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**Jesus Breaks Down Walls and So Do We**

# Welcome to Zumbro Lutheran Church!

SUNDAY, MAY 24, 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 this week's reading we take a closer look at the inspiration for Zumbro's mission statement. We are an Easter people. As such, God calls us us to live into a new humanity, no longer divided by walls, but instead embracing the peace that is ours through the cross and resurrection of Christ.

Worship will continue to be streamed online. It will also be broadcast on the radio at 1520AM.

GATHERING MUSIC

ALLELUIA! JESUS IS RISEN!

ARR. RALPH SCHORNACK

*As you prepare your heart for worship during the prelude, you are invited to pray:*

Dear Jesus, break down the walls of doubt and fear, division and isolation that we can so easily experience today. Unite me with you and fill me with the peace that only you can provide. 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

ALLELUIA! JESUS IS RISEN!

**Alleluia! Jesus is risen!  
Trumpets resounding in glorious light!  
Splendor, the Lamb, heaven forever!  
Oh, what a miracle God has in sight!**

*Refrain*

**Jesus is risen and we shall arise.  
Give God the glory! Alleluia!  
Walking the way, Christ in the center  
telling the story to open our eyes;  
breaking our bread, giving us glory:  
Jesus our blessing, our constant surprise. *Refrain***

**Jesus the vine, we are the branches;  
life in the Spirit the fruit of the tree;  
heaven to earth, Christ to the people,  
gift of the future now flowing to me. *Refrain***

Weeping, be gone; sorrow, be silent:  
 death put asunder, and Easter is bright.  
 Cherubim sing: O grave, be open!  
 Clothe us in wonder, adorn us in light. *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: Oh God, our Redeemer,

C: when we are prone to look for the old familiar ways, you enter in and make new paths for us. You shake us from self-reliance and build us into a new creation. As we feel the ongoing disruption in our world, we yearn for the ways of yesterday. Stir in our hearts with the power of your Spirit to help us to see the new things you are doing in this time, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

*please stand for the reading*

## EASTER ACCLAMATION

## HALLE, HALLE, HALLELUJAH

## TRADITIONAL CARIBBEAN

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.

*sing twice*

## BIBLE READING

## EPHESIANS 2:11-22 NRSV

<sup>11</sup>So then, remember that at one time you Gentiles by birth, called “the uncircumcision” by those who are called “the circumcision”—a physical circumcision made in the flesh by human hands—<sup>12</sup>remember that you were at that time without Christ, being aliens from the commonwealth of Israel, and strangers to the covenants of promise, having no hope and without God in the world. <sup>13</sup>But now in Christ Jesus you who once were far off have been brought near by the blood of Christ. <sup>14</sup>For he is our peace; in his flesh he has made both groups into one and has broken down the dividing wall, that is, the hostility between us. <sup>15</sup>He has abolished the law with its commandments and ordinances, that he might create in himself one new humanity in place of the two, thus making peace, <sup>16</sup>and might reconcile both groups to God in one body through the cross, thus putting to death that hostility through it. <sup>17</sup>So he came and proclaimed peace to you who were far off and peace to those who were near; <sup>18</sup>for through him both of us have access in one Spirit to the Father. <sup>19</sup>So then you are no longer strangers and aliens, but you are citizens with the saints and also members of the household of God, <sup>20</sup>built upon the foundation of the apostles and prophets, with Christ Jesus himself as the cornerstone. <sup>21</sup>In him the whole structure is joined together and grows into a holy temple in the Lord; <sup>22</sup>in whom you also are built together spiritually into a dwelling place for God.

L: Holy wisdom, holy word.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

EASTER ACCLAMATION

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 BREAKS DOWN WALLS AND SO DO WE

PASTOR JASON BRYAN-WEGNER

HYMN

THE CHURCH OF CHRIST IN EVERY AGE

*stanzas 1, 3 and 5*



1 The church of Christ, in ev - 'ry age be - set by  
2 A - cross the world, a - cross the street, the vic - tims  
3 Then let the ser - vant church a - rise, a car - ing  
4 For he a - lone, whose blood was shed, can cure the  
5 We have no mis - sion but to serve in full o -



change, but Spir - it - led, must claim and test its  
of in - jus - tice cry for shel - ter and for  
church that longs to be a part - ner in Christ's  
fe - ver in our blood, and teach us how to  
be - dience to our Lord; to care for all, with -



her - i - tage and keep on ris - ing from the dead.  
bread to eat, and nev - er live be - fore they die.  
sac - ri - fice, and clothed in Christ's hu - man - i - ty.  
share our bread and feed the starv - ing mul - ti - tude.  
out re - serve, and spread his lib - er - at - ing word.

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.**

Day by day, your mercies, Lord, attend me,  
 bringing comfort to my anxious soul.  
 Day by day, the blessings, Lord, you send me  
 draw me nearer to my heav'nly goal.  
 Love divine, beyond all mortal measure,  
 brings to naught the burdens of my quest;  
 Savior, lead me to the home I treasure,  
 where at last I'll find eternal rest.

Day by day, I know you will provide me  
 strength to serve and wisdom to obey;  
 I will seek your loving will to guide me  
 o'er the paths I struggle day by day.  
 I will fear no evil of the morrow,  
 I will trust in your enduring grace.  
 Savior, help me bear life's pain and sorrow  
 till in glory I behold your face.

Oh, what joy to know that you are near me  
 when my burdens grow too great to bear;  
 oh, what joy to know that you will hear me  
 when I come, O Lord, to you in prayer.  
 Day by day, no matter what betide me,  
 you will hold me ever in your hand.  
 Savior, with your presence here to guide me,  
 I will reach at last the promised land.

## 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.**

## 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.**

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

CANTICLE OF THE TURNING

My soul cries out with a joyful shout  
that the God of my heart is great,  
and my spirit sings of the wondrous things  
that you bring to the ones who wait.  
You fixed your sight on your servant's plight,  
and my weakness you did not spurn,  
so from east to west shall my name be blest.  
Could the world be about to turn?

*Refrain*

My heart shall sing of the day you bring.  
Let the fires of your justice burn.  
Wipe away all tears, for the dawn draws near,  
and the world is about to turn.

Though I am small, my God, my all,  
you work great things in me,  
and your mercy will last from the depths of the past  
to the end of the age to be.  
Your very name puts the proud to shame,  
and to those who would for you yearn,  
you will show your might, put the strong to flight,  
for the world is about to turn. *Refrain*

Though the nations rage from age to age,  
we remember who holds us fast:  
God's mercy must deliver us  
from the conqueror's crushing grasp.  
This saving word that our forebears heard  
is the promise which holds us bound,  
till the spear and rod can be crushed by God,  
who is turning the world around. *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.**

SENDING MUSIC

CANTICLE OF THE TURNING

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## WORSHIP LEADERS TODAY

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### Prayers for Healing:

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### Sympathy to:

Barb (Howard) Borgen on the death of her brother, Jim Schroeder.

Bob (Mary Ann) Anderson on the death of his mother Marilyn Anderson.



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