



ELEVENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

August 8, 2021

8:30am and 10am



Joy Can Sometimes Be Hard to Find

Welcome to Zumbro Lutheran Church!

SUNDAY, AUGUST 8, 2021

This morning we continue with our sermon series from Philippians: *Finding Joy*. It probably goes without saying, but sometimes joy can be hard to come by. We hear that today as Paul struggles with his imprisonment and the very real possibility that he might lose his life in a Roman jail.

GATHERING MUSIC

ALLEMANDA
I WILL ARISE AND GO TO JESUS
MATT HANLEY, CLARINET; KRISTY GIERE, PIANO

ARCANGELO CORELLI, ARR. CHARLES CALLAHAN
ARR. DANIEL S. PINKSTON

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

CALL TO WORSHIP

THIS IS THE DAY
OCTET SINGERS
This is the day which the Lord hath made.
We will rejoice and be glad in it.—Psalm 118:24

ANONYMOUS (CA. 1600)

BIBLE READING

¹⁶For I am not ashamed of the gospel; it is the power of God for salvation to everyone who has faith, to the Jew first and also to the Greek.—Apostle Paul

ROMANS 1:16 NRSV

please stand as you are able

HYMN

PRAISE THE ONE WHO BREAKS THE DARKNESS
**Praise the One who breaks the darkness
with a liberating light;
praise the One who frees the pris'ners,
turning blindness into sight.
Praise the One who preached the gospel,
healing ev'ry dread disease,
calming storms and feeding thousands
with the very bread of peace.**

Octet

Praise the One who blessed the children with a strong yet gentle word;
praise the One who drove out demons with a piercing, two-edged
sword. Praise the One who brings cool water to the desert's burning
sand; from this well comes living water quenching thirst in ev'ry land.

**Praise the one true love incarnate:
Christ, who suffered in our place;
Jesus died and rose for many
that we may know God by grace.
Let us sing for joy and gladness,
seeing what our God has done.
Praise the one redeeming glory;
praise the One who makes us one.**

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

SHOUT FOR JOY LOUD AND LONG



Shout for joy loud and long, God be praised with a song! To the Lord
By God's word all was made, heav'n and earth, light and shade, na-ture's won -
Now has Christ tru - ly ris'n, and his Spir - it is giv'n to all those



we be - long: chil-dren of our mak - er, God the great life giv - er.
ders dis-played, we to rule cre - a - tion from its first foun-da - tion.
un - der heav'n who now walk be - side him, though they once de - nied him.

Refrain



Shout for joy, joy, joy! Shout for joy, joy, joy!



God is love, God is light, God is ev - er - last - ing!

PRAYER OF THE DAY

L: Gracious and loving God,

C: there are plenty of days when joy is hard to find. We turn to you for healing and hope during tough times. Thank you for suffering with us and for us; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

please stand as you are able

SCRIPTURE SONG

WITH GRATEFUL JOY

*First time—
octet*

With grate-ful joy for you the source of all life,

*Second time—
all*

we raise one voice to you from whom all bles - sings flow.

You are the Giv-er of life, you are the Lov - er of life,

the Good Sus - tain - er of Life. We live in you.

We live in you.

BIBLE READING

PHILIPPIANS 1:12-26 NRSV

¹²I want you to know, beloved, that what has happened to me has actually helped to spread the gospel, ¹³so that it has become known throughout the whole imperial guard and to everyone else that my imprisonment is for Christ; ¹⁴and most of the brothers and sisters, having been made confident in the Lord by my imprisonment, dare to speak the word with greater boldness and without fear. ¹⁵Some proclaim Christ from envy and rivalry, but others from goodwill. ¹⁶These proclaim Christ out of love, knowing that I have been put here for the defense of the gospel; ¹⁷the others proclaim Christ out of selfish ambition, not sincerely but intending to increase my suffering in my imprisonment. ¹⁸What does it matter? Just this, that Christ is proclaimed in every way, whether out of false motives or true; and in that I rejoice. Yes, and I will continue to rejoice, ¹⁹for I know that through your prayers and the help of the Spirit of Jesus Christ this will turn out for my deliverance. ²⁰It is my eager expectation and hope that I will not be put to shame in any way, but that by my speaking with all boldness, Christ will be exalted now as always in my body, whether by life or by death. ²¹For to me, living is Christ and dying is gain. ²²If I am to live in the flesh, that means fruitful labor for me; and I do not know which I prefer. ²³I am hard pressed between the two: my desire is to depart and be with Christ, for that is far better; ²⁴but to remain in the flesh is more necessary for you. ²⁵Since I am convinced of this, I know that I will remain and continue with all of you for your progress and joy in faith, ²⁶so that I may share abundantly in your boasting in Christ Jesus when I come to you again.

L: Holy Wisdom. Holy Word.

C: Thanks be to God.

you may be seated

STORY TIME

PASTOR JASON BRYAN-WEGNER

SERMON

JOY CAN SOMETIMES BE HARD TO FIND

PASTOR VERN CHRISTOPHERSON

please stand as you are able

HYMN

GIVE ME JESUS



*Verses—
octet*

1 In the morn-ing when I rise, in the morn-ing when I rise,
 2 Dark . . . mid-night was my cry, dark . . . mid-night was my cry,
 3 Just a - bout the break of day, just a - bout the break of day,
 4 Oh, . . . when I come to die, oh, . . . when I come to die,
 5 And . . . when I want to sing, and . . . when I want to sing,



in the morn - ing when I rise, give me Je - sus.
 dark . . . mid - night was my cry, give me Je - sus.
 just a - bout the break of day, give me Je - sus.
 oh, . . . when I come to die, give me Je - sus.
 and . . . when I want to sing, give me Je - sus.

Refrain



*Refrain—
all*

Give me Je - sus, give me Je - sus.



You may have all the rest, give me Je - sus.

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

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.

HEAVEN IS SINGING FOR JOY

PABLO SOSA

OCTET SINGERS

Heaven is singing for joy, alleluia,
for in your life and mine is shining the glory of God.

Refrain Alleluia, alleluia!
Alleluia, alleluia!

Heaven is singing for joy, alleluia,
for your life and mine unite in the love of our God. *Refrain*

Heaven is singing for joy, alleluia,
for your life and mine will always bear witness to God. *Refrain*

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

L: Rooted in Christ and sustained by the Spirit, we offer our prayers for the church, the world, and all of creation.

After each petition we respond:

L: Hear us, O God.

C: Your mercy is great.

L: We lift these and all our prayers to you, O God, confident in the promise of your saving love; through Jesus 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 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.

HYMN

MY LIFE FLOWS ON IN ENDLESS SONG

**My life flows on in endless song;
above earth's lamentation,
I catch the sweet, though far-off hymn
that hails a new creation.**

Refrain **No storm can shake my inmost calm
while to that Rock I'm clinging.
Since Christ is Lord of heaven and earth,
how can I keep from singing?**

**Through all the tumult and the strife,
I hear that music ringing.
It finds an echo in my soul.
How can I keep from singing? *Refrain***

**What though my joys and comforts die?
The Lord my Savior liveth.
What though the darkness gather round?
Songs in the night he giveth. *Refrain***

**The peace of Christ makes fresh my heart,
a fountain ever springing!
All things are mine since I am his!
How can I keep from singing? *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

POSTLUDE ON AN ORIGINAL ANTIPHON
KRISTY GIERE, ORGAN

CHRISTOPHER UEHLEIN, OSB

WORSHIP LEADERS TODAY

PROCLAIMER-Pastor Vern Christopherson; **WORSHIP LEADER**-Pastor Shelley Cunningham; **LECTORS**-Erika Polansky (8:30am); Megan Thorvilson (10am); **STORY TIME**-Pastor Jason Bryan-Wegner; **ORGANIST**-Kristy Giere; **OCTET**-Janette Reeves and Brenda Wichmann, soprano; Jolene Hansen and Meredith Pritchard, alto; Alan Hansen and Bob Jenkins, tenor; Todd Davis and Roger Harms, bass; Bob Giere, director; **INSTRUMENTAL**-Matt Hanley, clarinet; **USHERS**-Gloria and Ron Bonnicksen, and Luanne Wussow (8:30am); Kyle Boehm, Todd Lichty and Sandy Nieland (10am); **GREETERS**-Karla and Bob Brunett (8:30am)

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Prayers for God's Good Care:

Don Christensen
Nancy Haglof
Wendy McDougall (daughter of Ken Randall)
Gladys Roberts
Phil Schmalz
Marge Severeid

Sympathy to:

Lester Horntvedt on the death of his nephew
Family and friends of Richard Kersten
Family of Joyce Newman (*Funeral at Zumbro on Monday, August 9 at 11:30am. The service is open to the public and will also be live streamed.*)
Jeanine Ransom on the death of her mother Jean Brose
Family of Doris Simpson
Family and friends of Noel Taylor (*Including students at Lincoln School where Noel volunteered*)

Disclaimer: The 8:30am service is live streamed. If you would like to be left out of the camera's view, please walk past the main doors of the sanctuary and choose a chair just to your left near the office.



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