



LUTHERAN CHURCH
MAUNDY THURSDAY

April 1, 2021
7pm



Making Room at the Table

Welcome to Zumbro Lutheran Church

THURSDAY, APR. 1, 2021

With the nightfall on Maundy Thursday the season of Lent comes to an end. We begin the Three Days during which we participate in the saving power of Jesus passing from death to life. At this service we speak the word of forgiveness that was withheld from the Ash Wednesday liturgy.

On this night we hear the story of Jesus' last supper with his disciples. This supper happens toward the end of the Sedar meal which celebrated the deliverance of the Hebrew slaves from Egypt. As Jesus gathers with his disciples, we not only remember the deliverance from Egypt, but we look ahead to the coming deliverance of Jesus' cross and resurrection.

As Christians, we believe that Jesus has made room for us – and for all – at his table of forgiveness and love. We need it now just as much as ever.

PRELUDE

LORD, WHOSE LOVE IN HUMBLE SERVICE

ARR. RALPH SCHORNACK

RALPH SCHORNACK, PIANO

WELCOME

TOLLING OF THE BELL

the bell tolls three times indicating the start of the Three Days

Cre - ate in me a clean heart. oh God. that I might serve

You: Cre - ate in me a clean heart. oh God. that I might be re -

-newed. So fill ___ me and heal ___ me, and bring me ___ back to ___

You. Cre - ate in me ___ a clean

heart, oh God, ___ that I might serve ___ You.

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L: My sisters and brothers, Christ shows us his love by becoming a humble servant. Let us draw near to God and confess our sin in the light of God's Spirit.

silence for reflection and self-examination

L: Most merciful God,

C: We confess that often we have not reflected your image in our hearts. We have failed to love one another as Jesus has loved us. We have pledged loyalty to him with our lips and then betrayed, deserted or denied him. Forgive us, we pray; and by your Spirit make us faithful in every time of trial; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

L: Trusting Jesus, who has saved us on the cross, and knowing that the grace of God is larger than all human understanding, I tell you: Your sins are forgiven. Start a new life in the light of God and in the love of Jesus Christ.

C: Amen.

**Three holy days enfold us now
in washing feet and breaking bread,
in cross and font and life renewed:
in Christ, God's firstborn from the dead.**

**The myst'ry hid from ages past
is here revealed in word and sign,
for Jesus' story is our own:
new life through death is God's design.**

**Christ, lifted high upon the tree,
before you ev'ry knee shall bend
and ev'ry tongue in praise proclaim:
"You are the Lord of all. Amen."**

PRAYER

L: God of Love, we gather tonight, just as the disciples gathered that night with Jesus in the upper room to celebrate Passover. We, like they, are scattered, weary, and yet come to your table expectant of what you might do next. We've heard Jesus' words, "Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they will be filled." We are the hungry and we are the thirsty. We are in need of you. So, Jesus nourish us with your love, awaken us to your call to serve and love our neighbors, and give us courage to follow you all the way to the cross and tomb.

C: Amen.

BIBLE READING

LUKE 22:7-27 NRSV

⁷Then came the day of Unleavened Bread, on which the Passover lamb had to be sacrificed. ⁸So Jesus sent Peter and John, saying, "Go and prepare the Passover meal for us that we may eat it." ⁹They asked him, "Where do you want us to make preparations for it?" ¹⁰Listen, he said to them, "when you have entered the city, a man carrying a jar of water will meet you; follow him into the house he enters ¹¹and say to the owner of the house, 'The teacher asks you, "Where is the guest room, where I may eat the Passover with my disciples?" ' ¹²He will show you a large room upstairs, already furnished. Make preparations for us there." ¹³So they went and found everything as he had told them; and they prepared the Passover meal.

¹⁴When the hour came, he took his place at the table, and the apostles with him. ¹⁵He said to them, "I have eagerly desired to eat this Passover with you before I suffer; ¹⁶for I tell you, I will not eat it until it is fulfilled in the kingdom of God." ¹⁷Then he took a cup, and after giving thanks he said, "Take this and divide it among yourselves; ¹⁸for I tell you that from now on I will not drink of the fruit of the vine until the kingdom of God comes." ¹⁹Then he took a loaf of bread, and when he had given thanks, he broke it and gave it to them, saying, "This is my body, which is given for you.

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Do this in remembrance of me." ²⁰And he did the same with the cup after supper, saying, "This cup that is poured out for you is the new covenant in my blood. ²¹But see, the one who betrays me is with me, and his hand is on the table. ²²For the Son of Man is going as it has been determined, but woe to that one by whom he is betrayed!" ²³Then they began to ask one another which one of them it could be who would do this.

²⁴A dispute also arose among them as to which one of them was to be regarded as the greatest. ²⁵But he said to them, "The kings of the Gentiles lord it over them; and those in authority over them are called benefactors. ²⁶But not so with you; rather the greatest among you must become like the youngest, and the leader like one who serves. ²⁷For who is greater, the one who is at the table or the one who serves? Is it not the one at the table? But I am among you as one who serves.

L: The Gospel of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

ANTHEM

I GIVE TO YOU A NEW COMMANDMENT

MUSIC: PETER NARDONE

WORDS: JOHN 13:34-35 AND LIBER USUALIS

A VIRTUAL CHOIR ANTHEM BY THE ZUMBRO LUTHERAN CHOIR; KRISTY GIERE, ORGAN

(PRE-RECORDED JANUARY 2021)

I give to you a new commandment, that you love one another, as I have loved you.

Ubi caritas est vera, Deus ibi est. Congregavit nos in unum Christi amor. Exsulemus et in ipso jucundemur. Timeamus et amemus Deum vivum. Et ex corde diligamus nos sincero. Amen.

[Where charity is true, God is there. The love of Christ has gathered us into one. Let us rejoice and be glad in him. Let us fear and love the living God. And from a sincere heart let us love one another.]

SERMON

MAKING ROOM AT THE TABLE

JEN GRUENDLER

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.**

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

L: Gracious God, as those who strive to follow Jesus in our living and to trust your power in our dying, we gather to reflect upon the life that ended on a cross.

C: We recognize in ourselves the strengths and weaknesses of Jesus' disciples: although they loved him, they disappointed and failed him.

L: And yet, gathering with these imperfect friends at this last meal, Jesus washed their feet in service, and then extended the bread and cup to each. Jesus called them to love one another, and invited them to share in his very life and in his acceptance of the road ahead.

C: We are humbled, honored, and inspired by the deep love Christ extended to the world, and we take seriously the calling to be the body of Christ today.

L: Forgive us when we disappoint and fail you, and guide us back to the place of trust and faithful living.

C: Grant us the vision to see the world as you see it, with love and compassion for each creature and all of your creation. We ask this in the name of Jesus. Amen.

EXPRESSIONS OF GRATITUDE BLESSING OF THE LENTEN FOOD BOXES (VIDEO)

MUSIC BY RALPH SCHORNACK, BOB GIERE, KRISTY GIERE

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 THE TABLE

L: Jesus draws the whole world to himself. Come to this meal and be fed.

COMMUNION OF THE PEOPLE THEE WE ADORE, O SAVIOR

ARR. BOB GIERE

JENNY KRUSE, JANETTE REEVES, BOB GIERE, RALPH SCHORNACK

Thee we adore, O Savior, God most true,
thy glory clothed in bread and wine anew;
our hearts to thee in true devotion bow,
in humble awe, we hail thy presence now.

O true remembrance of Christ crucified,
the bread of life to us for whom he died;
lend us this life then; feed and feast our mind,
be thou the sweetness we were meant to find.

PRAYER

L: Lord Jesus, in a wonderful sacrament you strengthen us with the saving power of your suffering, death, and resurrection. May this sacrament of your body and blood so work in us that the fruits of your redemption will show forth in the way we live, for you live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen.

SONG

sing three times

STAY HERE AND KEEP WATCH

**Stay here and keep watch with me.
The hour has come.
Stay here and keep watch with me.
Watch and pray.**

READING OF PSALM 22

While the words of the psalm are read, one by one, the items in the chancel are carried out of the sanctuary. This psalm tells of the great agony Christ felt as he was approaching his death. Stripping the table is symbolic of the way Jesus was stripped of his power and glory. Beaten and bruised, he was handed over to his captors for trial.

CLOSE IN SILENCE

WORSHIP LEADERS TODAY

PROCLAIMER-Jen Gruendler; **WORSHIP LEADERS**-Pastor Vern Christopherson, Pastor Shelley Cunningham, Pastor Jason Bryan-Wegner; **LECTOR**-Wayne Vogt; **PIANIST**-Ralph Schornack; **SINGING**-Jenny Kruse, Janette Reeves; Zumbro Lutheran Choir, Bob Giere, director; Todd Christensen, virtual anthem producer; **GUITAR**-Bob Giere

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HOLY WEEK AND EASTER WORSHIP

We will be observing Holy Week during our worship at Zumbro. A lot fewer people will be leading our services, but many of the sights and sounds will be familiar. And with a little help from technology, we hope to provide some music from Holy Weeks of the past.

HOLY WEEK PRAYER VIGIL

WEDNESDAY PM - FRIDAY PM

Sign up online for a 20-minute time slot to pray in our sanctuary or join us from home or work at 12noon for prayer. A daily prayer guide will be provided.

MAKING ROOM THROUGH THE CROSS

GOOD FRIDAY, APR. 2 | 7pm

Live Stream Worship

Proclaimer-Pastor Shelley Cunningham

Special music-Octet Singers, Susan Henke, piano

MAKING ROOM FOR EARLY CHRISTIAN WITNESS

EASTER SUNDAY, APR. 4 | 8:30am

Live Stream Worship with Communion

Proclaimer-Pastor Vern Christopherson

Special music-Octet Singers, Zumbro Lutheran Choir pre-recorded virtual anthem and Hallelujah Chorus; Handbells, Brass, Liturgical Dancers; pre-recorded piano and organ prelude (Kristy Giere and Ralph Schornack); pre-recorded postlude (Kristy Giere, organ)

BEGINNING SUNDAY, APRIL 11 - EASTER 2

EASTER 2, APR. 11 | 8:30am

Live Stream Worship (with in-person option; pre-registration online required)

BEGINNING WEDNESDAY, APRIL 14 - EASTER 2

EASTER 2, APR. 14 | 6:15pm

Outdoor Worship



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.

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