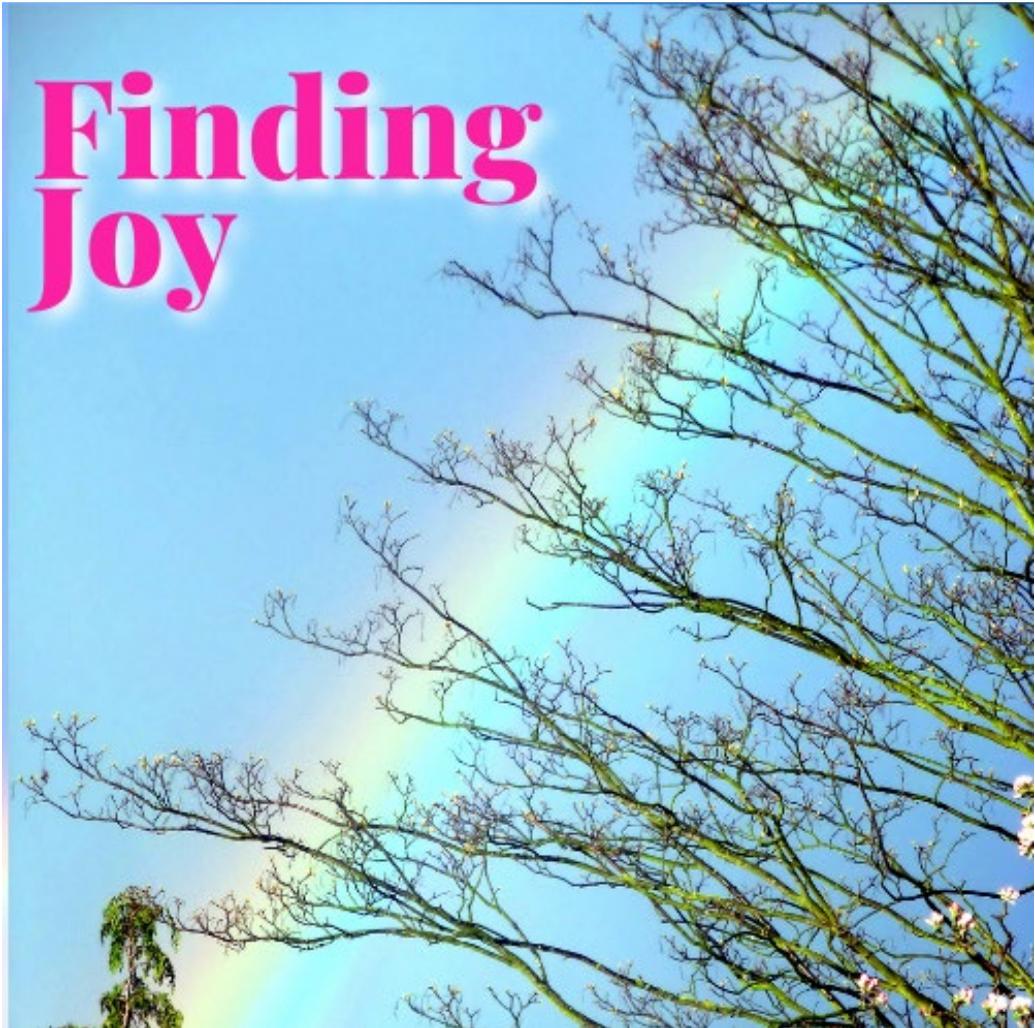




TWELFTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

August 15, 2021

8:30am and 10am



The Deep Down Joy of Imitating Christ

Welcome to Zumbro Lutheran Church!

SUNDAY, AUGUST 15, 2021

As we continue our focus on Philippians, we turn to what is often referred to as the “Christ Hymn” in Chapter 2. As Paul sees it, finding joy in our lives has a lot to do with imitating Christ’s humility and suffering, as hard as that may seem for us. Be ready to be challenged as you reflect on the words of this early-Christian hymn.

GATHERING MUSIC

JOYFUL, JOYFUL!
SUNDAY SCHOOL RING-A-LONG

ARR. VALERIE W. STEPHENSON

ARR. BILL INGRAM

INCLUDES: “THE B-I-B-L-E,”
“DOWN IN MY HEART,”
AND “HALLELU, HALLELUJAH!”
ZUMBRO HANDBELL ENSEMBLE

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.

HYMN

ALL HAIL THE POWER OF JESUS' NAME!

**All hail the pow'r of Jesus' name! Let angels prostrate fall;
bring forth the royal diadem and crown him Lord of all.
Bring forth the royal diadem and crown him Lord of all.**

**O seed of Israel's chosen race now ransomed from the fall,
hail him who saves you by his grace and crown him Lord of all.
Hail him who saves you by his grace and crown him Lord of all.**

**Hail him, you heirs of David's line, whom David Lord did call
the God incarnate, man divine and crown him Lord of all.
The God Incarnate, man divine and crown him Lord of all.**

**Let ev'ry kindred, ev'ry tribe on this terrestrial ball
to him all majesty ascribe and crown him Lord of all.
To him all majesty ascribe and crown him Lord of all.**

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.

KYRIE

L: In peace, in peace,

Refrain

songleader

all

Let us pray to the Lord, have mer - cy,
Christ, have mer - cy, Lord, have
mer - cy. to verses

L: For the reign of God, and for peace throughout the world, for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord ... (to **Refrain**)

L: For your people here, who have come to give you praise, for the strength to live your Word, let us pray to the Lord ... (to **Refrain**)

songleader
Help, save and de - fend us, O
all
God. A - men.

HYMN OF PRAISE

NOW THE FEAST AND CELEBRATION

Refrain

Now the feast and cel - e - bra - tion, all of cre - a - tion

sings for joy to the God of life and love and free-dom;

praise and glo - ry for - ev - er - more!

1 Now is the feast of the Lamb once slain, whose blood has

freed and u - nit-ed us to be one great peo-ple of God.

2 Pow - er and rich-es, wis-dom and might, all hon - or and

glo - ry to Christ for - ev - er.

3 For God has come to dwell with us, to make us peo-ple of

God; to make all things new.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

L: Lord Jesus,

C We are humbled by your actions in leaving heaven and coming to Earth. You showed us how to serve, even to the point of laying down your life for us. We bend our knee and confess that truly you are Lord. Amen.

please stand as you are able

SCRIPTURE SONG

WITH GRATEFUL JOY



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



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 1:27—2:11 NRSV

²⁷Only, live your life in a manner worthy of the gospel of Christ, so that, whether I come and see you or am absent and hear about you, I will know that you are standing firm in one spirit, striving side by side with one mind for the faith of the gospel, ²⁸and are in no way intimidated by your opponents. For them this is evidence of their destruction, but of your salvation. And this is God's doing. ²⁹For he has graciously granted you the privilege not only of believing in Christ, but of suffering for him as well — ³⁰since you are having the same struggle that you saw I had and now hear that I still have. ¹If then there is any encouragement in Christ, any consolation from love, any sharing in the Spirit, any compassion and sympathy, ²make my joy complete: be of the same mind, having the same love, being in full accord and of one mind. ³Do nothing from selfish ambition or conceit, but in humility regard others as better than yourselves. ⁴Let each of you look not to your own interests, but to the interests of others. ⁵Let the same mind be in you that was in Christ Jesus, ⁶who, though he was in the form of God, did not regard equality with God as something to be exploited, ⁷but emptied himself, taking the form of a slave, being born in human likeness. And being found in human form, ⁸he humbled himself and became obedient to the point of death —even death on a cross. ⁹Therefore God also highly exalted him and gave him the name that is above every name, ¹⁰so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bend, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, ¹¹and every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

L: Holy Wisdom. Holy Word.

C: Thanks be to God.

you may be seated

STORY TIME

JANETTE (REEVES) DAVIS

SERMON

THE DEEP DOWN JOY OF IMITATING CHRIST

PASTOR VERN CHRISTOPHERSON

please stand as you are able

HYMN

ALTHOUGH I SPEAK WITH ANGEL'S TONGUE



verse 1—
songleader
1 Al - though I speak with an - gel's tongue, my faith, my
2 For love is pa - tient, love is kind, and nev - er
3 For now we peer at dark - ened glass; our vi - sions
verses
2-4—all
4 The gifts are man - y, the Bod - y one, and in - to



knowl - edge all sur - pass, but have no love, my gifts are
vain with boast - ing pride; love bears all things, all things en -
end; our tongues all cease. In part we know, in part now
one are all bap - tized. Be - lov - ed, share one heart, one



vain as clang - ing gong or blar - ing brass.
dures. All things must end; love will a - bide.
see: then we will see love face to face.
mind, one hope, one faith, one love in Christ.

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.

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.

HOW SWEET THE SOUND

JENNY KRUSE, SOLOIST

ARR. JOHN HELGEN

Amazing grace! How sweet the sound, that saved a wretch like me!
I once was lost, but now am found; was blind, but now I see.
'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear, and grace my fears relieved;
How precious did that grace appear the hour I first believed!

By grace we are saved, by grace we are free. Amazing, amazing grace!

Through many dangers toils and snares I have already come;
'Tis grace has brought me safe thus far, and grace will lead me home.
When we've been there ten thousand years, bright shining as the sun,
We've no less days to sing God's praise than when we'd first begun.

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

Today we bless the bread and wine that will be brought by Care Ministers to those homebound members who are unable to be at worship. This offers our absent members a means of participating in the worship of the whole assembly.

LAMB OF GOD

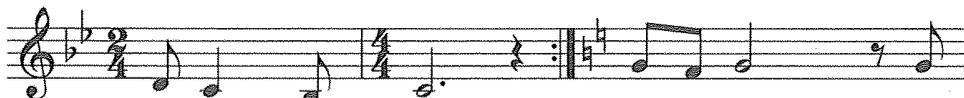


Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the
you break the chains of ha - tred and
you are the way of jus - tice and
you are the way of mer - cy and



world: have mer - cy on us, mer - cy on us,
fear:
peace:
love.

Final Stanza



mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, you



take a - way the sins of the world: grant us peace,



grant us peace, grant us peace.

SPECIAL MUSIC

RING PRAISES UNTO THEE ZUMBRO HANDBELL ENSEMBLE

VALERIE W. STEPHENSON

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

I'M SO GLAD JESUS LIFTED ME

**I'm so glad Jesus lifted me.
I'm so glad Jesus lifted me.
I'm so glad Jesus lifted me,
singing glory, hallelujah! Jesus lifted me.**

**Satan had me bound, Jesus lifted me.
Satan had me bound, Jesus lifted me.
Satan had me bound, Jesus lifted me,
singing glory, hallelujah! Jesus lifted me.**

**When I was in trouble, Jesus lifted me.
When I was in trouble, Jesus lifted me.
When I was in trouble, Jesus lifted me,
singing glory, hallelujah! Jesus lifted me.**

**I'm so glad Jesus lifted me.
I'm so glad Jesus lifted me.
I'm so glad Jesus lifted me,
singing glory, hallelujah! Jesus lifted me.**

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

REEL ("SING TO GOD A NEW SONG")
ENSEMBLE MUSICIANS

BOB MOORE

Worship Leaders Today

PROCLAIMER-Pastor Vern Christopherson; **WORSHIP LEADER**-Pastor Jason Bryan-Wegner; **LECTORS**-Kathryn Horntvedt (8:30am); Wayne Vogt (10am); **STORY TIME**-Janette (Reeves) Davis; **ORGANIST**-Kristy Giere; **LITURGY MUSICIANS**-Ralph Schornack, piano; Bob Giere, guitar; Tony Tschida, bass; Pam Hammond, recorder; Kristy Giere, flute; Jenny Kruse, songleader and soloist; **HANDBELLS**-Paul Bye, Stacy Freimuth, Kristy Giere, Pam Hammond; Sue Schwartz, Ruth Stoeckel, Maika Suzuki, and Melanie Tschida; **USHERS**-Karen and Jeff Lansing, and Luanne Wussow (8:30am); Gary Austin, Jo Meyer, and Dennis Siemsen (10am); **COMMUNION SERVERS**-Evy and Paul Baker, Maggie Bartels, Julie Caesar, and Laurel Otteson (8:30am); Dianna and Lester Horntvedt (10am)

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Prayers for God's Good Care:

Don Christensen
Nancy Haglof
Gladys Roberts
Marge Severeid
Barb Turner

Sympathy to:

Jeanine Ransom on the death of her mother Jean Brose
Carol Shipman on the death of her sister Mary Fox

Congratulations to:

Janette (Reeves) and Todd Davis who were married yesterday, Aug. 14.
Today's flowers are from their wedding.

Upcoming Memorial Service:

Jean Brose, mother of Jeanine Ransom, Wednesday, Aug. 18—2pm service
(In person at Zumbro and live streamed)

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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