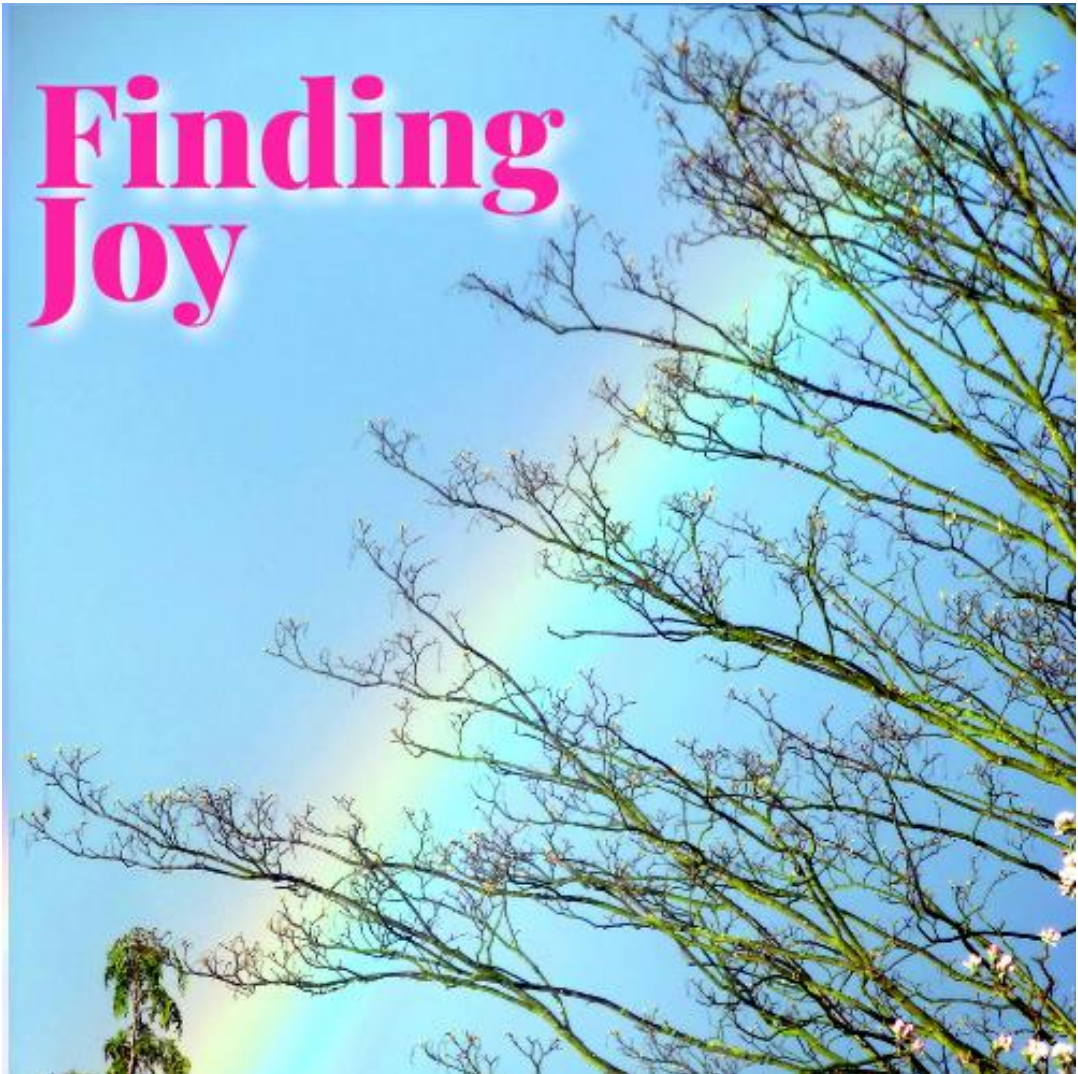




THIRTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

August 22, 2021

8:30am and 10am



The Joy of Staying Connected

Welcome to Zumbro Lutheran Church!

SUNDAY, AUGUST 22, 2021

Paul stayed connected with the congregations he started. Sometimes he was able to visit them in person. At other times he dispatched associates in ministry to send and receive messages. Two such associates are mentioned in our reading from Philippians today – Timothy and Epaphroditus. Even the thought of staying connected through them brings joy to Paul’s heart.

GATHERING MUSIC

WILL YOU LET ME BE YOUR SERVANT

ARR. RALPH SCHORNACK

RALPH SCHORNACK, PIANO

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

please stand as you are able

HYMN 641

ALL ARE WELCOME

songleaders

Let us build a house where love can dwell and all can safely live,
a place where saints and children tell
how hearts learn to forgive.

Built of hopes and dreams and visions,
rock of faith and vault of grace;
here the love of Christ shall end divisions:

all

Refrain All are welcome, all are welcome,
all are welcome in this place.

Let us build a house where prophets speak,
and words are strong and true,
where all God's children dare to seek to dream God's reign anew.
Here the cross shall stand as witness
and as symbol of God's grace;
here as one we claim the faith of Jesus: *Refrain*

Let us build a house where hands will reach
beyond the wood and stone
to heal and strengthen, serve and teach,
and live the Word they've known.
Here the outcast and the stranger bear the image of God's face;
let us bring an end to fear and danger: *Refrain*

Let us build a house where all are named,
their songs and visions heard
and loved and treasured, taught and claimed
as words within the Word. Built of tears and cries and laughter,
prayers of faith and songs of grace,
let this house proclaim from floor to rafter: *Refrain*

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: God of connection,
C: **we need each other. It isn't always easy to be a family, or a community. But we know the care we show our brothers and sisters matters. May the Christ-like love we share build us up and keep us close, to one another, and to you. In the name of Jesus we pray. Amen.**

please stand as you are able

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 2:14-3:1A NRSV

¹⁴Do all things without murmuring and arguing, ¹⁵so that you may be blameless and innocent, children of God without blemish in the midst of a crooked and perverse generation, in which you shine like stars in the world. ¹⁶It is by your holding fast to the word of life that I can boast on the day of Christ that I did not run in vain or labor in vain. ¹⁷But even if I am being poured out as a libation over the sacrifice and the offering of your faith, I am glad and rejoice with all of you—¹⁸and in the same way you also must be glad and rejoice with me. ¹⁹I hope in the Lord Jesus to send Timothy to you soon, so that I may be cheered by news of you. ²⁰I have no one like him who will be genuinely concerned for your welfare. ²¹All of them are seeking their own interests, not those of Jesus Christ. ²²But Timothy's worth you know, how like a son with a father he has served with me in the work of the gospel. ²³I hope therefore to send him as soon as I see how things go with me; ²⁴and I trust in the Lord that I will also come soon. ²⁵Still, I think it necessary to send to you Epaphroditus—my brother and co-worker and fellow soldier, your messenger and minister to my need; ²⁶for he has been longing for all of you, and has been distressed because you heard that he was ill. ²⁷He was indeed so ill that he nearly died. But God had mercy on him, and not only on him but on me also, so that I would not have one sorrow after another. ²⁸I am the more eager to send him, therefore, in order that you may rejoice at seeing him again, and that I may be less anxious. ²⁹Welcome him then in the Lord with all joy, and honor such people, ³⁰because he came close to death for the work of Christ, risking his life to make up for those services that you could not give me. ¹Finally, my brothers and sisters, rejoice in the Lord.

L: Holy Wisdom. Holy Word.

C: Thanks be to God.

you may be seated

STORY TIME

BACKPACK BLESSING

JEN GRUENDLER

Backpack blessing tags can be picked up from Jen Gruendler, or in the church office.

please stand as you are able

HYMN 659

songleaders

WILL YOU LET ME BE YOUR SERVANT

Will you let me be your servant,
let me be as Christ to you?
Pray that I may have the grace to
let you be my servant, too.

all

We are pilgrims on a journey,
we are trav'lers on the road;
we are here to help each other
walk the mile and bear the load.

I will weep when you are weeping;
when you laugh I'll laugh with you.
I will share your joy and sorrow
till we've seen this journey through.

Will you let me be your servant,
let me be as Christ to you?
Pray that I may have the grace to
let you be my servant, too.

"Will You Let Me Be Your Servant?" (The Servant Song)

By Richard Gillard

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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.

HOW CAN I KEEP FROM SINGING?

JENNY KRUSE AND SAM SIMATAA

CHRIS TOMLIN, ED CASH,
AND MATT REDMAN;

ARR. MARY McDONALD

There is an endless song, echoes in my soul, I hear the music ring.
And though the storms may come, I am holding on, to the Rock I cling.

Refrain How can I keep from singing your praise?
How can I ever say enough, how amazing is your love?
How can I keep from shouting your name?
I know I am loved by the King,
and it makes my heart want to sing.

I will lift my eyes in the darkest night, for I know my Savior lives.
And I will walk with you, knowing you'll see me through, and sing the songs you give.

Refrain

I can sing when I lose my step, and I fall down again.
I can sing 'cause you pick me up, sing 'cause you're there.
I can sing' cause you hear me Lord, when I call to you in prayer.
I can sing with my last breath,
sing for I know that I'll sing with the angels
and the saints around the throne. *Refrain*

"How Can I Keep from Singing?"

By Chris Tomlin, Ed, Cash, and Matt Redman

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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 654

THE CHURCH'S ONE FOUNDATION

The church's one foundation is Jesus Christ, her Lord;
she is his new creation by water and the word.
From heav'n he came and sought her to be his holy bride;
with his own blood he bought her, and for her life he died.

Elect from ev'ry nation, yet one o'er all the earth,
her charter of salvation one Lord, one faith, one birth:
one holy name she blesses, partakes one holy food,
and to one hope she presses, with ev'ry grace endued.

Through toil and tribulation and tumult of her war,
she waits the consummation of peace forevermore;
till with the vision glorious her longing eyes are blest,
and the great church victorious shall be the church at rest.

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

TRUMPET TUNE ON THE CHURCH'S ONE FOUNDATION

ARR. MICHAEL HELMAN

RALPH SCHORNACK, ORGAN

WORSHIP LEADERS TODAY

PROCLAIMER-Pastor Shelley Cunningham; WORSHIP LEADER-Pastor Jason Bryan-Wegner; LECTORS-Rebecca Nesse (8:30am); Alex Kelsch (10am); STORY TIME-Jen Gruendler; ORGANIST and PIANIST-Ralph Schornack; SINGING-Jenny Kruse and Sam Simataa; USHERS-Judy and David Clayton and Bruce Horazdovsky (8:30am); Gary Austin, Kyle Boehm, and Sandy Nieland (10am); GREETERS-Dorey and Chuck Johnson (8:30am); Judy Anderson (10am)

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Prayers for God's Good Care:

Dave Roberts

Gladys Roberts

Marge Severeid

Sympathy to:

Family of Dode and Bill Ostrom (*a private, family committal service is being held at the Minnesota State Veterans Cemetery in Preston, MN on Friday, Aug. 27*)

Congratulations to:

William Deng and Rebecca Manyok on the birth of a baby girl

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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