

 **ZUMBRO**  
LUTHERAN CHURCH  
FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER  
April 25, 2021  
8:30am



**A Return to the Temple**

# Welcome to Zumbro Lutheran Church!

SUNDAY, APR. 25, 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

CROWN HIM WITH MANY CROWNS  
RALPH SCHORNACK AND KRISTY GIERE, PIANO

ARR. JOEL RANEY

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

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!**

*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: Holy Lord,

**C: Even when life is unpleasant, unfair, or unjust, we know you can bring healing and hope. May we see signs of your presence through acts of compassion and words of kindness, and may these signs renew our faith and compel us to offer your healing and hope to others. In the name of the resurrected Christ we pray. Amen.**

*please stand as you are able*

EASTER 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, hallelujah. Hal - le - lu - jah. Hal - le - lu - jah.

SCRIPTURE READINGS

LUKE 24:50-53; ACTS 3:1-16 NRSV

L: The Word of the Lord.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

EASTER 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

PASTOR JASON BRYAN-WEGNER

SERMON

A RETURN TO THE TEMPLE

PASTOR SHELLEY CUNNINGHAM

*please stand as you are able*

**Thy holy wings, O Savior,  
spread gently over me,  
and let me rest securely  
through good and ill in thee.  
Oh, be my strength and portion,  
my rock and hiding place,  
and let my ev'ry moment  
be lived within thy grace.**

**Oh, let me nestle near thee,  
within thy downy breast  
where I will find sweet comfort  
and peace within thy nest.  
Oh, close thy wings around me  
and keep me safely there,  
for I am but a newborn  
and need thy tender care.**

**Oh, wash me in the waters  
of Noah's cleansing flood.  
Give me a willing spirit,  
a heart both clean and good.  
Oh, take into thy keeping  
thy children great and small,  
and while we sweetly slumber,  
enfold us one and all.**

*you may be seated*

## COMMISSIONING OF ZUMBRO'S CALL COMMITTEE

EXPRESSIONS OF GRATITUDE DONA NOBIS PACEM (A PRAYER FOR PEACE)  
JENNY KRUSE, MEREDITH PRITCHARD, JANETTE REEVES  
DONA NOBIS PACEM. GRANT US PEACE.

GIULIO CACCINI,  
ARR. JAMES A. MOORE

## 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.**

## 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.**

## 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.**

**Alleluia! Sing to Jesus;  
his the scepter, his the throne;  
Alleluia! his the triumph,  
his the victory alone.  
Hark! The songs of peaceful Zion  
thunder like a mighty flood:  
"Jesus out of ev'ry nation  
has redeemed us by his blood."**

**Alleluia! Bread of heaven,  
here on earth our food, our stay;  
Alleluia! here the sinful  
flee to you from day to day.  
Intercessor, friend of sinners,  
earth's redeemer, hear our plea  
where the songs of all the sinless  
sweep across the crystal sea.**

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## 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

THE STRIFE IS O'ER, THE BATTLE DONE  
KRISTY GIERE, ORGAN

ARR. MICHAEL HELMAN

## WORSHIP LEADERS TODAY

**PROCLAIMER**-Pastor Shelley Cunningham; **WORSHIP LEADER**-Pastor Vern Christopherson; **LECTOR**-Alex Keisch; **STORY TIME**-Pastor Jason Bryan-Wegner; **ORGANIST**-Kristy Giere; **SINGING**-Jenny Kruse, Meredith Pritchard, Janette Reeves; Ralph Schornack, piano; Kristy Giere, flute; **PIANO DUO**-Ralph Schornack and Kristy Giere; **USHERS**-Ron Bonnicksen, Randy Fritz and Luanne Wussow

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### Prayers for God's Good Care:

Ryder LeBaugh  
Krista Jacobson  
Jim Kruchowski

### Sympathy to:

Family of Betty Palmer  
Family of Alice Riess and her son Carl  
Family of Orphie Stensrud



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