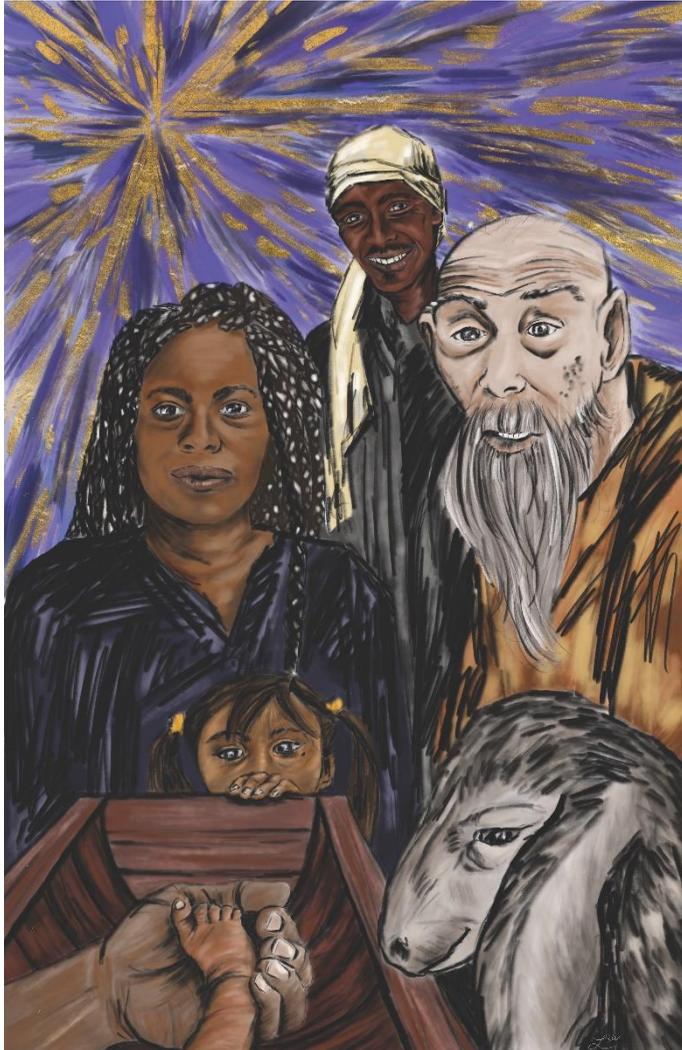


**CHRISTMAS EVE**  
December 24, 2021  
3:30pm and 5pm



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**Merry Christmas!**

# Welcome to Zumbro Lutheran Church!

FRIDAY, DEC. 24, 2021

PRELUDE

DING! DONG! MERRILY ON HIGH  
O COME, ALL YE FAITHFUL  
BEL CANTO HANDBELL CHOIR

ARR. SANDRA EITHUN  
ARR. JOHN A. BEHNKE

WELCOME

PRAYER FOR CHRISTMAS EVE

- L: Prince of Peace, be born again into our world. Come with healing on your wings. Wherever there is loneliness, wherever there is fear of failing, wherever there is temptation too strong to resist, where there is bitterness of heart, come, O Blessed One, with healing in your wings. Savior, be born in each of us who look now to you. We know only that your love is never ending and that no one else has the power to make us whole. Come, Lord Jesus, to each who longs for you. Come with healing in your wings. Come quickly.
- C: Amen.

CALL TO WORSHIP

WE ARE WAITING FOR JESUS JOHN HELGEN

Songleader: We are waiting for Jesus; Jesus brings hope.  
We are waiting for Jesus; Jesus brings peace.  
Bring your light into our darkness;  
we are trusting in your promise.  
We are waiting for Jesus; Jesus brings love.

*entrance of the Christ candle*

LITANY

- L: This is the message we have heard from God and proclaim to you, that God is light and in God there is no darkness at all.
- C: O come, let us adore him.
- L: The darkness is passing away, and the true light is already shining.
- C: O come, let us adore him.
- L: We have beheld Christ's glory: Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Eternal Father, Prince of Peace.
- C: O come, let us adore him.
- L: In him was life, and the life was the light of all.
- C: O come, let us adore him.

*please stand as you are able*

CAROL

O COME, ALL YE FAITHFUL

O come, all ye faithful,  
joyful and triumphant!  
O come ye, O come ye to Bethlehem;  
come and behold him,  
born the king of angels:

*Refrain* O come, let us adore him,  
O come, let us adore him,  
O come, let us adore him,  
Christ the Lord!

The highest, most holy,  
light of light eternal,  
born of a virgin, a mortal he comes;  
Son of the Father  
now in flesh appearing! *Refrain*

Sing, choirs of angels,  
sing in exultation,  
sing, all ye citizens of heaven above!  
Glory to God  
in the highest: *Refrain*

*you may be seated*

#### BIBLE READING

LUKE 2:1-7 NRSV

In those days a decree went out from Emperor Augustus that all the world should be registered. <sup>2</sup>This was the first registration and was taken while Quirinius was governor of Syria. <sup>3</sup>All went to their own towns to be registered. <sup>4</sup>Joseph also went from the town of Nazareth in Galilee to Judea, to the city of David called Bethlehem, because he was descended from the house and family of David. <sup>5</sup>He went to be registered with Mary, to whom he was engaged and who was expecting a child. <sup>6</sup>While they were there, the time came for her to deliver her child. <sup>7</sup>And she gave birth to her firstborn son and wrapped him in bands of cloth, and laid him in a manger, because there was no place for them in the inn.

#### CAROL

AWAY IN A MANGER  
Away in a manger, no crib for his bed,  
the little Lord Jesus laid down his sweet head;

the stars in the bright sky looked down where he lay,  
the little Lord Jesus asleep on the hay.

The cattle are lowing; the baby awakes,  
but little Lord Jesus, no crying he makes.  
I love you, Lord Jesus; look down from the sky  
and stay by my cradle till morning is nigh.

Be near me, Lord Jesus; I ask you to stay  
close by me forever and love me, I pray.  
Bless all the dear children in your tender care  
and fit us for heaven, to live with you there.

## STORY TIME

JANETTE DAVIS AND JEN GRUENDLER

## ANTHEM

### SUSSEX CAROL

ZUMBRO LUTHERAN CHOIR

### ENGLISH TRADITIONAL CAROL

ARR. DAVID WILLCOCKS

## BIBLE READING

LUKE 2:8-20 NRSV

<sup>8</sup>In that region there were shepherds living in the fields, keeping watch over their flock by night. <sup>9</sup>Then an angel of the Lord stood before them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were terrified. <sup>10</sup>But the angel said to them, "Do not be afraid; for see — I am bringing you good news of great joy for all the people: <sup>11</sup>to you is born this day in the city of David a Savior, who is the Messiah, the Lord. <sup>12</sup>This will be a sign for you: you will find a child wrapped in bands of cloth and lying in a manger." <sup>13</sup>And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host, praising God and saying, <sup>14</sup>"Glory to God in the highest heaven, and on earth peace among those whom he favors!" <sup>15</sup>When the angels had left them and gone into heaven, the shepherds said to one another, "Let us go now to Bethlehem and see this thing that has taken place, which the Lord has made known to us." <sup>16</sup>So they went with haste and found Mary and Joseph, and the child lying in the manger. <sup>17</sup>When they saw this, they made known what had been told them about this child; <sup>18</sup>and all who heard it were amazed at what the shepherds told them. <sup>19</sup>But Mary treasured all these words and pondered them in her heart. <sup>20</sup>The shepherds returned, glorifying and praising God for all they had heard and seen, as it had been told them.

*please stand as you are able*

## CAROL

### ANGELS WE HAVE HEARD ON HIGH

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*

*you may be seated*

## A CHRISTMAS STORY

PASTOR PETER STROMMEN

*please stand as you are able*

## CAROL

WHAT CHILD IS THIS  
What child is this, who, laid to rest,  
on Mary's lap is sleeping?  
Whom angels greet with anthems sweet  
while shepherds watch are keeping?

This, this is Christ the king,  
whom shepherds guard and angels sing;  
haste, haste to bring him laud,  
the babe, the son of Mary!

Why lies he in such mean estate  
where ox and ass are feeding?  
Good Christian, fear; for sinners here  
the silent Word is pleading.  
Nails, spear shall pierce him through,  
the cross be borne for me, for you;  
hail, hail the Word made flesh,  
the babe, the son of Mary!

So bring him incense, gold, and myrrh;  
come, peasant, king, to own him.  
The King of kings salvation brings;  
let loving hearts enthrone him.  
Raise, raise the song on high,  
the virgin sings her lullaby;  
joy, joy, for Christ is born,  
the babe, the son of Mary!

#### PRAYER

L: Prince of Peace, in a world of heartache and pain, we long to hear the song of the angels.

C: Glory to God in the highest, and on earth, peace.

L: With hope fleeting, with people afraid and nations torn by war and disease, we pray to you, O God.

C: Glory to God in the highest, and on earth, peace.

L: Our candles illumine our story. Dawn invades midnight. Jesus, the Light of the World has come.

C: Glory to God in the highest, and on earth, peace.

L: And your light is a light for all; igniting a flame within the soul, warming us from within, radiating love,  
lighting our lives with the presence of God-come-alive in human flesh, living among us now and always.

C: Glory to God in the highest, and on earth, peace. Amen.

*you may be seated*

#### OFFERING

GLORIA HODIE (GLORY TODAY) ARR. JULIE TURNER AND KEVIN MCCHESENEY

BEL CANTO HANDBELL CHOIR

#### GREAT THANKSGIVING

L: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

L: Lift up your hearts.

C: We lift them to the Lord.

L: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

C: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

## WORDS OF INSTITUTION

### LORD'S PRAYER

- L: Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us:
- C: Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever and ever. Amen.

### INVITATION TO THE TABLE

- L: In Christ's manger, at Christ's table, come, see what God makes known for you.

### COMMUNION DISTRIBUTION

#### CAROL

#### I AM SO GLAD EACH CHRISTMAS EVE

I am so glad each Christmas Eve,  
the night of Jesus' birth!  
Then like the sun the star shone forth,  
and angels sang on earth.

The little child in Bethlehem,  
he was a king indeed!  
For he came down from heav'n above  
to help a world in need.

I am so glad each Christmas Eve!  
His praises then I sing;  
he opens now for ev'ry child  
the palace of the king.

And so I love each Christmas Eve,  
and I love Jesus too;  
and that he loves me ev'ry day  
I know so well is true.

#### ANTHEM

#### NATIVITY CAROL ZUMBRO LUTHERAN CHOIR

JOHN RUTTER

#### CAROL

#### IT CAME UPON A MIDNIGHT CLEAR

It came upon the midnight clear,  
that glorious song of old,  
from angels bending near the earth  
to touch their harps of gold:

"Peace on the earth, good will to all,  
from heav'n's all-gracious king."  
The world in solemn stillness lay  
to hear the angels sing.

Still through the cloven skies they come  
with peaceful wings unfurled,  
and still their heav'nly music floats  
o'er all the weary world.  
Above its sad and lowly plains  
they bend on hov'ring wing,  
and ever o'er its babel sounds  
the blessed angels sing.

For lo! The days are hast'ning on,  
by prophets seen of old,  
when with the ever-circling years  
shall come the time foretold,  
when peace shall over all the earth  
its ancient splendors fling,  
and all the world give back the song  
which now the angels sing.

#### PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

- L: We give you thanks, O God, for this bread and cup of Jesus, your Son. You give us light for our darkness, and hope for our journey of faith. As you led the shepherds to come and worship, lead us now in the way unfolding before us. Wherever we go, may our lives proclaim good news of great joy in Jesus Christ our Lord.
- C: Amen.

#### CAROL

#### SILENT NIGHT

*Once your candle is lit, please light the candle of the person sitting next to you. Be sure to keep the lit candle upright, and to tip only the unlit candle.*

Silent night, holy night! All is calm, all is bright  
round yon virgin mother and child. Holy Infant, so tender and mild,  
sleep in heavenly peace, sleep in heavenly peace.

Silent night, holy night! Shepherds quake at the sight;  
Glories stream from heaven afar, heav'nly hosts sing, alleluia!  
Christ, the Savior, is born! Christ, the Savior, is born!

Silent night, holy night! Son of God, love's pure light  
Radiant beams from your holy face, with the dawn of redeeming grace,  
Jesus, Lord, at your birth, Jesus, Lord, at your birth.

#### PRAYER

- L: Almighty God, you have made this holy night shine with the brightness of the true Light. Grant that here on earth we may walk in the light of Jesus' presence, and in the last day wake to the brightness of his glory; through your only son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
- C: Amen.

#### BLESSING

- L: May you be filled with the wonder of Mary, the obedience of Joseph, the joy of the angels, the eagerness of the shepherds, the determination of the Wise Men, and the peace of the Christ Child. Almighty God bless you now and forever.
- C: Amen.

*you may extinguish your candle*

*please stand as you are able*

#### CAROL

##### JOY TO THE WORLD

Joy to the world, the Lord is come!  
Let earth receive her king;  
let ev'ry heart prepare him room  
and heav'n and nature sing,  
and heav'n and nature sing,  
and heav'n, and heav'n and nature sing.

Joy to the earth, the Savior reigns!  
Let all their songs employ,  
while fields and floods, rocks, hills, and plains  
repeat the sounding joy,  
repeat the sounding joy,  
repeat, repeat the sounding joy.

He rules the world with truth and grace  
and makes the nations prove  
the glories of his righteousness  
and wonders of his love,  
and wonders of his love,  
and wonders, wonders of his love.

POSTLUDE

ON THIS DAY EARTH SHALL RING (PERSONENT HODIE) ARR. ROBERT J. POWELL  
KRISTY GIERE, ORGAN

## WORSHIP LEADERS TODAY

PROCLAIMER-Pastor Peter Strommen; WORSHIP LEADERS-Pastor Jason Bryan-Wegner and Pastor Shelley Cunningham; ORGANIST-Kristy Giere; SINGING-Zumbro Lutheran Choir, Bob Giere, director; SONGLEADER-Janette Davis; HANDBELLS-Bel Canto Handbell Choir, Kristy Giere, director; GUITAR-Bob Giere; USHERS-Vicki Erickson, Jen Gruendler, Bruce Horazdovsky, Karen and Jeff Lansing, Sandy Nieland, Milt Tostrud (3:30pm); Gloria and Ron Bonnicksen, Judy and David Clayton, Diana and Les Horntvedt, Milt Tostrud (5pm); GREETERS-Emma and Jenni Horman (3:30pm); Wayne Vogt (5pm); COMMUNION SERVERS-Ann, Chuck, Stella, Hazel, and Vivienne Beatty, Arianna and Aiden Jones, Ruth Monson, Connie and Bob Saunders and Mike Willard (3:30pm); Evy and Paul Baker, Jen Gruendler, Mia and Micah Harber, Ruth Monson, Wayne Vogt, Janette Davis, Ann and Noel Peterson (5pm)

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## Poinsettias Given in Memory and Honor of Friends and Loved Ones

Jan and Bob Aaker in memory of Harry and Lila Larson  
Ed and Jan Bailey in honor of children and grandchildren  
Evie and Paul Baker in memory of parents: John and Helen Baker and  
Julian and Ella Mae Cherland

Ann and Chuck Beatty in memory of Don Christensen and  
in honor of the Zumbro staff

Jack's Zumbro friends in memory of Jack Hawkins

Noel's Zumbro friends in memory of Noel Taylor

Kerm and Carole Bitz in honor of pastors and in memory of parents

Elaine Brandy in memory of husband, Willie Brandt

Eleanor Christeson in memory of husband, Ken

Megan Thorvilson in memory of Joy Ferguson

The Cozine family in memory of great grandparents and  
in honor of grandparents

John Lieske and Paula Craigo

Kent Dalzell in memory of Loraine Dickinson, Robert Dalzell, and Rex Dalzell

Josh and Kayla Dascher in memory of Dale Dascher and Jeannine Elletson

Margaret Dillard in honor of granddaughter, Clahra McConnell

Moose Doherty in memory of Gary Doherty

Mike Domaille in memory of Ron and Arlene Gillespie

Allen and Alice Durst and Cindy and Abbi Durst in memory of Patrick

Mark and Elizabeth Ellson in memory of Howard and Alice Riess

Vickie Erickson

Shari Frueh in memory of mother, Sharon Sorenson

Kris and Bryn Geerdes in memory of Harold Geerdes

Bryn Geerdes in memory of John, Marlys, and Eric

Lucille Gray, Sue Hyde, and Vickie TePoel in memory of Claire Gray

Paul Grinde and Deb Jacobson in honor of children, Anna and Bill

Beth Hach

Gary Hanson

Leah Holmes

Les and Dianna Horntvedt in memory of June and Jeff Davis and

in memory of Jack Hawkins

Chuck and Dorey Johnson

Ruth Johnson and Phil Quanbeck in memory of mother, Helen Johnson

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Theresa Johnson in memory of husband, Pastor Curtis H. Johnson

Daniel and Mary Jo Kelly in honor of all the first responders  
in our community

Alex and Darcy Kelsch in honor of Greg Kelsch

Earl and Diane Kinneberg in memory of parents and brother

Marjorie and George Klee in memory of Eliana Ianitelli-Klee

Bill Kolling in memory of Judy Kolling  
 Paul and Sandra Krueger in memory of Sandra's mother, Virginia Schiro, and grandson,  
 Joshua Sabbann  
 Karen Lansing In loving memory of Ila Uptagrafft  
 David and Julie Larson in memory of Edward and Lorraine Larson and  
 Rev. Harlan and Eleanor Blockhus  
 Tim and Sarah Larson in memory of parents  
 Martha Limburg in honor of grandchildren: Kai, Elin, Mara, Ben and Laney and in  
 memory of Jim Limburg  
 Mary Lou Linn in honor of Mary and Art Linn  
 Danielle McKane in memory of grandparents, Ron and Veronica Dagenais  
 Bill and Sonja Meiers in memory of Earl and Al Boyum and  
 Shirley and Albert Meiers  
 Tim and Sharryn Melin in honor of their family  
 Dorothy Molde in memory of loved ones  
 Kathy Morton in memory of James and Grace Jacobs  
 Darin and Beth Napton in memory of Rev. Dr. Dennis Napton  
 Rob and Rebecca Nesse  
 Carol Noonan  
 Herb and Carrey Olin in memory of loved ones  
 Dale and Kay Pearson in memory of Minnie Mogen, and in honor of  
 Mogens and Pearsons, James Mogen and Margeret Pearson  
 Noel and Ann Peterson in memory of John and Bertha Peterson and  
 Ralph and Helen Bazelton  
 Kathy and Jim Petersen in memory of Clyde and Delores McKee and  
 Alden and Ida Peterson  
 Meredith Pritchard  
 Phil Quanbeck and Ruth Johnson in memory of father, Philip Quanbeck, Sr.  
 Larry and Bev Radtke in memory of parents: Arthur and Velma Pogalz and Christy and  
 Adeline Radtke  
 David's family in memory of David Roberts

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Betty Schmalz in memory of Phil Schmalz  
 The Robinson Siemback family in memory of Kim Robinson Siemback and Duane R.  
 Robinson  
 Delone Schuster in memory of Dan Schuster  
 Jim and Carol Shipman in memory of grandson Ben and sister Mary  
 Sandy Simonson in memory of Walt Simonson

Maxine Sims in honor of the Zumbro Pen Pals

Steve and Shelley Sperling in honor of parents: Clare and June Warren and  
Avis Sperling

David and

Jeffrey and Sara Staab in memory of Ben and Sue Hippe and grandparents

Lorna and Brad Talmo in honor of Warren Talmo

Edee Thurber in memory of Carl and Christine Larson

Nancee and Dan Treadwell in memory of Margaret and Morris Martin

Sandy Tschida in memory of Tony Tschida, Sr.

Barb Turner in memory of Rick Turner

Rich and Jan Vetter in memory of Dee and Larry Vetter

Julie Vrana in memory of Jerry and Nola Vrana

Mike Willard in memory of Heidi, Barbara, Ralph, Helen, Bob, and Olga

Dennis and Sue Wilson in memory of Richard and Shirley Wilson and

Bob and Ginny Biedlingmaier







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