



**ZUMBRO**

LUTHERAN CHURCH  
THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER

April 18, 2021

8:30am



**Places  
We Weren't  
Expecting  
To Go**

**A Glimpse of Resurrection Life**

# Welcome to Zumbro Lutheran Church!

SUNDAY, APR. 18, 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

COME, CHRISTIANS, JOIN TO SING  
HANDBELL QUARTET; RALPH SCHORNACK, PIANO

ARR. JASON W. KRUG

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

THAT EASTER DAY WITH JOY WAS BRIGHT  
**That Easter day with joy was bright;  
the sun shone out with fairer light  
when, to their longing eyes restored,  
the apostles saw their risen Lord!**

PUER NOBIS

**O Jesus, king of gentleness,  
with constant love our hearts possess;  
to you our lips will ever raise  
the tribute of our grateful praise.**

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**O Christ, you are the Lord of all  
in this our Easter festival,  
for you will be our strength and shield  
from ev'ry weapon death can wield.**

**All praise, O risen Lord, we give  
to you, once dead, but now alive!  
To God the Father equal praise,  
and God the Spirit, now we raise!**

*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 Lord,

**C: We hear of your appearance to the disciples. They see your hands and feet. They watch you eat a piece of fish. Even they aren't sure what to believe. As we hear these stories, open our minds to understand the scriptures. Send us forth with good news of repentance and forgiveness for us and for all. Amen.**

*please stand as you are able*

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. Hal - le - lu - jah.

HOLY GOSPEL

LUKE 24:36-49 NRSV

<sup>36</sup>While they were talking about this, Jesus himself stood among them and said to them, "Peace be with you." <sup>37</sup>They were startled and terrified, and thought that they were seeing a ghost. <sup>38</sup>He said to them, "Why are you frightened, and why do doubts arise in your hearts? <sup>39</sup>Look at my hands and my feet; see that it is I myself. Touch me and see; for a ghost does not have flesh and bones as you see that I have." <sup>40</sup>And when he had said this, he showed them his hands and his feet. <sup>41</sup>While in their joy they were disbelieving and still wondering, he said to them, "Have you anything here to eat?" <sup>42</sup>They gave him a piece of broiled fish, <sup>43</sup>and he took it and ate in their presence. <sup>44</sup>Then he said to them, "These are my words that I spoke to you while I was still with you — that everything written about me in the law of Moses, the prophets, and the psalms must be fulfilled." <sup>45</sup>Then he opened their minds to understand the scriptures, <sup>46</sup>and he said to them, "Thus it is written, that the Messiah is to suffer and to rise from the dead on the third day, <sup>47</sup>and that repentance and forgiveness of sins is to be proclaimed in his name to all nations, beginning from Jerusalem. <sup>48</sup>You are witnesses of these things. <sup>49</sup>And see, I am sending upon you what my Father promised; so stay here in the city until you have been clothed with power from on high.

L: The Gospel of the Lord.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

HALLE, HALLE, HALLELUJAH

TRADITIONAL CARIBBEAN

*sing twice*

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

*you may be seated*

STORY TIME

JANETTE REEVES

ANTHEM

HALLELUJAH, CHRIST IS RISEN  
OCTET SINGERS

STAN PETHEL

SERMON

A GLIMPSE OF RESURRECTION LIFE

PASTOR VERN CHRISTOPHERSON

*please stand as you are able*

HYMN

NOW THE GREEN BLADE RISES

NOËL NOUVELET

**Now the green blade rises from the buried grain,  
wheat that in dark earth many days has lain;  
love lives again, that with the dead has been;  
love is come again like wheat arising green.**

**In the grave they laid him, love by hatred slain,  
thinking that he would never wake again;  
laid in the earth like grain that sleeps unseen;  
love is come again like wheat arising green.**

**Forth he came at Easter, like the risen grain,  
he that for three days in the grave had lain;  
raised from the dead, my living Lord is seen;  
love is come again like wheat arising green.**

**When our hearts are wintry, grieving, or in pain,  
your touch can call us back to life again,  
fields of our hearts that dead and bare have been;  
love is come again like wheat arising green.**

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.**

*you may be seated*

## EXPRESSIONS OF GRATITUDE 4<sup>TH</sup> AND 5<sup>TH</sup> GRADE HOLY COMMUNION MILESTONES VIDEO

## 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 COMMUNION

L: The risen Christ invites us to this table. Come, eat and be satisfied.

## COMMUNION OF THE PEOPLE ETERNAL SPIRIT OF THE LIVING CHRIST (ADORO TE DEVOTE) HANDBELL QUARTET; RALPH SCHORNACK, PIANO ARR. ANNE KRENTZ 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.**

**Christ is alive! Let Christians sing.  
The cross stands empty to the sky.  
Let streets and homes with praises ring.  
Love, drowned in death, shall never die.**

**Christ is alive! No longer bound  
to distant years in Palestine,  
but saving, healing, here and now,  
and touching ev'ry place and time.**

**In ev'ry insult, rift, and war,  
where color, scorn, or wealth divide,  
Christ suffers still, yet loves the more,  
and lives, where even hope has died.**

**Women and men, in age and youth,  
can feel the Spirit, hear the call,  
and find the way, the life, the truth,  
revealed in Jesus, freed for all.**

## 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

CHRIST THE LORD IS RISEN TODAY (LLANFAIR)

ARR. ROBERT J. POWELL

KRISTY GIERE, ORGAN

## WORSHIP LEADERS TODAY

**PROCLAIMER**-Pastor Vern Christopherson; **WORSHIP LEADERS**-Pastor Jason Bryan-Wegner, Jen Gruendler; **LECTOR**-Ann Peterson; **STORY TIME**-Janette Reeves; **ORGANIST**-Kristy Giere; **SINGING**-Octet: Pam Hammond, Janette Reeves, Jolene Hansen, Meredith Pritchard, Alan Hansen, Sam Simataa, Todd Davis, Ralph Schornack, Bob Giere, director; **HANDBELLS**-Pam Hammond, Karen Sessler, Sue Schwartz, Maika Suzuki; Ralph Schornack, accompanist; Kristy Giere, director; **USHERS**-Ron Bonnicksen, Todd Lichty, Luanne Wussow

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**Prayers for God's Good Care:**

Kathryn Aarseth  
Lyle Bacon  
Ryder LeBaugh  
Ken Randall

**Sympathy to:**

A memorial service for Orphie will be held in the River Park Chapel at Macken Funeral Home Monday, April 19, 2021 at 1:00pm. Visitation will be one hour prior to the service. Interment will be at Grandview Memorial Gardens in Rochester. Covid guidelines will be followed. The congregation is invited to attend.

**Radio Broadcast Given by:**

David & Judy Clayton and family in memory of Jeannine Clayton



**Disclaimer: This service is live streamed. If you would like to be left out of the camera's view, please be seated on the North side.**



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