



**FIFTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST**

September 5, 2021

8:30am and 10am



**The Joy of Working Out Our Differences**

# Welcome to Zumbro Lutheran Church!

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 5, 2021

We're coming to the end of our sermon series on Philippians. Troubles in the church in Philippi are named more specifically in Chapter 4. Paul urges those who are at odds with each other to try to work out their differences. Perhaps in anticipation of this, Paul again calls for Christians in Philippi to rejoice.

GATHERING MUSIC

TWO HYMNS OF PRAISE AND THANKSGIVING  
RUTH MONSON, ORGAN

ARR. MICHAEL BURKHARDT

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 836

JOYFUL, JOYFUL WE ADORE THEE

**Joyful, joyful we adore thee, God of glory, Lord of love!  
Hearts unfold like flow'rs before thee, praising thee, their sun above.  
Melt the clouds of sin and sadness, drive the gloom of doubt away.  
Giver of immortal gladness, fill us with the light of day.**

**All thy works with joy surround thee, earth and heav'n reflect thy rays,  
stars and angels sing around thee, center of unbroken praise.  
Field and forest, vale and mountain, flow'ry meadow, flashing sea,  
chanting bird, and flowing fountain call us to rejoice in thee.**

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**Thou art giving and forgiving, ever blessing, ever blest,  
wellspring of the joy of living, ocean-depth of happy rest!  
Thou our Father, Christ our brother, all who live in love are thine;  
teach us how to love each other, lift us to the joy divine!**

*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: Lord Jesus,

**C: your power is found in humility and love. To follow you is to follow in these ways. It is not always easy to practice forgiveness, or to see the joy of being in a relationship with those whom we find difficult. When we find ourselves at odds with others, help us to seek reconciliation and provide us with your peace which passes all understanding. Amen.**

*please stand as you are able*



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



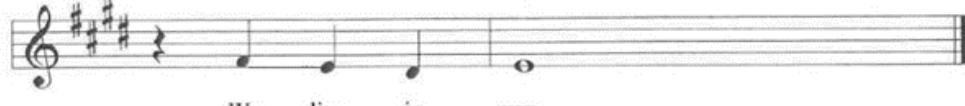
we raise one voice to you from whom all bles - sings flow.



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.

<sup>17</sup>Brothers and sisters, join in imitating me, and observe those who live according to the example you have in us. <sup>18</sup>For many live as enemies of the cross of Christ; I have often told you of them, and now I tell you even with tears. <sup>19</sup>Their end is destruction; their god is the belly; and their glory is in their shame; their minds are set on earthly things. <sup>20</sup>But our citizenship is in heaven, and it is from there that we are expecting a Savior, the Lord Jesus Christ. <sup>21</sup>He will transform the body of our humiliation that it may be conformed to the body of his glory, by the power that also enables him to make all things subject to himself. <sup>1</sup>Therefore, my brothers and sisters, whom I love and long for, my joy and crown, stand firm in the Lord in this way, my beloved. <sup>2</sup>I urge Euodia and I urge Syntyche to be of the same mind in the Lord. <sup>3</sup>Yes, and I ask you also, my loyal companion, help these women, for they have struggled beside me in the work of the gospel, together with Clement and the rest of my co-workers, whose names are in the book of life. <sup>4</sup>Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, Rejoice. <sup>5</sup>Let your gentleness be known to everyone. The Lord is near. <sup>6</sup>Do not worry about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. <sup>7</sup>And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus. <sup>8</sup>Finally, beloved, whatever is true, whatever is honorable, whatever is just, whatever is pure, whatever is pleasing, whatever is commendable, if there is any excellence and if there is anything worthy of praise, think about these things. <sup>9</sup>Keep on doing the things that you have learned and received and heard and seen in me, and the God of peace will be with you.

L: Holy Wisdom. Holy Word

**C: Thanks be to God.**

*you may be seated*

## STORY TIME

JANETTE DAVIS

## SERMON

THE JOY OF WORKING OUT OUR DIFFERENCES

PASTOR JASON BRYAN-WEGNER

*please stand as you are able*

## HYMN 656

BLEST BE THE TIE THAT BINDS

**Blest be the tie that binds our hearts in Christian love;  
the unity of heart and mind is like to that above.**

**Before our Father's throne we pour our ardent prayers;  
our fears, our hopes, our aims are one, our comforts and our cares.**

**We share our mutual woes, our mutual burdens bear,  
and often for each other flows the sympathizing tear.**

**From sorrow, toil, and pain, and sin we shall be free;  
and perfect love and friendship reign through all eternity.**

## 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.**

L: The peace of the Lord be with you.

**C: And also with you.**

*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.*

### WILL YOU COME AND FOLLOW ME

KRISTA JACOBSON, SOLOIST

"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?"

## 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

## 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 665

### RISE, SHINE, YOU PEOPLE!

**Rise, shine, you people! Christ the Lord has entered  
our human story; God in him is centered.  
He comes to us, by death and sin surrounded,  
with grace unbounded.**

**See how he sends the pow'rs of evil reeling;  
he brings us freedom, light and life and healing.  
All men and women, who by guilt are driven,  
now are forgiven.**

**Come, celebrate; your banners high unfurling,  
your songs and prayers against the darkness hurling.  
To all the world go out and tell the story  
of Jesus' glory.**

**Tell how the Father sent the Son to save us.  
Tell of the Son, who life and freedom gave us.  
Tell how the Spirit calls from ev'ry nation  
God's new creation.**

## 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

GIGUE FUGUE IN C  
RUTH MONSON, ORGAN

DIETRICH BUXTEHUDE

# WORSHIP LEADERS TODAY

**PROCLAIMER**-Pastor Jason Bryan-Wegner; **WORSHIP LEADER**-Pastor Shelley Cunningham; **LECTORS**-Matt Hafar (8:30am); Meridith Dunn (10am); **STORY TIME**-Janette Davis; **ORGANIST**-Ruth Monson; **SOLOIST**-Krista Jacobson; **SONGLEADER**-Janette Davis; **USHERS**-Gloria and Ron Bonnicksen, and Milt Tostrud (8:30am); Nancy and Al Johnsrud (10am); **GREETERS**-Evy and Paul Baker (8:30am); **COMMUNION SERVERS**-Maggie Bartels, Karen Cohen, and Laurel Otteson (8:30am); Marge Breuer (10am)

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## Prayers for God's Good Care:

Virginia Anderson  
Harold Geerdes  
Lester Horntvedt  
Dave Roberts

## Sympathy to:

Millie and Keith Dickman on the death of their son and brother David

Karla Dexter on the death of her mother Betty Kraayenbrink (*Committal service at Grandview Cemetery on Saturday, September 11 at 11am. The service is open to the public.*)

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

**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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