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Believers Pray for Boldness in Their Daily Work

Welcome to Zumbro Lutheran Church!

SUNDAY, MAY 3, 2020

Our Easter sermon series is 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 of the resurrection 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, the early Christians in Jerusalem have been raising a stir. They have prayed for boldness to tell the story of the Risen Christ. The news has been spreading. The authorities have warned them to keep quiet. But Peter and John respond: "We cannot keep from speaking about what we have seen and heard."

Worship will continue to be streamed online. We are working on ways that the radio broadcast can continue while we relocate to the Fireside Room.

As you prepare your heart for worship during the prelude, you are invited to pray:
Lord, we celebrate the good news of Easter today. Continue to make our hearts alive and well. 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

NOW ALL THE VAULT OF HEAVEN RESOUNDS

Now all the vault of heav'n resounds
in praise of love that still abounds:
"Christ has triumphed! He is living!"
Sing, choirs of angels, loud and clear!
Repeat their song of glory here:
"Christ has triumphed! He is living!"
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

Eternal is the gift he brings,
therefore our heart with rapture sings:
"Christ has triumphed! He is living!"
Now still he comes to give us life
and by his presence stills all strife.
"Christ has triumphed! He is living!"
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

Oh, fill us, Lord, with dauntless love;
set heart and will on things above
that we conquer through your triumph;
grant grace sufficient for life's day
that by our lives we truly say:
"Christ has triumphed! He is living!"
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia! *Refrain*

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: Risen Christ,

C: we often aren't sure what the story of Easter means to our world. Fill us with conviction. Send us forth with boldness. Help us not to be pushy as we go, but instead filled with gratitude, and moved to share the good news of great joy. In your name we pray. Amen.

please stand for the reading

EASTER 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.

BIBLE READING

ACTS 4:13-31 NRSV

¹³Now when [the temple authorities] saw the boldness of Peter and John and realized that they were uneducated and ordinary men, they were amazed and recognized them as companions of Jesus. ¹⁴When they saw the man who had been cured standing beside them, they had nothing to say in opposition. ¹⁵So they ordered them to leave the council while they discussed the matter with one another. ¹⁶They said, "What will we do with them? For it is obvious to all who live in Jerusalem that a notable sign has been done through them; we cannot deny it. ¹⁷But to keep it from spreading further among the people, let us warn them to speak no more to anyone in this name." ¹⁸So they called them and ordered them not to speak or teach at all in the name of Jesus. ¹⁹But Peter and John answered them, "Whether it is right in God's sight to listen to you rather than to God, you must judge; ²⁰for we cannot keep from speaking about what we have seen and heard." ²¹After threatening them again, they let them go, finding no way to punish them because of the people, for all of them praised God for what had happened. ²²For the man on whom this sign of healing had been performed was more than forty years old.

²³After they were released, they went to their friends and reported what the chief priests and the elders had said to them. ²⁴When they heard it, they raised their voices together to God and said, "Sovereign Lord, who made the heaven and the earth, the sea, and everything in them, ²⁵it is you who said by the Holy Spirit through our ancestor David, your servant: 'Why did the Gentiles rage, and the peoples imagine vain things? ²⁶The kings of the earth took their stand, and the rulers have gathered together against the Lord and against his Messiah.'

²⁷"For in this city, in fact, both Herod and Pontius Pilate, with the Gentiles and the peoples of Israel, gathered together against your holy servant Jesus, whom you anointed, ²⁸to do whatever your hand and your plan had predestined to take place.

²⁹“And now, Lord, look at their threats, and grant to your servants to speak your word with all boldness, ³⁰while you stretch out your hand to heal, and signs and wonders are performed through the name of your holy servant Jesus.” ³¹When they had prayed, the place in which they were gathered together was shaken; and they were all filled with the Holy Spirit and spoke the word of God with boldness.

L: Holy wisdom, holy word.

C: Thanks be to God.

EASTER 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 BELIEVERS PRAY FOR BOLDNESS IN THEIR DAILY WORK PASTOR VERN CHRISTOPHERSON

HYMN

WE ARE CALLED

Come! Live in the light!
Shine with the joy and the love of the Lord!
We are called to be light for the kingdom,
to live in the freedom of the city of God.

Refrain We are called to act with justice,
we are called to love tenderly;
we are called to serve one another,
to walk humbly with God.

Come! Open your heart!
Show your mercy to all those in fear!
We are called to be hope for the hopeless
so hatred and blindness will be no more. *Refrain*

Sing! Sing a new song!
Sing of that great day when all will be one!
God will reign, and we'll walk with each other
as sisters and brothers united in love. *Refrain*

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.

JENNY KRUSE, SOLOIST

My heart is steadfast and my life is whole; I will sing and make music.
Awake, O my soul! Have mercy on me, Lord; oh, this is my plea,
My God who fulfills every purpose for me. Hallelujah!

Awake, harp and lyre! I'll awaken the dawn. I will praise you forever,
O most holy One.
I will take shelter, kept under your wing, safely protected against everything.
Hallelujah!

Be exalted, O God, to the heavens above, for you send us your faithfulness, mercy and
love. Show to all nations your marvelous works;
let your glory be known over all of the earth.
Hallelujah!

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 gifts of Easter
with all in need; 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

ALLELUIA! SING TO JESUS

Alleluia! Sing to Jesus;
his the scepter, his the throne;
Alleluia! his the triumph,
his the victory alone.
Hark! The songs of peaceful Zion
thunder like a mighty flood:
"Jesus out of ev'ry nation
has redeemed us by his blood."

Alleluia! Not as orphans
are we left in sorrow now;
Alleluia! he is near us;
faith believes, nor questions how.
Though the cloud from sight received him
when the forty days were o'er,
shall our hearts forget his promise:
"I am with you evermore"?

Alleluia! Bread of heaven,
here on earth our food, our stay;
Alleluia! here the sinful
flee to you from day to day.
Intercessor, friend of sinners,
earth's redeemer, hear our plea
where the songs of all the sinless
sweep across the crystal sea.

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

CHRIST HAS ARISEN, ALLELUIA

ARR. ANNE KRENTZ ORGAN

WORSHIP LEADERS TODAY

PROCLAIMER-Vern Christopherson; **WORSHIP ASSISTANT**-Jason Bryan-Wegner, **STORY TIME**-Janette Reeves;
PIANIST-Kristy Giere; **SOLOIST**-Jenny Kruse; **SONGLEADERS**-Janette Reeves, Jenny Kruse

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Congratulations to:

Harold Geerdes celebrating his 95th birthday today.

Prayers for Healing:

Betty Holtan, Jessica Johnsrud, Nicole Pittenger

Sympathy to:

David (Julie) Larson and Mark (Amy Williams) Larson on the death of their mother, Lorraine Larson, on March 10. A graveside service was held at Oakwood Cemetery on May 2. A celebration of Lorraine's life date is yet to be determined.

We have started remodeling in our sanctuary. We're actively working on providing a radio broadcast each week, but at this point, we're not sure if we can. Part of the problem is that the radio station we use is not staffed on Sunday morning. If the radio doesn't work this week, we'll keep working on it.



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