

FIRST SUNDAY OF CHRISTMAS

December 26, 2021

8:30am and 10:30am



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The Light is With You

Welcome to Zumbro Lutheran Church!

SUNDAY, DEC. 26, 2021

Merry Christmas! We pray the spirit of this season brings you hope and joy as we celebrate the birth of our Savior. Today's gospel from John does not start with a manger and a baby, but a cosmic view of God's Word becoming flesh, and of light shining into the darkness of the world. As we worship today, may the Word, enfleshed in Christ touch your heart and fill you with light and life.

PRELUDE

GO TELL IT ON THE MOUNTAIN

ARR. RALPH SCHORNACK

RALPH SCHORNACK, PIANO

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

L: Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God, who sends the word with angels,
who is made flesh among all peoples, and who breathes peace on all the earth.

C: Amen.

L: In Christ, we are bold to name our sin and cry out for peace.

silence is kept for reflection.

L: Holy God,

C: we confess our sin before you. We replace compassion with competition. We seek what is mighty, while ignoring the meek. We are quick to anger, but slow to forgive. We have not put on love in harmony with you. Wrap us in the grace of your powerful Word. Swaddle our hearts with your peace, that all we do, in word or deed, may reflect your love born among us. Amen.

L: I bring you good news of great joy for all people: God has come among us in the child born of Mary, Christ the Lord. † In Christ your sins are forgiven and you are clothed in peace.

C: Amen.

please stand as you are able

**Hark! The herald angels sing,
"Glory to the newborn king;
peace on earth, and mercy mild,
God and sinners reconciled."
Joyful, all you nations, rise;
join the triumph of the skies;
with angelic hosts proclaim,
"Christ is born in Bethlehem!"**

Refrain **Hark! The herald angels sing,
"Glory to the newborn king!"**

**Christ, by highest heav'n adored,
Christ, the everlasting Lord,
late in time behold him come,
offspring of a virgin's womb.
Veiled in flesh the Godhead see!
Hail, incarnate deity!
Pleased as man with us to dwell,
Jesus, our Emmanuel!** *Refrain*

**Hail the heav'n-born Prince of peace!
Hail the Sun of righteousness!
Light and life to all he brings,
ris'n with healing in his wings.
Mild he lays his glory by,
born that we no more may die,
born to raise each child of earth,
born to give us second birth.** *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.

C: And also with you.

**Angels we have heard on high,
sweetly singing o'er the plains,
and the mountains in reply,
echoing their joyous strains.**

Refrain **Gloria in excelsis Deo;
gloria in excelsis Deo.**

**Shepherds, why this jubilee?
Why your joyous strains prolong?
What the gladsome tidings be
which inspire your heav'nly song?** *Refrain*

**Come to Bethlehem and see
him whose birth the angels sing;
come, adore on bended knee
Christ the Lord, the newborn king.** *Refrain*

PRAYER OF THE DAY

L: God of life and love,

C: you became flesh and lived among us. In this Christmas season, fill us with the power of your Word that brings light to all things. Remind us again that Christ is the Word in human form, whom you sent to guide our hearts and minds into ways of peace. Amen.

please stand as you are able



I want to walk as a child of the light. I want to



fol - low Je - sus. God set the stars to give



light to the world. The star of my life is Je - sus.

Refrain



In him there is no dark-ness at all. The night and the



day are both a - like. The Lamb is the light of the



cit - y of God. Shine in my heart, Lord Je - sus.

¹In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. ²He was in the beginning with God. ³All things came into being through him, and without him not one thing came into being. What has come into being ⁴in him was life, and the life was the light of all people. ⁵The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness did not overcome it. ⁶There was a man sent from God, whose name was John. ⁷He came as a witness to testify to the light, so that all might believe through him. ⁸He himself was not the light, but he came to testify to the light. ⁹The true light, which enlightens everyone, was coming into the world. ¹⁰He was in the world, and the world came into being through him; yet the world did not know him. ¹¹He came to what was his own, and his own people did not accept him. ¹²But to all who received him, who believed in his name, he gave power to become children of God, ¹³who were born, not of blood or of the will of the flesh or of the will of man, but of God. ¹⁴And the Word became flesh and lived among us, and we have seen his glory, the glory as of a father's only son, full of grace and truth.

L: The Gospel of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

you may be seated

SPECIAL MUSIC

AWAY IN A MANGER

ARR. DENNIS ALEXANDER

ELLIE BRYAN-WEGNER AND WILL BRYAN-WEGNER, PIANO DUO

STORY TIME

JANETTE DAVIS

HYMN 300 vv. 1-3

THE FIRST NOEL

**The first Noel the angel did say
was to certain poor shepherds in fields as they lay;
in fields where they lay, keeping their sheep,
on a cold winter's night that was so deep.**

Refrain **Noel, Noel, Noel, Noel!
Born is the King of Israel.**

**They looked up and saw a star
shining in the east beyond them far;
and to the earth it gave great light,
and so it continued both day and night.** *Refrain*

**And by the light of that same star
three wise men came from country far;
to seek for a king was their intent,
and to follow the star wherever it went.** *Refrain*

please stand as you are able

HYMN 295 v. 1, 2, 5 OF THE FATHER'S LOVE BEGOTTEN

APOSTLES' CREED

L: We confess our faith in the 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

OFFERING

SOME CHILDREN SEE HIM
RALPH SCHORNACK, VOCALIST

ALFRED BURT, ARR. RALPH SCHORNACK

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

L: Joining our voices with the heavenly host and Christians throughout time and space, let us pray for the church, the world, and all in need.

After each petition we respond:

L: Merciful God,

C: receive our prayer.

L: Rejoicing in your Word made flesh among us, we commend these prayers to you, confident of your grace and love made known to us in 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: The God of hope fill us with all joy and peace in believing, so that we may abound in hope by the power of the Holy Spirit, through Christ Jesus for whom we wait.

C: **Amen.**

HYMN 290

GO TELL IT ON THE MOUNTAIN

Refrain **Go tell it on the mountain,
over the hills and ev'rywhere;
go tell it on the mountain
that Jesus Christ is born!**

**While shepherds kept their watching
o'er silent flocks by night,
behold, throughout the heavens
there shone a holy light. *Refrain***

**The shepherds feared and trembled
when, lo, above the earth
rang out the angel chorus
that hailed our Savior's birth. *Refrain***

**Down in a lonely manger
the humble Christ was born;
and God sent us salvation
that blessed Christmas morn. *Refrain***

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.**

POSTLUDE

HE WHOM SHEPHERDS ONCE CAME PRAISING
RALPH SCHORNACK, ORGAN

ARR. WILBUR HELD

WORSHIP LEADERS TODAY

PROCLAIMER-Pastor Jason Bryan-Wegner; **WORSHIP LEADER**-Jen Gruendler; **LECTORS**-Rebecca Nesse (8:30am); Janet Swanson (10:30am); **ORGANIST/PIANIST/SOLOIST**-Ralph Schornack; **PIANO DUET**-Ellie Bryan-Wegner and Will Bryan-Wegner; **USHERS**-Bruce Horazdovsky, Rebecca and Rob Nesse (8:30am); Gloria and Ron Bonnicksen, Nancy and Al Johnsrud (10:30am); **GREETERS**-Mary Jo and Dan Kelly (8:30am)

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Prayers for God's Good Care:

Chuck Carstensen

Mike Danielson, son of Barb Borgen

Nira Flaten

Ryder LeBaugh

Gladys Roberts

Pastor Erik Weiberg, son of Dianna and Lester Horntvedt

Sympathy to:

Chuck and Janet Carstensen on the death of Chuck's brother Tom.

Millie Dickman and family on the death of Millie's son Keith. (*Service at Zumbro on Wednesday, Jan. 5 at 2pm.*)

Congratulations:

On the baptism of Oliver Jo Cheney-Smith on Wednesday, Dec. 22.

This week's radio broadcast is in honor of Matt and Amy Northrop's wedding anniversary on Dec. 29, and in honor of David and Judy Clayton's wedding anniversary on Dec. 30.

This week's livestreaming is sponsored by Luanne Wussow.

Disclaimer: The 8:30am service is livestreamed. If you wish to remain out of the camera's view, please sit in the side section to the right as you enter the sanctuary.



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