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**Jesus Comes in a Word and a Meal**

# Welcome to Zumbro Lutheran Church!

SUNDAY, APR. 19, 2020

Today we are beginning an Easter sermon series entitled, “We’re All in This Together.” We have things to learn from the early followers of Jesus who, after the tragedy of Good Friday, were wondering where to go next.

Was the movement over? Should they just pack up and head home? Was there any reason to be hopeful? Slowly, the news about Easter and the empty tomb began to spread. But that didn’t mean it was easy to believe...and act on.

In our Bible reading for today, two disciples are on the road to Emmaus. It’s Easter evening. The disciples are so weighed down with grief that they don’t even recognize the Risen Lord as he comes up beside them. Before their time together is over, however, the disciples get a deeper realization of their companion, both in the words of scripture and the breaking of bread.

As you get ready for worship, we invite you to prepare in the following ways:

- 1) A bowl of water for the Thanksgiving for Baptism.
- 2) A piece of bread or cracker, plus some wine or grape juice for communion.

PRELUDE

CHRIST THE LORD IS RISEN TODAY  
RALPH SCHORNACK, PIANO; KRISTY GIERE, ORGAN

ARR. JOEL RANEY

*As you prepare your heart for worship during the prelude, you are invited to pray:*  
Risen Christ, shine in my life and feed me in this worship with the gift that is you. Amen.

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

## THANKSGIVING FOR BAPTISM

L: Alleluia! Christ is risen.

**C: Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia!**

L: Joined to Christ in the waters of baptism,  
we are raised with him to new life.  
Let us give thanks for the gift of baptism.

We give you thanks, O God,  
for in the beginning you created us in your image  
and planted us in a well-watered garden.  
In the desert you promised pools of water for the parched,  
and you gave us water from the rock.  
When we did not know the way,  
you sent the Good Shepherd to lead us to still waters.  
At the cross, you watered us from Jesus' wounded side,  
and on this day, you shower us again with the water of life.

We praise you for your salvation through water,  
for the water in this font,  
and for all water everywhere.  
Bathe us in your forgiveness, grace, and love.  
Satisfy the thirsty, and give us the life only you can give.

To you be given honor and praise  
through Jesus Christ our Lord  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit, now and forever.

**C: Amen.**

*Worshippers are invited to dip a finger in water, make a sign of the cross on their forehead, and remember their baptism.*

HYMN

THAT EASTER DAY WITH JOY WAS BRIGHT

(PUER NOBIS)

**That Easter day with joy was bright;  
the sun shone out with fairer light  
when, to their longing eyes restored,  
the apostles saw their risen Lord!**

**O Jesus, king of gentleness,  
with constant love our hearts possess;  
to you our lips will ever raise  
the tribute of our grateful praise.**

**O Christ, you are the Lord of all  
in this our Easter festival,  
for you will be our strength and shield  
from ev'ry weapon death can wield.**

**All praise, O risen Lord, we give  
to you, once dead, but now alive!  
To God the Father equal praise,  
and God the Spirit, now we raise!**

## 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

## CHRIST HAS ARISEN, ALLELUIA



1 Christ has a - ris - en, al - le - lu - ia.  
2 For three long days the grave did its worst  
3 The an - gel said to them, "Do not fear.



Re - joice and praise him, al - le - lu - ia.  
un - til its strength by God was dis - persed.  
You look for Je - sus who is not here.



For our re - deem - er burst from the tomb,  
He who gives life did death un - der - go.  
See for your - selves the tomb is all bare.



e - ven from death, dis - pel - ling its gloom.  
and in its con - quest his might did show.  
On - ly the grave - clothes are ly - ing there."

### Refrain



Let us sing praise to him with end - less joy.



Death's fear - ful sting he has come to de - stroy.



Our sin for - giv - ing, al - le - lu - ia!



Je - sus is liv - ing, al - le - lu - ia!

## PRAYER OF THE DAY

L: Gracious God,

**C: we walk the path of two who traveled a dusty road wrapped in confusion and despair. You meet us on that road. You come with us to the table and there we receive the bread of life. Give us hearts that burn for you, and reveal the mystery of your love through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

HALLE, HALLE, HALLELUJAH

TRADITIONAL CARIBBEAN

sing before and after the songleader sings the verse

Hal-le, hal - le, hal - le - lu - jah. Hal - le, hal - le, hal -  
- le - lu - jah. Hal - le, hal - le, hal - le -  
lu - jah. Hal - le - lu - jah. Hal - le - lu - jah.

HOLY GOSPEL

LUKE 24:13-35 NRSV

<sup>13</sup>Now on that same day two of them were going to a village called Emmaus, about seven miles from Jerusalem, <sup>14</sup>and talking with each other about all these things that had happened. <sup>15</sup>While they were talking and discussing, Jesus himself came near and went with them, <sup>16</sup>but their eyes were kept from recognizing him. <sup>17</sup>And he said to them, "What are you discussing with each other while you walk along?" They stood still, looking sad. <sup>18</sup>Then one of them, whose name was Cleopas, answered him, "Are you the only stranger in Jerusalem who does not know the things that have taken place there in these days?" <sup>19</sup>He asked them, "What things?" They replied, "The things about Jesus of Nazareth, who was a prophet mighty in deed and word before God and all the people, <sup>20</sup>and how our chief priests and leaders handed him over to be condemned to death and crucified him. <sup>21</sup>But we had hoped that he was the one to redeem Israel. Yes, and besides all this, it is now the third day since these things took place. <sup>22</sup>Moreover, some women of our group astounded us. They were at the tomb early this morning, <sup>23</sup>and when they did not find his body there, they came back and told us that they had indeed seen a vision of angels who said that he was alive. <sup>24</sup>Some of those who were with us went to the tomb and found it just as the women had said; but they did not see him." <sup>25</sup>Then he said to them, "Oh, how foolish you are, and how slow of heart to believe all that the prophets have declared! <sup>26</sup>Was it not necessary that the Messiah should suffer these things and then enter into his glory?" <sup>27</sup>Then beginning with Moses and all the prophets, he interpreted to them the things about himself in all the scriptures.

<sup>28</sup>As they came near the village to which they were going, he walked ahead as if he were going on. <sup>29</sup>But they urged him strongly, saying, "Stay with us, because it is almost evening and the day is now nearly over." So he went in to stay with them. <sup>30</sup>When he was at the table with them, he took bread, blessed and broke it, and gave it to them. <sup>31</sup>Then their eyes were opened, and they recognized him; and he vanished from their sight. <sup>32</sup>They said to each other, "Were not our hearts burning within us while he was talking to us on the road, while he was opening the scriptures to us?"

<sup>33</sup>That same hour they got up and returned to Jerusalem; and they found the eleven and their companions gathered together. <sup>34</sup>They were saying,

“The Lord has risen indeed, and he has appeared to Simon!” <sup>35</sup>Then they told what had happened on the road, and how he had been made known to them in the breaking of the bread.

L: The Gospel of the Lord.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION  
*sing twice*

HALLE, HALLE, HALLELUJAH

TRADITIONAL CARIBBEAN

**Halle, halle, hallelujah.  
Halle, halle, hallelujah.  
Halle, halle, hallelujah  
Hallelujah. Hallelujah.**

*you may be seated*

STORY TIME

JANETTE REEVES

SERMON

JESUS COMES IN A WORD AND A MEAL

PASTOR JASON BRYAN-WEGNER

HYMN

DAY OF ARISING



1 Day of a - ris - ing, Christ on the road - way,  
2 When we are walk - ing, doubt - ful and dread - ing,  
3 Lo, I am with you, Je - sus has spo - ken.  
4 Christ, our com - pan - ion, hope for the jour - ney,



un - known com - pan - ion walks with his own.  
blind - ed by sad - ness, slow - ness of heart,  
This is Christ's prom - ise, this is Christ's sign:  
bread of com - pas - sion, o - pen our eyes.



When they in - vite him, as fades the first day,  
yet Christ walks with us, ev - er a - wait - ing  
when the church gath - ers, when bread is bro - ken,  
Grant us your vi - sion, set all hearts burn - ing



and bread is bro - ken, Christ is made known.  
our in - vi - ta - tion: Stay, do not part.  
there Christ is with us in bread and wine.  
that all cre - a - tion with you may rise.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

L: Uplifted by the promised hope of healing and resurrection, we join the people of God in all times and places in praying for the church, the world, and all who are in need.

*After each petition the congregation responds:*

L: Lord, in your mercy.

**C: Hear our prayer.**

L: With bold confidence in your love, almighty God, we place all for whom we pray into your eternal care; through Christ our Lord.

**C: Amen.**

EXPRESSIONS OF GRATITUDE

DAY OF ARISING

ARR. ANNE KRENTZ ORGAN

RALPH SCHORNACK, PIANO; KRISTY GIERE, FLUTE

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

LORD'S PRAYER

L: Lord, remember us when you come into your kingdom and teach us to pray.

**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 SHARE IN THE MEAL AT HOME

PRAYER

L: Life-giving God,

**C: you have fed us with your word, and our hearts burn within us. Through this meal you have opened us to your presence. Now send us forth to share the gift of Easter; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

BLESSING

L: May the One who brought forth Jesus from the dead raise you to new life, fill you with hope, and turn your mourning into dancing. Almighty God, Father, ✝ Son, and Holy Spirit, bless you now and forever.

**C: Amen.**

HYMN

GOOD CHRISTIAN FRIENDS, REJOICE AND SING!

**Good Christian friends, rejoice and sing!**

**Now is the triumph of our king!**

**To all the world glad news we bring:**

**Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!**

**The Lord of life is ris'n this day;**

**death's mighty stone is rolled away;**

**let all the world rejoice and say:**

**Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!**

**Praise we in songs of victory**

**that love, that life, which cannot die,**

**and sing with hearts uplifted high:**

**Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!**

## SENDING

**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.**

## POSTLUDE

GOOD CHRISTIAN FRIENDS, REJOICE AND SING

JOHN LEAVITT

## WORSHIP LEADERS TODAY

**PROCLAIMER**-Jason Bryan-Wegner; **WORSHIP LEADERS**-Vern Christopherson, Shelley Cunningham; **STORY TIME**-Janette Reeves; **ORGANIST**-Kristy Giere; **PIANIST**-Ralph Schornack; **SONGLEADERS**-Janette Reeves, Ralph Schornack; **FLUTE**-Kristy Giere

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## Sympathy to:

The family of Gayle Kylo. On April 18 a graveside service at Evanger Lutheran Cemetery was held.

Bob Sharp and Rebecca (Paul) Lindell on the death of their wife/mother, Judeann Sharp. Her ashes were inurned in the Zumbro Lutheran Columbarium on April 18. A celebration of Judeann's life will be held at a later date.

## Prayers for Healing:

Howard Borgen

Erikka Giere

Donna Hanson



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