



First Sunday of Lent  
February 21, 2021  
8:30am

## Welcome to Zumbro Lutheran Church

Luke is generally referred to as the most universal gospel. Throughout Jesus' ministry in Galilee and also on the way to Jerusalem, he makes room for a wide assortment of people. There is room for Gentiles and Jews, Pharisees and tax collectors, women and men, and a lot of other people too. That means there is room for you!

In this week's gospel, Jesus makes room for the messiness of human life. Religious rules that excluded and silenced certain children of God, human brokenness, fear, name calling, and power plays all filled the dining room where Jesus was having dinner with some Pharisees. And yet, in the middle of it all a woman shows up, named "sinful" by the world. She extravagantly anoints Jesus with her tears, touch, and the most costly perfume. She sees Jesus for who he is: The one who can make all that is broken whole. And Jesus sees her for all she is: a woman of deep faith and love.

PRELUDE

MY SOUL PROCLAIMS  
ENSEMBLE MUSICIANS

AARON DAVID MILLER

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

## CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

L: Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God, the keeper of the covenant, the source of steadfast love, our rock and our redeemer.

**C: Amen.**

L: God hears us when we cry, and draws us close in Jesus Christ. Let us return to the one who is full of compassion.

*silence for reflection and self-examination*

L: Fountain of living water,

**C: pour out your mercy over us. Our sin is heavy, and we long to be free. Rebuild what we have ruined and mend what we have torn. Wash us in your cleansing flood. Make us alive in the Spirit to follow in the way of Jesus, as healers and restorers of the world you so love. Amen.**

L: Beloved, God's word never fails. The promise rests on grace: by the saving love of Jesus Christ, the wisdom and power of God, your sins are † forgiven, and God remembers them no more. Journey in the way of Jesus.

**C: Amen.**

## HYMN

AMAZING GRACE, HOW SWEET THE SOUND

**Amazing grace! how sweet the sound  
that saved a wretch like me!  
I once was lost, but now am found;  
was blind, but now I see.**

**'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear,  
and grace my fears relieved;  
how precious did that grace appear  
the hour I first believed!**

**Through many dangers, toils, and snares  
I have already come;  
'tis grace has brought me safe thus far,  
and grace will lead me home.**

**The Lord has promised good to me;  
his word my hope secures;  
he will my shield and portion be  
as long as life endures.**

## 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.**

## PRAYER OF THE DAY

L: God who sees us,

**C: you show up in the messiness of life with grace, love, and forgiveness over and over again. Give us those same eyes to see all your children, so that all people can experience your peace and promise of an abundant life. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.**

Lord, you have searched me and known me; you  
 know when I sit, when I rise. — You know my thoughts, you  
 know my heart, you know — the ways of my life. You  
 know — the sound of my voice, — you know — the words of my  
 tongue; — you hold me close, you guide my ways, you  
 know — the ways of my life.

*Cantor only*  
 Where can I go — to leave your spir - it? Where can I fall — that  
 you — aren't — near? If I say, — The dark - ness will  
 hide me, your bright light sets me free.

*Coda*  
 life. — You know — the ways of my life. — You  
 know — the ways of my life. —

<sup>36</sup>One of the Pharisees asked Jesus to eat with him, and he went into the Pharisee's house and took his place at the table. <sup>37</sup>And a woman in the city, who was a sinner, having learned that he was eating in the Pharisee's house, brought an alabaster jar of ointment. <sup>38</sup>She stood behind him at his feet, weeping, and began to bathe his feet with her tears and to dry them with her hair. Then she continued kissing his feet and anointing them with the ointment. <sup>39</sup>Now when the Pharisee who had invited him saw it, he said to himself, "If this man were a prophet, he would have known who and what kind of woman this is who is touching him — that she is a sinner." <sup>40</sup>Jesus spoke up and said to him, "Simon, I have something to say to you." "Teacher," he replied, "speak." <sup>41</sup>A certain creditor had two debtors; one owed five hundred denarii, and the other fifty. <sup>42</sup>When they could not pay, he canceled the debts for both of them. Now which of them will love him more?" <sup>43</sup>Simon answered, "I suppose the one for whom he canceled the greater debt." And Jesus said to him, "You have judged rightly." <sup>44</sup>Then turning toward the woman, he said to Simon, "Do you see this woman? I entered your house; you gave me no water for my feet, but she has bathed my feet with her tears and dried them with her hair. <sup>45</sup>You gave me no kiss, but from the time I came in she has not stopped kissing my feet. <sup>46</sup>You did not anoint my head with oil, but she has anointed my feet with ointment. <sup>47</sup>Therefore, I tell you, her sins, which were many, have been forgiven; hence she has shown great love. But the one to whom little is forgiven, loves little." <sup>48</sup>Then he said to her, "Your sins are forgiven." <sup>49</sup>But those who were at the table with him began to say among themselves, "Who is this who even forgives sins?" <sup>50</sup>And he said to the woman, "Your faith has saved you; go in peace."

L: The Gospel of the Lord,

**C: Thanks be to God.**

## MY SOUL PROCLAIMS

My soul pro-claims the great-ness of the Lord, my  
spir-it sings for joy in God my Sav-ior. You look with fa-vor up - on your ser-vant,  
bless-ed is my name. You have done great things for me, ho - ly is your  
name. You send your mer-cy to those who fear you through ev-'ry age.  
You have shown the strength of your arm, you have scorned the thoughts of the proud,  
you cast down the might - y, you have lift - ed the low - ly, ho - ly is your  
name. You have filled the hun-gry with good things, you have left the rich with emp-ty  
hands, you have come to the help of your peo-ple, ho - ly is your name.  
You have kept your prom - ise of mer - cy, the prom - ise that you made to our  
fore - bears; to A - bra'm and Sar - ah and their chil - dren for - ev - er,  
ho - ly is your name. Ho - ly is your name. Ho - ly is your name.

## PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Cantor Assembly

Hear our prayer, O Lord. Hear our prayer, O Lord.

Detailed description: This block contains the first line of musical notation. It starts with a treble clef and a key signature of three flats (B-flat, E-flat, A-flat). The melody begins with a whole rest, followed by a half note G4, a quarter note A4, a quarter note B-flat4, a quarter note C5, a quarter note B-flat4, a quarter note A4, and a quarter note G4. This sequence is repeated for the second phrase. The lyrics 'Hear our prayer, O Lord.' are written below the notes.

*After each spoken petition*

Cantor Assembly

Hear our prayer, O Lord. Hear our prayer, O Lord.

Detailed description: This block contains the second line of musical notation. It starts with a treble clef and a key signature of three flats. The melody begins with a quarter note G4, a quarter note A4, a quarter note B-flat4, a quarter note C5, a quarter note B-flat4, a quarter note A4, and a quarter note G4. This sequence is repeated for the second phrase. The lyrics 'Hear our prayer, O Lord.' are written below the notes.

*After final petition*

Cantor Assembly

Hear our prayer, O Lord. Hear our prayer, O Lord. A - men.

Detailed description: This block contains the third line of musical notation. It starts with a treble clef and a key signature of three flats. The melody begins with a quarter note G4, a quarter note A4, a quarter note B-flat4, a quarter note C5, a quarter note B-flat4, a quarter note A4, and a quarter note G4. This sequence is repeated for the second phrase. The lyrics 'Hear our prayer, O Lord. Hear our prayer, O Lord. A - men.' are written below the notes.

## EXPRESSIONS OF GRATITUDE

## HYMN OF LIGHT ENSEMBLE MUSICIANS

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## WORDS OF INSTITUTION

## LORD'S PRAYER

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

**C: Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us. Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours, now and forever. Amen.**

## INVITATION TO THE TABLE

## LAMB OF GOD

AARON DAVID MILLER



Lamb of God, Lamb of God, you  
take a - way the sin of the world, have mer - cy on us, have  
mer - cy on us, Lamb of God.  
Lamb of God, Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the  
world, grant us peace, grant us peace, Lamb of God.

## PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

L: God of steadfast love, at this table you gather your people into one body for the sake of the world. Send us in the power of your Spirit, that our lives bear witness to the love that has made us new in Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

**C: Amen.**

## BLESSING

L: You are what God made you to be: created in Christ Jesus for good works, chosen as holy and beloved, freed to serve your neighbor. God bless you ☩ that you may be a blessing, in the name of the holy and life-giving Trinity.

**C: Amen.**

HYMN

SOFTLY AND TENDERLY JESUS IS CALLING

**Softly and tenderly Jesus is calling,  
calling for you and for me.  
See, on the portals he's waiting and watching,  
watching for you and for me.**

*Refrain* **"Come home, (Come home,)  
come home! (come home!)  
You who are weary, come home."  
Earnestly, tenderly, Jesus is calling,  
calling, "O sinner, come home!"**

**Why should we tarry when Jesus is pleading,  
pleading for you and for me?  
Why should we linger and heed not his mercies,  
mercies for you and for me?** *Refrain*

**Oh, for the wonderful love he has promised,  
promised for you and for me!  
Though we have sinned, he has mercy and pardon,  
pardon for you and for me.** *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. Thanks be to God.**

POSTLUDE

MY FAITH LOOKS UP TO THEE  
RALPH SCHORNACK, ORGAN

KARL OSTERLAND

## PRAYERS FOR HEALING:

Mary Ann Anderson  
Andrea Nei

Gordon Christianson  
Cindy Roling

Dave Dunn      Kristy Giere  
Howard Wood

## SYMPATHY TO:

The family of Penny Oas

Andrea Nei on the death of her grandfather Earl Koch and cousin Case Clare

Dave Dunn on the death of his sister Pat

## WORSHIP LEADERS TODAY

**PROCLAIMER**-Jen Gruendler; **WORSHIP ASSISTANT**-Pastor Jason Bryan-Wegner; **LECTOR**-Kathy Morton;  
**STORYTIME**-Pastor Shelley Cunningham; **ORGAN AND PIANO**-Ralph Schornack; **GUITAR**-Bob Giere;  
**FLUTE**-Ruth Monson; **OBOE**-Andrea Robertson; **SONGLEADERS**-Janette Reeves, Brenda Wichmann

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