



FOURTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

August 29, 2021

8:30am



Joy Comes in Pressing on Toward the Goal

Welcome to Zumbro Lutheran Church!

SUNDAY, AUGUST 29, 2021

In our scripture reading today, Paul takes on some elements of the Jewish faith that appear to be showing up in the city of Philippi. When Paul became a follower of Jesus, he didn't leave his Jewish roots behind. Rather, he regularly stressed that our salvation rests not in our actions alone, but in God's actions toward us in Jesus Christ.

GATHERING MUSIC

THE CHURCH'S ONE FOUNDATION
ZUMBRO WOODWIND QUINTET; SUSAN HENKE, PIANO

ARR. DUANE FUNDERBURK

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.

**"Will you come and follow me if I but call your name?
Will you go where you don't know and never be the same?
Will you let my love be shown, will you let my name be known,
will you let my life be grown in you and you in me?"**

**"Will you leave yourself behind if I but call your name?
Will you care for cruel and kind and never be the same?
Will you risk the hostile stare, should your life attract or scare?
Will you let me answer pray'r in you and you in me?"**

**"Will you let the blinded see if I but call your name?
Will you set the pris'ners free and never be the same?
Will you kiss the leper clean, and do such as this unseen,
and admit to what I mean in you and you in me?"**

**"Will you love the you you hide if I but call your name?
Will you quell the fear inside and never be the same?
Will you use the faith you've found to reshape the world
around, through my sight and touch and
sound in you and you in me?"**

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: Jesus,

C: you are the author and perfecter of our faith. You have claimed us as your own. Take hold of our hearts and transform us to be more like you, so that we have the endurance to lean into your call to love you and love our neighbors with our whole hearts, bodies, souls and minds. 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.

¹Finally, my brothers and sisters, rejoice in the Lord. To write the same things to you is not troublesome to me, and for you it is a safeguard. ²Beware of the dogs, beware of the evil workers, beware of those who mutilate the flesh! ³For it is we who are the circumcision, who worship in the Spirit of God and boast in Christ Jesus and have no confidence in the flesh — ⁴even though I, too, have reason for confidence in the flesh. If anyone else has reason to be confident in the flesh, I have more: ⁵circumcised on the eighth day, a member of the people of Israel, of the tribe of Benjamin, a Hebrew born of Hebrews; as to the law, a Pharisee; ⁶as to zeal, a persecutor of the church; as to righteousness under the law, blameless. ⁷Yet whatever gains I had, these I have come to regard as loss because of Christ. ⁸More than that, I regard everything as loss because of the surpassing value of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord. For his sake I have suffered the loss of all things, and I regard them as rubbish, in order that I may gain Christ ⁹and be found in him, not having a righteousness of my own that comes from the law, but one that comes through faith in Christ, the righteousness from God based on faith. ¹⁰I want to know Christ and the power of his resurrection and the sharing of his sufferings by becoming like him in his death, ¹¹if somehow I may attain the resurrection from the dead. ¹²Not that I have already obtained this or have already reached the goal; but I press on to make it my own, because Christ Jesus has made me his own. ¹³Beloved, I do not consider that I have made it my own but this one thing I do: forgetting what lies behind and straining forward to what lies ahead, ¹⁴I press on toward the goal for the prize of the heavenly call of God in Christ Jesus. ¹⁵Let those of us then who are mature be of the same mind; and if you think differently about anything, this too God will reveal to you. ¹⁶Only let us hold fast to what we have attained.

L: The Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

you may be seated

STORY TIME

JANETTE DAVIS

SERMON

JOY COMES IN PRESSING ON TOWARD THE GOAL

JEN GRUENDLER

please stand as you are able

HYMN

I'VE GOT THE JOY, JOY, JOY

**I've got the joy, joy, joy, joy down in my heart (where?)
Down in my heart (where?) down in my heart.
I've got the joy, joy, joy, joy down in my heart (where?)
down in my heart to stay.**

**I've got the love of Jesus, love of Jesus down in my heart (where?)
Down in my heart (where?) down in my heart
I've got the love of Jesus, love of Jesus down in my heart (where?)
down in my heart to stay.**

**I've got the peace that passes understanding down in my heart
(where?) down in my heart (where?) down in my heart.
I've got the peace that passes understanding down in my heart
(where?) down in my heart to stay.**

**I've got the wonderful love of my blessed Redeemer
way down in the depths of my heart (where?)
down in the depths of my heart (where?)
down in the depths of my heart.
I've got the wonderful love of my blessed Redeemer
way down in the depths of my heart (where?)
down in the depths of my heart to stay.**

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.

IF YOU BUT TRUST

ARR. DUANE FUNDERBURK

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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.

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GOD, WHO STRETCHED THE SPANGLED HEAVENS

**God, who stretched the spangled heavens infinite in time and place,
flung the suns in burning radiance through the silent fields of space:
we, your children in your likeness, share inventive pow'rs with you;
great Creator, still creating, show us what we yet may do.**

**We have ventured worlds undreamed of since the childhood of our race;
known the ecstasy of winging through untraveled realms of space;
probed the secrets of the atom, yielding unimagined pow'r,
facing us with life's destruction or our most triumphant hour.**

**As each far horizon beckons, may it challenge us anew:
children of creative purpose, serving others, hon'ring you.
May our dreams prove rich with promise; each endeavor well begun;
great Creator, give us guidance till our goals and yours are one.**

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

HYMN TO JOY
KRISTY GIERE, ORGAN

DAVID N. JOHNSON

This week's radio broadcast is in loving memory of Joyce and Leonard Bjerke.

WORSHIP LEADERS TODAY

PROCLAIMER-Jen Gruendler; **WORSHIP LEADER**-Pastor Vern Christopherson; **LECTOR**-Rob Nesse (8:30am); **STORY TIME**-Janette Davis; **ORGANIST**-Kristy Giere; **SONGLEADER**-Janette Davis; **INSTRUMENTAL**-Zumbro Woodwind Quintet, members include Michael Bostwick, clarinet; Jane Peloquin-Fink, horn; Nicole Moravec, bassoon; Patty Pellikka, flute; Andrea Robertson, oboe; Susan Henke, piano; **USHERS**-Judy and David Clayton, and Bruce Horazdovsky (8:30am); **GREETERS**-Ruth Betcher and Carol Noonan (8:30am)

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Prayers for God's Good Care:

Harold Geerdes
Dave Roberts
Gladys Roberts

Sympathy to:

Family of Verlaine Duncan (*Funeral at Zumbro on Tuesday, August 31 at 1:30pm. The service is open to the public and will also be live streamed.*)

Sara and Jeff Staab and family on the deaths of her parents Sue and Ben Hippe (*Invitation-only reception at Zumbro on Monday, August 30.*)

Betsy Dartt and Nancy Haglof on the death of their sister Gretchen Logan

Greg and Renee Paulson on the death of his mother Carol Paulson (*Private service at Trinity Lutheran Church in Owatonna on Monday, Aug. 30 at 11am. The live streamed link for the service will be available on the Michaelson Funeral Home's web site.*)

Millie Dickman on the death of her son David

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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