open now the crystal fountain
where the healing waters flow;
let the fire and cloudy pillar
lead me all my journey through.
Strong deliv'rer, strong deliv'rer,
shield me with your mighty arm,
shield me with your mighty arm.**

**When I tread the verge of Jordan,
bid my anxious fears subside;
death of death and hell's destruction,
land me safe on Canaan's side.
Songs and praises, songs and praises,
I will raise forevermore,
I will raise forevermore.**

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

RECESSIONAL ON "ST. ANNE" (*O GOD, OUR HELP IN AGES PAST*)
KRISTY GIERE, ORGAN

ARR. GORDON YOUNG

Worship Leaders Today

PROCLAIMER-Pastor Vern Christopherson; **WORSHIP LEADER**-Pastor Jason Bryan-Wegner; **LECTORS**-Bob Saunders (8:30am); Harlan Wickre (10am); **STORY TIME**-Janette Reeves; **ORGANIST**-Kristy Giere; **SOLOIST**-Kathryn Horntvedt; **INSTRUMENTAL**-Monica Robertson, clarinet; Andrea Robertson, oboe; Kristy Giere, flute; **USHERS**-Chuck Carstensen, Dan Van Dyke and Luanne Wussow (8:30am); Wayne DeBruin, Erika Giere, Sandy Nieland and Sara Smith (10am); **GREETERS**-Janet Carstensen and Gerri Ferdinande (8:30am); Addie and Duane Muri (10am)

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Prayers for God's Good Care:

Don Christensen
Delores Hagen
Phil Schmalz
Noel Taylor
Barb Turner

Sympathy to:

Diane Bazey on the death of her brother Bruce Fure

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