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## **Being a Good Samaritan in a Day of COVID-19**

# Welcome to Zumbro Lutheran Church!

SUNDAY, MAY 17, 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 hear the classic parable of the Good Samaritan. While it's not an Easter story per se, it's an important reminder of Jesus' call for us to live as Easter people. Specifically, in a world of COVID-19, we look for ways to love and serve our neighbor.

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

GATHERING MUSIC

THAT EASTER DAY WITH JOY WAS BRIGHT

ARR. ANNE KRENTZ ORGAN

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

Lord, quiet my heart as I worship today. Help me to remember a Good Samaritan or two in my life.  
I am grateful for them. 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

**That Easter day with joy was bright;  
the sun shone out with fairer light  
when, to their longing eyes restored,  
th'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 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: thank you for putting your love in our hearts. There are neighbors to serve everywhere we look. In a day and age of physical distancing, help us to be both creative and careful about whom and how we serve. Inspire us to reach out with compassion. In your name we pray. Amen.**

*please stand for the reading*

## 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. Hal-le-lu-jah.

## BIBLE READING

LUKE 10:25-37 NRSV

<sup>25</sup>Just then a lawyer stood up to test Jesus. “Teacher,” he said, “what must I do to inherit eternal life?” <sup>26</sup>He said to him, “What is written in the law? What do you read there?” <sup>27</sup>He answered, “You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your strength, and with all your mind; and your neighbor as yourself.” <sup>28</sup>And he said to him, “You have given the right answer; do this, and you will live.”

<sup>29</sup>But wanting to justify himself, he asked Jesus, “And who is my neighbor?” <sup>30</sup>Jesus replied, “A man was going down from Jerusalem to Jericho, and fell into the hands of robbers, who stripped him, beat him, and went away, leaving him half dead. <sup>31</sup>Now by chance a priest was going down that road; and when he saw him, he passed by on the other side. <sup>32</sup>So likewise a Levite, when he came to the place and saw him, passed by on the other side. <sup>33</sup>But a Samaritan while traveling came near him; and when he saw him, he was moved with pity. <sup>34</sup>He went to him and bandaged his wounds, having poured oil and wine on them. Then he put him on his own animal, brought him to an inn, and took care of him. <sup>35</sup>The next day he took out two denarii, gave them to the innkeeper, and said, ‘Take care of him; and when I come back, I will repay you whatever more you spend.’ <sup>36</sup>Which of these three, do you think, was a neighbor to the man who fell into the hands of the robbers?” <sup>37</sup>He said, “The one who showed him mercy.” Jesus said to him, “Go and do likewise.”

L: The Gospel of our Lord.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

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

*you may be seated*

STORY TIME

PASTOR JASON BRYAN-WEGNER

SERMON

BEING A GOOD SAMARITAN IN A DAY OF COVID-19

PASTOR VERN CHRISTOPHERSON

HYMN

JESU, JESU FILL US WITH YOUR LOVE

*Refrain*

Je - su, Je - su, fill us with your love, show

us how to serve the neigh-bors we have from you.

1 Kneels at the feet of his friends, si - lent - ly wash - es their feet,  
2 Neigh-bors are wealth-y and poor, var - ied in col - or and race,  
3 These are the ones we will serve, these are the ones we will love;  
4 Kneel at the feet of our friends, si - lent - ly wash - ing their feet:

mas - ter who acts as a slave to them.  
neigh-bors are near - by and far a - way.  
all these are neigh - bors to us and you.  
this is the way we will live with you.

*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.**

## 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

## CHRIST IS ALIVE

Christ is alive! Let Christians sing.  
The cross stands empty to the sky.  
Let streets and homes with praises ring.  
Love, drowned in death, shall never die.

Christ is alive! No longer bound  
to distant years in Palestine,  
but saving, healing, here and now,  
and touching ev'ry place and time.

In ev'ry insult, rift, and war,  
where color, scorn, or wealth divide,  
Christ suffers still, yet loves the more,  
and lives, where even hope has died.

Women and men, in age and youth,  
can feel the Spirit, hear the call,  
and find the way, the life, the truth,  
revealed in Jesus, freed for all.

## 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.**

## WORSHIP LEADERS TODAY

**PROCLAIMER**-Vern Christopherson; **WORSHIP ASSISTANT**-Shelley Cunningham,

**STORY TIME**-Jason Bryan-Wegner; **PIANIST**-Kristy Giere; **INSTRUMENTAL**-Bob Giere, guitar; Kristy Giere, flute;

**SONGLEADER**-Janette Reeves

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**Congratulations to:**

Lorna Bluhm celebrating her 90<sup>th</sup> birthday on May 21.

Emily and Joe Peterson on the birth of Kellan Richard Peterson on April 17. His big sisters are Lennon and Delaney.

**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. A private committal service will be held in Illinois. A celebration of life service is pending.

The family of Tom Moon. A committal service was held at Zumbro Lutheran's columbarium.

Kari (Jason) Jadin on the death of her grandmother, Arlene Lorch.

Sonia (Bob) Watson on the death of her mother, Betty Carlson.



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