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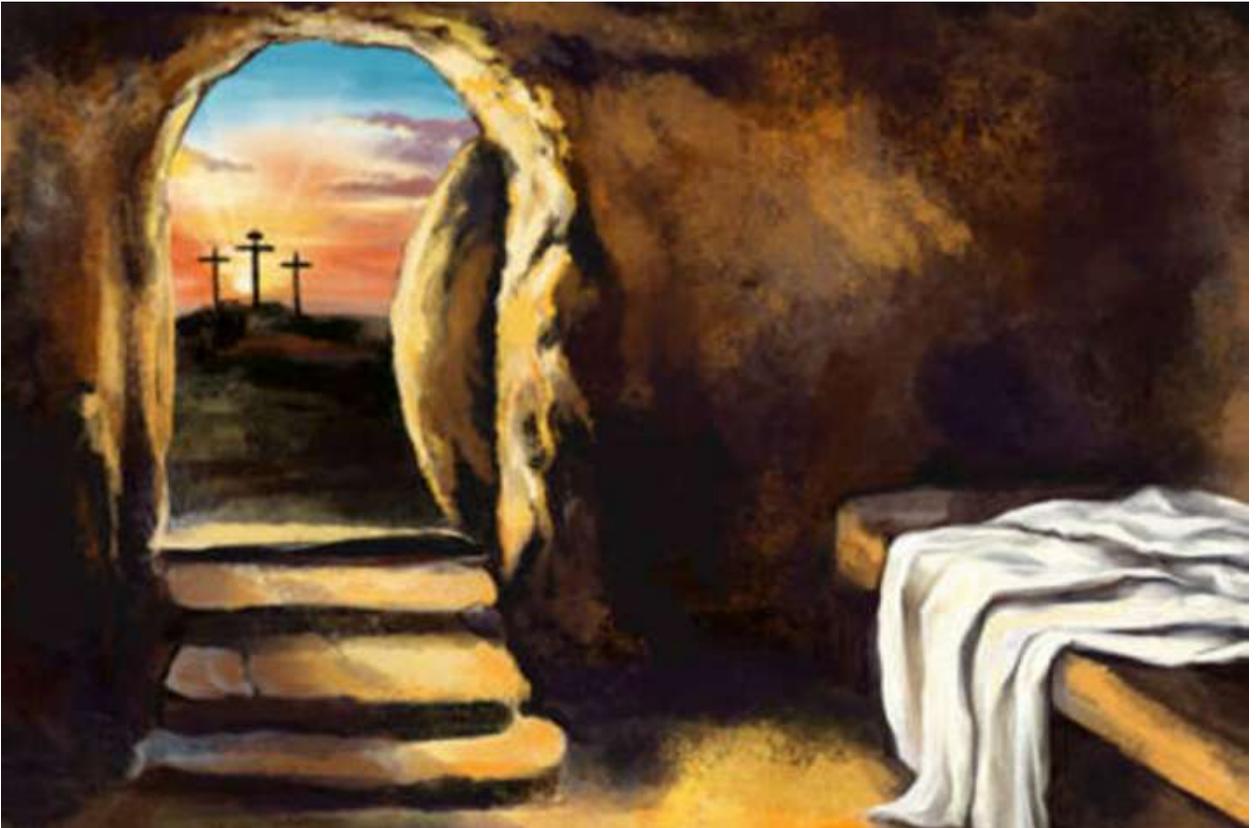


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Making Room for Early Christian Witness

Welcome to Zumbro Lutheran Church!

SUNDAY, APR. 4, 2021

Welcome to Easter worship at Zumbro! Though we continue to be physically distant, we gather with our computers and radios to hear a truly amazing story. A group of women go to the tomb to tend to Jesus' body. They soon discover that the stone has been rolled away and the tomb is empty. Two angels visit them. They are terrified. They hurry to tell the other disciples. Needless to say, it will take time for the possibilities of Easter to become real and for the testimony of the women to be believed.

PRELUDE

CHRIST THE LORD IS RISEN TODAY (EASTER HYMN)

ARR. JOEL RANEY

KRISTY GIERE, ORGAN; RALPH SCHORNACK, PIANO

(PRE-RECORDED FEB. 14, 2021)

CACOPHONY

"On this a holy day of days, to God your hearts and voices raise, in laud and jubilee and praise. Alleluia! Alleluia!"

ENTRANCE OF THE CHRIST CANDLE

EASTER PROCLAMATION

L: Alleluia! Christ is risen!

C: Christ is risen indeed! Alleluia! Alleluia!

L: May the darkness of our hearts and minds, our church and world be dispelled by the light of Christ who rises this day in glory.

C: Thanks be to God!

JESUS CHRIST IS RISEN TODAY

**Jesus Christ is ris'n today, Alleluia!
our triumphant holy day, Alleluia!
who did once upon the cross, Alleluia!
suffer to redeem our loss. Alleluia!**

**Hymns of praise then let us sing, Alleluia!
unto Christ, our heav'nly king, Alleluia!
who endured the cross and grave, Alleluia!
sinners to redeem and save. Alleluia!**

**But the pains which he endured, Alleluia!
our salvation have procured; Alleluia!
now above the sky he's king, Alleluia!
where the angels ever sing. Alleluia!**

**Sing we to our God above, Alleluia!
praise eternal as his love; Alleluia!
praise him, all you heav'nly host, Alleluia!
Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Alleluia!**

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

ANN HOLMES AND SARA HOLMES, LITURGICAL DANCERS

**Christ has arisen, alleluia.
Rejoice and praise him, alleluia.
For our redeemer burst from the tomb,
even from death, dispelling its gloom.**

Refrain

**Let us sing praise to him with endless joy.
Death's fearful sting he has come to destroy.
Our sin forgiving, alleluia!
Jesus is living, alleluia!**

**For three long days the grave did its worst
until its strength by God was dispersed.
He who gives life did death undergo,
and in its conquest his might did show. *Refrain***

**The angel said to them, "Do not fear.
You look for Jesus who is not here.
See for yourselves the tomb is all bare.
Only the graveclothes are lying there." *Refrain***

PRAYER OF THE DAY

L: God of Easter,

C: with Mary Magdalene and the other women we come to the tomb, we aren't sure what to believe. We ask: What happened? Is it true? What's next? As we hear the testimony of the angels and the women, help us to believe that the story is true, and it's true for us! In the name of the Risen Christ. Amen.

WELCOME

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.

HOLY GOSPEL

LUKE 23:50 - 24:1-12 NRSV

⁵⁰Now there was a good and righteous man named Joseph, who, though a member of the council, ⁵¹had not agreed to their plan and action. He came from the Jewish town of Arimathea, and he was waiting expectantly for the kingdom of God. ⁵²This man went to Pilate and asked for the body of Jesus. ⁵³Then he took it down, wrapped it in a linen cloth, and laid it in a rock-hewn tomb where no one had ever been laid. ⁵⁴It was the day of Preparation, and the sabbath was beginning. ⁵⁵The women who had come with him from Galilee followed, and they saw the tomb and how his body was laid. ⁵⁶Then they returned, and prepared spices and ointments. On the sabbath they rested according to the commandment.

¹But on the first day of the week, at early dawn, [the women] came to the tomb, taking the spices that they had prepared. ²They found the stone rolled away from the tomb, ³but when they went in, they did not find the body. ⁴While they were perplexed about this, suddenly two men in dazzling clothes stood beside them. ⁵The women were terrified and bowed their faces to the ground, but the men said to them, "Why do you look for the living among the dead? He is not here, but has risen. ⁶Remember how he told you, while he was still in Galilee, ⁷that the Son of Man must be handed over to sinners, and be crucified, and on the third day rise again." ⁸Then they remembered his words,

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⁹and returning from the tomb, they told all this to the eleven and to all the rest. ¹⁰Now it was Mary Magdalene, Joanna, Mary the mother of James, and the other women with them who told this to the apostles. ¹¹But these words seemed to them an idle tale, and they did not believe them. ¹²But Peter got up and ran to the tomb; stooping and looking in, he saw the linen cloths by themselves; then he went home, amazed at what had happened.

L: The Gospel of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

sing twice

HALLE, HALLE, HALLELUJAH

TRADITIONAL CARIBBEAN

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

STORY TIME

JEN GRUENDLER

ANTHEM

COME, YE FAITHFUL

TEXT: JOHN OF DAMASCUS (c.675-c.750)

MUSIC: R. S. THATCHER

A VIRTUAL CHOIR ANTHEM BY THE ZUMBRO LUTHERAN CHOIR

Come, ye faithful, raise the strain of triumphant gladness;
God has brought his Israel into joy from sadness;
'Tis the spring of souls today, Christ hath burst his prison,
And from three days sleep in death as a sun hath risen.

Now the queen of seasons, bright with the day of splendor,
With the royal feast of feasts, comes its joy to render;
Comes to glad Jerusalem, who with true affection
Welcomes in unwearied strains Jesus' resurrection.

Neither might the gates of death, nor the tomb's dark portal,
Nor the watchers, nor the seal, hold him as a mortal;
But today amidst the twelve thou didst stand, bestowing
That thy peace which evermore passeth human knowing. Alleluia!

SERMON

MAKING ROOM FOR EARLY CHRISTIAN WITNESS

PASTOR VERN CHRISTOPHERSON

HYMN

NOW ALL THE VAULT OF HEAVEN RESOUNDS

LASST UNS ERFREUEN

**Now all the vault of heav'n resounds
in praise of love that still abounds:
"Christ has triumphed! He is living!"
Sing, choirs of angels, loud and clear!
Repeat their song of glory here:
"Christ has triumphed! He is living!"
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!**

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**Eternal is the gift he brings,
therefore our heart with rapture sings:
"Christ has triumphed! He is living!"
Now still he comes to give us life
and by his presence stills all strife.
"Christ has triumphed! He is living!"
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!**

**Oh, fill us, Lord, with dauntless love;
set heart and will on things above
that we conquer through your triumph;
grant grace sufficient for life's day
that by our lives we truly say:
"Christ has triumphed! He is living!"
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!**

**Adoring praises now we bring
and with the heav'nly blessed sing:
"Christ has triumphed! Alleluia!"
Be to the Father, and our Lord,
to Spirit blest, most holy God,
all the glory, never ending!
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!**

NICENE CREED

C: We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen. We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father; through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven, was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the virgin Mary and became truly human. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end. We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets. We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

L: Alive in the risen Christ by the power of the Holy Spirit, we bring our prayers before God who promises to hear us and answer in steadfast love.

After each petition the congregation responds

L: Hear us, O God.

C: Your mercy is great.

L: In the hope of new life in Christ, we raise our prayers to you, trusting in your never-ending goodness and mercy; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

C: Amen.

EXPRESSIONS OF GRATITUDE

RADIANCE

JASON W. KRUG

HANDBELL SEXTET; SUSAN HENKE, PIANO

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.

COMMUNION OF THE PEOPLE

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

L: Wellspring of joy, through this meal you have put gladness in our hearts. Satisfy the hunger still around us, and send us as joyful witnesses, that your love may bring joy to the hearts of all people, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

C: Amen.

BLESSING

L: May our glorious God grant you a spirit of wisdom to know and to love the risen Lord Jesus. The God of life, Father, † Son, and Holy Spirit, bless you now and forever.

C: Amen.

HYMN

ALLELUIA! JESUS IS RISEN!

EARTH AND ALL STARS

**Alleluia! Jesus is risen!
Trumpets resounding in glorious light!
Splendor, the Lamb, heaven forever!
Oh, what a miracle God has in sight!**

Refrain

**Jesus is risen and we shall arise.
Give God the glory! Alleluia!**

**Walking the way, Christ in the center
telling the story to open our eyes;
breaking our bread, giving us glory:
Jesus our blessing, our constant surprise. *Refrain***

**Jesus the vine, we are the branches;
life in the Spirit the fruit of the tree;
heaven to earth, Christ to the people,
gift of the future now flowing to me. *Refrain***

**Weeping, be gone; sorrow, be silent:
death put asunder, and Easter is bright.
Cherubim sing: O grave, be open!
Clothe us in wonder, adorn us in light. *Refrain***

ANTHEM

HALLELUJAH CHORUS (FROM *MESSIAH*)
A VIRTUAL CHOIR ANTHEM BY THE ZUMBRO LUTHERAN CHOIR

G.F. HANDEL

POSTLUDE

TOCCATA ON AT THE LAMB'S HIGH FEAST WE SING (SALZBURG)

KRISTY GIERE, ORGAN (PRE-RECORDED FEB. 14, 2021)

ARR. ROBERT A. HOBBY

WORSHIP LEADERS TODAY

PROCLAIMER-Pastor Vern Christopherson; **WORSHIP LEADERS**-Pastor Shelley Cunningham, Pastor Jason Bryan-Wegner; **LECTOR**-Patti Hewitt; **STORY TIME**-Jen Gruendler; **ORGANISTS**-Kristy Giere, Ralph Schornack; **SINGING**-Octet: Pam Hammond, Janette Reeves, Jolene Hansen, Meredith Pritchard, Alan Hansen, Sam Simataa, Bob Hoel, Ralph Schornack, Bob Giere, director; **HANDBELLS**-Pam Hammond, Paul Bye, Stacy Freimuth, Leah Holmes, Andy Larson, Christine Williams; Kristy Giere, director; Susan Henke, piano; **INSTRUMENTAL**-Bruce Bonnicksen, trumpet; Corey Henke, horn and percussion; Susan Henke, percussion; **LITURGICAL DANCERS**-Ann Holmes, Sara Holmes

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EASTER FLOWERS

In honor of the marriage of Mark & Scarlet Baker, given by Evy & Paul Baker
In memory of D Willie Brandt, given by Elaine Brandt
In honor of wife, Erica Bryan-Wegner, given by Jason Bryan-Wegner
In memory of Bobby and Delene Craigo, given by Paula Craigo & John Lieske
In memory of Gregg & Laverne Orwoll, given by Vikki & Scott Dalquist
In memory of Robert Dalzell, Loraine Dickinson, Rex Dalzell, given by Connie & Kent Dalzell
In memory of Gary Doherty, given by Moose Doherty
In memory of Ardis Witte, given by Kristy & Bob Giere
In honor of Pastor Vern Christopherson, given by Kristy & Bob Giere
In memory of William and Jeanne Holmes, Garfield Ross, given by Leah & Mike Holmes
In memory of Muriel Cartwright and Arlene Beck, given by Dianna & Les Horntvedt
In memory of Marian Grinde Watson, given by Deb Jacobson & Paul Grinde
In memory of Robert Lieske, given by Paula Craigo & John Lieske
In memory of Rev. Dr. Dennis Napton, given by Beth & Darin Napton
In memory Alden & Ida Peterson and Clyde & Dolores McKee, given by Kathy & Jim Peterson
In memory of David and Caryl Larson, given by Janette Reeves
In memory of Robert Hagen/honor of Delores Hagen, given by Betty Schmalz
In memory of Dan Schuster, given by Delone Schuster
In memory of Gordon and Eleanor Velzke, given by Marc, Pam, Katelin Shaft
In memory of Grandson, Ben Johnson, given by Carol & Jim Shipman
In honor of Joyce McFadden, Robert & Sonia Watson, Amy and Emily, given by Jean Streyle
In memory of Tony Tschida, Sr., given by Sandy Tschida
In memory of Norm Buelt, given by Christine & Ryan Williams
Given by Vicki & David Erickson
and thanks to Carousel Floral Gifts and Garden for sharing an altar bouquet each Sunday

Prayers for God's Good Care:

Maury Hagen

Ben Hippe

Barb Turner

Sympathy to:

Gloria and Ron Bonnicksen on the death of their grandson Henry

Joyce Newman on the death of her husband David

Rich Vetter on the death of his brother Larry



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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