

 **ZUMBRO**
LUTHERAN CHURCH
SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER
April 11, 2021
8:30am



An Unexpected Visitor on the Road to Emmaus

Welcome to Zumbro Lutheran Church!

SUNDAY, APR. 11, 2021

In the days following Jesus' death the disciples are filled with despair and disbelief. Even the empty tomb of Easter caused more confusion than hope. As two of Jesus' followers make their way home toward Emmaus, their disbelief is dislodged when they encounter an unlikely travel companion. But they only truly see the Risen Lord after they listen and eat together. Easter is a season of the impossible becoming possible, and of trusting that God continues to work in the places of despair in our lives to bring hope and new life when we least expect it.

PRELUDE

I KNOW THAT MY REDEEMER LIVES (DUKE STREET)

ARR. LYNETTE MAYNARD

ANDREA ROBERTSON, OBOE; KRISTY GIERE, PIANO

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

THANKSGIVING FOR BAPTISM

L: Alleluia! Christ is risen.

C: Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia!

L: Refreshed by the resurrection life we share in Christ, let us give thanks for the gift of Baptism. We thank you, risen Christ, for these waters where you make us new, leading us from death to life, from tears to joy. We bless you, risen Christ, that your Spirit comes to us in the grace-filled waters of rebirth, like rains to our thirsting earth, like streams that revive our souls, like cups of cool water shared with strangers. Breathe your peace on your church when we hide in fear. Clothe us with your mercy and forgiveness. Send us companions on our journey as we share your life. Make us one, risen Christ. Cleanse our hearts. Shower us with life. To you be given all praise, with the Holy Spirit, in the glory of God, now and forever.

C: Amen.

Please stand and face the cross as it enters the sanctuary

HYMN

CHRIST THE LORD IS RISEN TODAY; ALLELUIA!

LLANFAIR

**Christ the Lord is ris'n today; Alleluia!
Christians, hasten on your way; Alleluia!
offer praise with love replete, Alleluia!
at the paschal victim's feet. Alleluia!**

**For the sheep the Lamb has bled, Alleluia!
sinless in the sinner's stead. Alleluia!
Christ the Lord is ris'n on high; Alleluia!
now he lives, no more to die. Alleluia!**

**Christ, the victim undefiled, Alleluia!
God and sinners reconciled, Alleluia!
when contending death and life, Alleluia!
met in strange and awesome strife. Alleluia!**

**Christians, on this holy day, Alleluia!
all your grateful homage pay; Alleluia!
Christ the Lord is ris'n on high; Alleluia!
now he lives, no more to die. Alleluia!**

You may be seated

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

MFURAHINI, HALELUYA

**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: Risen Christ,

C: You surprise us by showing up in the least likely of times. So often we do not slow down to listen for your voice, we do not make space for the impossible to be possible. Break into our hearts that they may burn with faith, and that we may live in the newness of life that only your resurrection can provide. Amen.

Please stand as you are able

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 23:13-35 NRSV

¹³Now on that same day two of them were going to a village called Emmaus, about seven miles from Jerusalem, ¹⁴and talking with each other about all these things that had happened. ¹⁵While they were talking and discussing, Jesus himself came near and went with them, ¹⁶but their eyes were kept from recognizing him. ¹⁷And he said to them, "What are you discussing with each other while you walk along?" They stood still, looking sad. ¹⁸Then one of them, whose name was Cleopas, answered him, "Are you the only stranger in Jerusalem who does not know the things that have taken place there in these days?" ¹⁹He asked them, "What things?" They replied, "The things about Jesus of Nazareth, who was a prophet mighty in deed and word before God and all the people, ²⁰and how our chief priests and leaders handed him over to be condemned to death and crucified him. ²¹But we had hoped that he was the one to redeem Israel. Yes, and besides all this, it is now the third day since these things took place. ²²Moreover, some women of our group astounded us. They were at the tomb early this morning, ²³and when they did not find his body there, they came back and told us that they had indeed seen a vision of angels who said that he was alive. ²⁴Some of those who were with us went to the tomb and found it just as the women had said; but they did not see him." ²⁵Then he said to them, "Oh, how foolish you are, and how slow of heart to believe all that the prophets have declared! ²⁶Was it not necessary that the Messiah should suffer these things and then enter into his glory?" ²⁷Then beginning with Moses and all the prophets, he interpreted to them the things about himself in all the scriptures.

²⁸As they came near the village to which they were going, he walked ahead as if he were going on. ²⁹But they urged him strongly, saying, "Stay with us, because it is almost evening and the day is now nearly over." So he went in to stay with them. ³⁰When he was at the table with them, he took bread, blessed and broke it, and gave it to them. ³¹Then their eyes were opened, and they recognized him; and he vanished from their sight. ³²They said to each other, "Were not our hearts burning within us while he was talking to us on the road, while he was opening the scriptures to us?" ³³That same hour they got up and returned to Jerusalem; and they found the eleven and their companions gathered together.

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³⁴They were saying, "The Lord has risen indeed, and he has appeared to Simon!" ³⁵Then they told what had happened on the road, and how he had been made known to them in the breaking of the bread.

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.**

You may be seated

STORY TIME

JANETTE REEVES

SERMON

AN UNEXPECTED VISITOR ON THE ROAD TO EMMAUS

PASTOR JASON BRYAN-WEGNER

Please stand as you are able

HYMN

DAY OF ARISING

Stanza 1 - Song leader

Stanzas 2-4 - All



1 Day of a - ris - ing, Christ on the road - way,
2 When we are walk - ing, doubt - ful and dread - ing,
3 Lo, I am with you, Je - sus has spo - ken.
4 Christ, our com - pan - ion, hope for the jour - ney,



un - known com - pan - ion walks with his own.
blind - ed by sad - ness, slow - ness of heart,
This is Christ's prom - ise, this is Christ's sign:
bread of com - pas - sion, o - pen our eyes.



When they in - vite him, as fades the first day,
yet Christ walks with us, ev - er a - wait - ing
when the church gath - ers, when bread is bro - ken,
Grant us your vi - sion, set all hearts burn - ing



and bread is bro - ken, Christ is made known.
our in - vi - ta - tion: Stay, do not part.
there Christ is with us in bread and wine.
that all cre - a - tion with you may rise.

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.

You may be seated

EXPRESSIONS OF GRATITUDE

HYMN OF PROMISE

TEXT: NATALIE SLEETH

MUSIC: ARR. AARON DAVID MILLER

JENNY KRUSE AND JANETTE REEVES, VOCALISTS; ANDREA ROBERTSON, OBOE

In the bulb there is a flower, in the seed, an apple tree;
In cocoons, a hidden promise: butterflies will soon be free!
In the cold and snow of winter there's a spring that waits to be,
Unrevealed until its season, something God alone can see.

There's a song in every silence seeking word and melody;
There's a dawn in every darkness bringing hope to you and me.
From the past will come the future, what it holds, a mystery;
Unrevealed until its season, something God alone can see.

In our end is our beginning, in our time, infinity;
In our doubts there is believing, in our life, eternity;
In our death, a resurrection, at the last, a victory;
Unrevealed until its season, something God alone can see.

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

DAY OF ARISING

ARR. AL ROBERTS

ANDREA ROBERTSON, OBOE; KRISTY GIERE, ORGAN

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.

Please stand as you are able

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

THINE IS THE GLORY

JUDAS MACCABAEUS

**Thine is the glory, risen, conqu'ring Son;
endless is the vict'ry thou o'er death hast won!
Angels in bright raiment rolled the stone away,
kept the folded grave-clothes where thy body lay.**

Refrain

**Thine is the glory, risen, conqu'ring Son;
endless is the vict'ry thou o'er death hast won!**

**Lo, Jesus meets thee, risen from the tomb!
Lovingly he greets thee, scatters fear and gloom;
let his church with gladness hymns of triumph sing,
for the Lord now liveth; death hath lost its sting!** *Refrain*

**No more we doubt thee, glorious Prince of life;
life is naught without thee; aid us in our strife;
make us more than conqu'rors, through thy deathless love;
bring us safe through Jordan to thy home above.** *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

JESUS CHRIST IS RISEN TODAY
KRISTY GIERE, ORGAN

ARR. HEALY WILLAN

WORSHIP LEADERS TODAY

PROCLAIMER-Pastor Jason Bryan-Wegner; **WORSHIP LEADERS**-Pastor Vern Christopherson, Pastor Shelley Cunningham; **LECTOR**-Vikki Dalquist; **STORY TIME**-Janette Reeves; **ORGANIST**-Kristy Giere; **SINGING**-Jenny Kruse and Janette Reeves; **INSTRUMENTAL**-Andrea Robertson, oboe

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Prayers for God's Good Care:

Maury Hagen
Barb Turner
Lyle Bacon
Ken Randall

Sympathy to:

The family of Ben Hippe



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