



Second Sunday of Lent
February 28, 2021
8:30am

Welcome to Zumbro Lutheran Church

In traditional Lutheran liturgy, and in keeping with the somberness of Lent, we “bury our alleluias.” We also withhold the granting of forgiveness (absolution) until the Maundy Thursday service of Holy Week. In place of the absolution, we include a well-known Bible verse from 1 John 1. Since our sermon theme for Lent is “Love without Limits,” we want to emphasize the never-ending love and forgiveness of God which comes to us in Jesus.

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, a Samaritan shows unexpected kindness to a bruised and broken man lying in a ditch. Jesus tells his followers to be “go and do likewise,” and so be a good neighbor to those who are in need.

PRELUDE

WE HAVE COME TO JOIN IN WORSHIP (HOLY MANNA)
HANDBELL SEXTET

ARR. BILL INGRAM

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, if we confess our sins, God who is faithful and just will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness. (John 1:9)

C: Amen.

HYMN

LORD, WHOSE LOVE IN HUMBLE SERVICE

**Lord, whose love in humble service
bore the weight of human need,
who upon the cross, forsaken,
worked your mercy's perfect deed:
we, your servants, bring the worship
not of voice alone, but heart;
consecrating to your purpose
ev'ry gift which you impart.**

**Still your children wander homeless;
still the hungry cry for bread;
still the captives long for freedom;
still in grief we mourn our dead.
As you, Lord, in deep compassion
healed the sick and freed the soul,
by your Spirit send your power
to our world to make it whole.**

**As we worship, grant us vision,
till your love's revealing light
in its height and depth and greatness
dawns upon our quickened sight,
making known the needs and burdens
your compassion bids us bear,
stirring us to ardent service,
your abundant life to share.**

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 makes room for us,

C: We sometimes experience unexpected kindness when we find ourselves in the ditch. Come to us in our time of need. Give us eyes and hearts to see the needs of others. Share with us the mystery of your saving love for our broken world. In Jesus' name. Amen.

4 *all*

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.
songleaders
 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.

²⁵Just then a lawyer stood up to test Jesus. "Teacher," he said, "what must I do to inherit eternal life?" ²⁶He said to him, "What is written in the law? What do you read there?" ²⁷He 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." ²⁸And he said to him, "You have given the right answer; do this, and you will live."

²⁹But wanting to justify himself, he asked Jesus, "And who is my neighbor?" ³⁰Jesus 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. ³¹Now by chance a priest was going down that road; and when he saw him, he passed by on the other side. ³²So likewise a Levite, when he came to the place and saw him, passed by on the other side. ³³But a Samaritan while traveling came near him; and when he saw him, he was moved with pity. ³⁴He 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. ³⁵The 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.' ³⁶Which of these three, do you think, was a neighbor to the man who fell into the hands of the robbers?" ³⁷He said, "The one who showed him mercy." Jesus said to him, "Go and do likewise."

L: The Gospel of the Lord,

C: Thanks be to God.

all

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.

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.

EXPRESSIONS OF GRATITUDE

LORD FOR THY TENDER MERCY'S SAKE

RICHARD FARRANT

A VIRTUAL ANTHEM BY THE ZUMBRO LUTHERAN CHOIR

Lord, for thy tender mercy's sake,
Lay not our sins to our charge.
But forgive that is past,
And give us grace to amend our sinful lives.
to decline from sin, and incline to virtue,
That we may walk in a perfect heart,
Before thee now and evermore.
Amen.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

songleaders *all*
Hear our prayer, O Lord. Hear our prayer, O Lord.

songleaders *all*
Hear our prayer, O Lord. Hear our prayer, O Lord.

songleaders *all*
Hear our prayer, O Lord. Hear our prayer, O Lord. A - men.

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.

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

WILL YOU LET ME BE YOUR SERVANT (THE SERVANT SONG)

**Will you let me be your servant,
let me be as Christ to you?
Pray that I may have the grace to
let you be my servant, too.**

**We are pilgrims on a journey,
we are trav'lers on the road;
we are here to help each other
walk the mile and bear the load.**

**I will hold the Christ-light for you
in the nighttime of your fear;
I will hold my hand out to you,
speak the peace you long to hear.**

**I will weep when you are weeping;
when you laugh I'll laugh with you.
I will share your joy and sorrow
till we've seen this journey through.**

**Will you let me be your servant,
let me be as Christ to you?
Pray that I may have the grace to
let you be my servant, too.**

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

PRELUDE AND FUGUE IN A MINOR, No. 7

RALPH SCHORNACK, ORGAN

J.S. BACH

PRAYERS FOR HEALING:

David Newman Marge Breuer Norm Waage Mary Ann Anderson
Cindy Rolwing Howard Wood

SYMPATHY TO:

Mary Hansen and Marcia Mahlman on the death of their father Gordon Christianson
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-Pastor Vern Christopherson; **WORSHIP ASSISTANT**-Pastor Shelley Cunningham;
LECTOR-Chris Gade; **STORYTIME**-Pastor Jason Bryan-Wegner; **ORGAN AND PIANO**-Ralph Schornack;
GUITAR-Bob Giere; **FLUTE**-Ruth Monson; **SONGLEADERS**-Meredith Pritchard, Brenda Wichmann;
SINGING-Zumbro Lutheran Choir, Bob Giere, director; Todd Christiansen, virtual anthem producer;
HANDBELL SEXTET-Dorothy Bacon, Pam Hammond, Leah Holmes, Andy Larson, Chad Larson;
Melanie Tschida; Kristy Giere, director

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