



25TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

November 14, 2021

8:30am and 10:30am



Swimming Against the Current

Welcome to Zumbro Lutheran Church!

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 14, 2021

Welcome to Worship! We're glad you could be here today as we praise the Creator and Source of all our blessings. Zumbro's sanctuary depicts a river to describe our faith journey, with its twists and turns, and God's word, sacraments and promises through Jesus Christ. Today we use the river metaphor to picture a defining reality flowing through all human life—the drive to get, produce, buy, and sell what we need to live and thrive as human beings. This river can either be inhabited by a spirit of gratitude, generosity, and stewardship under God, intended for the common good, or be a god unto itself, driven by ego, greed, and aggression. Jesus called it “mammon.” We find both spirits inhabiting the river of wealth, but strong is the current and powerful the undercurrents driven by power, status, and corruption. Jesus speaks often of this challenge to and in our faith.

GATHERING MUSIC

DOWN BY THE RIVERSIDE

ARR. DANIEL KALLMAN

PAUL BYE, ALTO SAXOPHONE; RALPH SCHORNACK, PIANO

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

please stand as you are able

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

L: In the name of the Father, and of the ✠ Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

L: Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

silence is kept for reflection

L: Have mercy on us, O God.

C: We confess that we have sinned against you and against our neighbor. We have built walls instead of tables and have turned away the stranger. We have sought glory for ourselves and have treasured that which does not satisfy. Help us to love as you love, to welcome those you send, and to treasure mercy and justice. Turn us from our ways to your ways, and free us to serve those in need. Amen.

L: God, who makes all things new, forgives your sins for ✠ Jesus' sake and remembers them no more. Lift up your heads and your hearts. Yours is the kingdom of God.

C: Amen.



1 Praise and thanks-giv - ing, God, we would of - fer for all things
 2 God, bless the la - bor we bring to serve you, that with our
 3 Fa - ther, pro - vid - ing food for your chil - dren, by Wis - dom's
 4 Then will your bless - ing reach ev - 'ry peo - ple, free - ly con -



liv - ing, you have made good: har - vest of sown fields, fruits of the
 neigh - bor we may be fed. Sow - ing or till - ing, we would work
 guid - ing teach us to share one with an - oth - er, so that, re -
 fess - ing your gra - cious hand. Where you are reign - ing, no one will



or - chard, hay from the mown fields, blos - som and wood.
 with you, har - vest - ing, mill - ing for dai - ly bread.
 joic - ing with us, all oth - ers may know your care.
 hun - ger; your love sus - tain - ing show - ers the land.

you may be seated

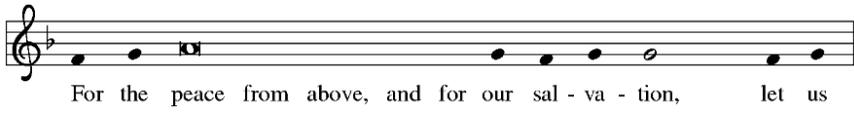
GREETING

L: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

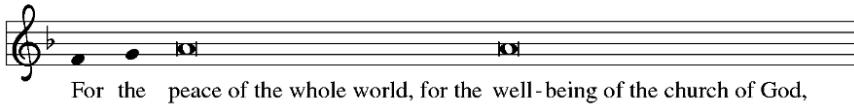
C: And also with you.

KYRIE

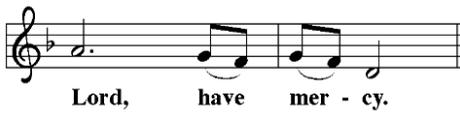
L:  In peace, let us pray to the Lord. **C:** Lord, have mer-cy.

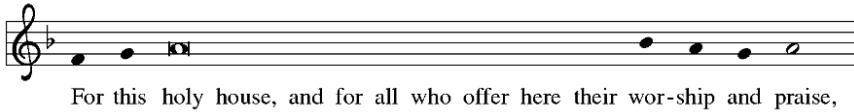
L:  For the peace from above, and for our sal - va - tion, let us

 pray to the Lord. **C:** Lord, have mer - cy.

L:  For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the church of God,

 and for the u - ni - ty of all, let us pray to the Lord.

C:  Lord, have mer - cy.

 For this holy house, and for all who offer here their wor-ship and praise,

L:  let us pray to the Lord. **C:** Lord, have mer - cy.

L:  Help, save, comfort, and de - fend us, gra - cious Lord.

C:  A - men.

HYMN OF PRAISE



Glo-ry to God in the high-est, and peace to God's peo-ple on earth.



1 Lord God, heav-en-ly King, al-might-y God and Fa-ther, we



wor-ship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glo-ry.



Glo-ry to God in the high-est, and peace to God's peo-ple on earth.



2 Lord Je-sus Christ, on-ly Son of the Fa-ther, Lord God, Lamb of



God, you take a-way the sin of the world: have mer-cy on us; you are



seat-ed at the right hand of the Fa-ther: re-ceive our prayer.



Glo-ry to God in the high-est, and peace to God's peo-ple on earth.



3 For you a-lone are the Ho-ly One, you a-lone are the Lord,



you a-lone are the Most High, Je-sus Christ, with the Ho-ly



Spir-it, in the glo-ry of God the Fa-ther. A-men.



Glo-ry to God in the high-est, and peace to God's peo-ple on earth.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

L: Holy and loving God,

C: we thank you for the gift of life, its blessings, and most of all, our identity in Christ Jesus as your beloved. Inhabit our lives with a reverence for the good, and just, and true; so that we recognize our God given vocations in your world. May we be generous and generative in your service, through Jesus our Savior. Amen.

please stand as you are able

SCRIPTURE SONG

O GOD, WHOSE WORD WELL-PLANTED



v. 1—
Songleader 1 O God, whose word well-plant-ed yields fruit a hun-dred-fold,
2 O God of seed and har-vest, of sun and soil and rain,
3 O God, your fi-nal har-vest of his-t'ry's an-cient field

vv. 2-3—All



we praise your grac-es grant-ed to those who sowed of old,
at-tend the word we sow, lest its plant-ing be in vain.
will test with truth the proud-est that hu-man work can yield.



who by their wit-ness scat-tered good seed up-on the soil
Send show-ers of your Spir-it, bright sun-shine of your grace,
Op-pres-sion's blight will van-ish, fair free-dom's fruits in-crease;



where oth-ers, reap-ing, gath-ered the har-vest of their toil.
that mul-ti-tudes who hear it your gos-pel may em-brace.
and love and joy will flour-ish to clothe the earth with peace.

¹⁸A certain ruler asked him, "Good Teacher, what must I do to inherit eternal life?" ¹⁹Jesus said to him, "Why do you call me good? No one is good but God alone. ²⁰You know the commandments: 'You shall not commit adultery; You shall not murder; You shall not steal; You shall not bear false witness; Honor your father and mother.'" ²¹He replied, "I have kept all these since my youth." ²²When Jesus heard this, he said to him, "There is still one thing lacking. Sell all that you own and distribute the money to the poor, and you will have treasure in heaven; then come, follow me." ²³But when he heard this, he became sad; for he was very rich. ²⁴Jesus looked at him and said, "How hard it is for those who have wealth to enter the kingdom of God! ²⁵Indeed, it is easier for a camel to go through the eye of a needle than for someone who is rich to enter the kingdom of God." ²⁶Those who heard it said, "Then who can be saved?" ²⁷He replied, "What is impossible for mortals is possible for God." ²⁸Then Peter said, "Look, we have left our homes and followed you." ²⁹And he said to them, "Truly I tell you, there is no one who has left house or wife or brothers or parents or children, for the sake of the kingdom of God, ³⁰who will not get back very much more in this age, and in the age to come eternal life."

L: The Gospel of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

you may be seated

STORY TIME

JEN GRUENDLER

SPECIAL MUSIC

WE ARE AN OFFERING

DWIGHT LILES, ARR. RALPH SCHORNACK

RALPH SCHORNACK, SOLOIST

We lift our voices, we lift our hands,
 We lift our lives up to You, we are an offering.
 Lord use our voices, Lord use our hands,
 Lord use our lives, they are Yours, we are an offering.

All that we have, all that we are, all that we hope to be, we give to You.

We lift our voices, we lift our hands,
 We lift our lives up to You, we are an offering.

"We Are an Offering."
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SERMON

SWIMMING AGAINST THE CURRENT

PASTOR PETER STROMMEN

please stand as you are able

HYMN

AS RIVERS FLOW FROM A DISTANT SPRING



v. 1—Songleader

1 As riv - ers flow from a dis - tant spring

2 As trees rise up from the for - est floor

vv. 2-4—All

3 As woods make shel - ter with - in its shade

4 So let us praise you, Cre - a - tor God,



to quench our thirst and feed the earth,

by roots that feed each limb a - bove,

for beasts to feed and birds to nest,

for worlds that wit - ness to your care,



so let our lives flow from you, our Source,

so let our lives rise in praise to you

so let our lives be a shel - tered space,

that show your pres - ence in ev - 'ry place,



to coun - ter death and nur - ture birth.

from hearts we root in your deep love.

a ref - uge for the worn to rest.

your glo - ry shin - ing ev - 'ry - where.

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

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

L: Eternal God, you hold firm amid the changes of this world. Hear us now as we pray for the church, the world, and everyone in need.

After each petition we respond:

L: God, in your mercy,

C: Hear our prayer.

L: God our hope and strength, we entrust to you all for whom we pray. Remain with us always, through Jesus Christ, our Savior.

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: God, the beginning and the end, who has written your name in the book of life,
✠ bless and keep you in grace and peace from this time forth and forevermore.

C: Amen.



1 Son of God, e - ter - nal Sav - ior, source of life and truth and grace,
 2 As you, Lord, have lived for oth - ers, so may we for oth - ers live.
 3 Come, O Christ, and reign a - mong us, King of love and Prince of peace;
 4 Son of God, e - ter - nal Sav - ior, source of life and truth and grace,



Word made flesh, whose birth a - mong us hal - lows all our hu - man race,
 Free - ly have your gifts been grant - ed; free - ly may your ser - vants give.
 hush the storm of strife and pas - sion, bid its cru - el dis - cords cease.
 Word made flesh, whose birth a - mong us hal - lows all our hu - man race:



you our head, who, throned in glo - ry, for your own will ev - er plead:
 Yours the gold and yours the sil - ver, yours the wealth of land and sea;
 By your pa - tient years of toil - ing, by your si - lent hours of pain,
 by your pray - ing, by your will - ing that your peo - ple should be one,



fill us with your love and pit - y, heal our wrong, and help our need.
 we but stew - ards of your boun - ty held in sol - emn trust will be.
 quench our fe - vered thirst of plea - sure, stem our self - ish greed of gain.
 grant, oh, grant our hope's fru - i - tion: here on earth your will be done.

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

RECESSIONAL
 RALPH SCHORNACK, ORGAN

DARWIN WOLFORD

WORSHIP LEADERS TODAY

PROCLAIMER-Pastor Peter Strommen; **WORSHIP LEADERS**-Pastor Jason Bryan-Wegner, Pastor Shelley Cunningham; **LECTORS**-Pamela Vetter (8:30am); Meridith Dunn (10:30am); **STORY TIME**-Jen Gruendler; **ORGANIST**-Ralph Schornack; **SONGLEADER**-Janette Davis; **SOLOIST**-Ralph Schornack; **INSTRUMENTAL**-Paul Bye, alto saxophone; **USHERS**-Mary Jo and Dan Kelly (8:30am); Gloria and Ron Bonnicksen, Wayne DeBruin, Jo Meyer (10:30am); **GREETERS**-Maggie Bartels, Alice Benedett (8:30am); Jenni and Emma Horman (10:30)

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Prayers for God's Good Care:

Krista Jacobson

Ellen MacGregor

Dave Roberts

Lyle Smith

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