



Fourth Sunday of Lent
March 21, 2021
8:30am

Welcome to Zumbro Lutheran Church

In traditional Lutheran liturgy, and in keeping with the solemnity 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 1:9. 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, we encounter two very different people -- a poor blind man, and a rich tax collector -- who have one thing in common: their lives are changed when they encounter Jesus.

PRELUDE

SONATINA (FROM GOTTES ZEIT IST DIE ALLERBESTES ZEIT)
RUTH MONSON AND KRISTY GIERS, FLUTE; RALPH SCHORNACK, PIANO

J.S. BACH, BWV 106

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. (1 John 1:9)

C: Amen.

HYMN

I WANT JESUS TO WALK WITH ME

**I want Jesus to walk with me;
I want Jesus to walk with me;
all along my pilgrim journey,
Lord, I want Jesus to walk with me.**

**In my trials, Lord, walk with me;
in my trials, Lord, walk with me;
when my heart is almost breaking,
Lord, I want Jesus to walk with me.**

**When I'm in trouble, Lord, walk with me;
when I'm in trouble, Lord, walk with me;
when my head is bowed in sorrow,
Lord, I want Jesus to walk with me.**

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: Steadfast Lord,

C: Sometimes we resist change with all our might, because we are comfortable or stuck or scared. When we need you to move us forward, whether it's by a gentle nudge or a seismic shift, assure us that you will be with us every moment. Indeed, Lord Jesus, we trust that you lead us not always where we want to go, but where you always are. Amen.

PSALMODY

PSALM 139

AARON DAVID MILLER
PSALM 139:1-12, ADAPT. A. D. M

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.

³¹Then he took the twelve aside and said to them, "See, we are going up to Jerusalem, and everything that is written about the Son of Man by the prophets will be accomplished. ³²For he will be handed over to the Gentiles; and he will be mocked and insulted and spat upon. ³³After they have flogged him, they will kill him, and on the third day he will rise again." ³⁴But they understood nothing about all these things; in fact, what he said was hidden from them, and they did not grasp what was said.

³⁵As he approached Jericho, a blind man was sitting by the roadside begging. ³⁶When he heard a crowd going by, he asked what was happening. ³⁷They told him, "Jesus of Nazareth is passing by." ³⁸Then he shouted, "Jesus, Son of David, have mercy on me!" ³⁹Those who were in front sternly ordered him to be quiet; but he shouted even more loudly, "Son of David, have mercy on me!" ⁴⁰Jesus stood still and ordered the man to be brought to him; and when he came near, he asked him, ⁴¹"What do you want me to do for you? He said, "Lord, let me see again." ⁴²Jesus said to him, "Receive your sight; your faith has saved you." ⁴³Immediately he regained his sight and followed him, glorifying God; and all the people, when they saw it, praised God.

¹He entered Jericho and was passing through it. ²A man was there named Zacchaeus; he was a chief tax collector and was rich. ³He was trying to see who Jesus was, but on account of the crowd he could not, because he was short in stature. ⁴So he ran ahead and climbed a sycamore tree to see him, because he was going to pass that way. ⁵When Jesus came to the place, he looked up and said to him, "Zacchaeus, hurry and come down; for I must stay at your house today." ⁶So he hurried down and was happy to welcome him. ⁷All who saw it began to grumble and said, "He has gone to be the guest of one who is a sinner." ⁸Zacchaeus stood there and said to the Lord, "Look, half of my possessions, Lord, I will give to the poor; and if I have defrauded anyone of anything, I will pay back four times as much." ⁹Then Jesus said to him, "Today salvation has come to this house, because he too is a son of Abraham. ¹⁰For the Son of Man came to seek out and to save the lost."

L: The Gospel of the Lord,

C: Thanks be to God.

HYMN

TREE OF LIFE AND AWESOME MYSTERY

**Tree of Life and awesome myst'ry,
in your death we are reborn;
though you die in all of hist'ry,
still you rise with ev'ry morn,
still you rise with ev'ry morn.**

**We remember truth once spoken,
love passed on through act and word;
ev'ry person lost and broken
wears the body of our Lord,
wears the body of our Lord.**

**Christ, you lead and we shall follow,
stumbling though our steps may be;
one with you in joy and sorrow,
we the river, you the sea,
we the river, you the sea.**

**Give us eyes to see you clearly;
make us children of your light.
Give us hearts to live more nearly
as your gospel shining bright.**

SERMON

MAKING ROOM WHEN WE'RE IN NEED OF A CHANGE PASTOR SHELLEY CUNNINGHAM

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.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

L: Relying on the promises of God, let us pray boldly for the church, the world, and all in need.

After each spoken petition
songleaders

all

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

After final petition
songleaders

all

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

The image shows two staves of musical notation in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. The first staff is for 'After each spoken petition' and is performed by 'songleaders'. It consists of two measures: 'Hear our prayer, O Lord.' and 'Hear our prayer, O Lord.'. The second staff is for 'After final petition' and is performed by 'all'. It consists of three measures: 'Hear our prayer, O Lord.', 'Hear our prayer, O Lord.', and 'A - men.'. The melody is simple, using quarter and half notes.

EXPRESSIONS OF GRATITUDE

WORTHY OF WORSHIP

ARR. BILL INGRAM

HANDBELL SEXTET (PRE-RECORDED FEB. 14, 2021)

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



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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

IN THE CROSS OF CHRIST I GLORY

**In the cross of Christ I glory,
tow'ring o'er the wrecks of time.
All the light of sacred story
gathers round its head sublime.**

**When the woes of life o'ertake me,
hopes deceive, and fears annoy,
never shall the cross forsake me;
lo, it glows with peace and joy.**

**When the sun of bliss is beaming
light and love upon my way,
from the cross the radiance streaming
adds more luster to the day.**

**Bane and blessing, pain and pleasure,
by the cross are sanctified;
peace is there that knows no measure,
joys that through all time abide.**

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 D MINOR
RALPH SCHORNACK, ORGAN

J. S. BACH

Prayers for God's Good Care:

Marion Alborn
Duane Monson

Nira Flaten
David Newman

Krista Jacobson
Norm Waage

Ryder LeBaugh

WORSHIP LEADERS TODAY

PROCLAIMER-Pastor Shelley Cunningham; **WORSHIP ASSISTANT**-Jen Gruendler; **LECTOR**-Chuck Beatty;
STORYTIME-Janette Reeves; ; **ORGAN AND PIANO**-Ralph Schornack; **GUITAR**-Bob Giere; **FLUTE**-Kristy Giere
and Ruth Monson; **SONGLEADERS**-Janette Reeves and Pastor Jason Bryan-Wegner; **HANDBELL SEXTET**-
Dorothy Bacon, Paul Bye, Stacy Freimuth, Pam Hammond, Sue Schwartz, Melanie Tschida; Kristy Giere, director
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