

 **ZUMBRO**
LUTHERAN CHURCH
FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER
May 2, 2021
8:30am



Waiting and Praying for Guidance

Welcome to Zumbro Lutheran Church!

SUNDAY, MAY 2, 2021

Traditionally the church celebrates Jesus' ascension 40 days after Easter. The timing is affirmed by Luke in Acts 1, even though the details are a bit more fluid at the end of Luke's Gospel. The Risen Lord has instructed his followers to wait in Jerusalem until they receive power from on high (Luke 24:49). Clearly Jesus has plans for them. They will soon be sent to places they aren't expecting to go.

PRELUDE

MORNING JOY
HANDBELL SEXTET

LINDA SCHOLES

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

A HYMN OF GLORY LET US SING!

LASST UNS ERFREUEN

**A hymn of glory let us sing! New hymns throughout the world shall ring:
Alleluia! Alleluia! Christ, by a road before untrod,
ascends unto the throne of God. Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!**

**The holy apostolic band upon the Mount of Olives stand,
Alleluia! Alleluia! and with his faithful foll'wers see
their Lord ascend in majesty. Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!**

**To whom the shining angels cry, "Why stand and gaze upon the sky?"
Alleluia! Alleluia! "This is the Savior!" thus they say,
"this is his glorious triumph day!" Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!**

**"You see him now, ascending high up to the portals of the sky."
Alleluia! Alleluia! "Hereafter Jesus you shall see
returning in great majesty." Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia, alleluia, 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: **your ascension brings power to all who believe. Send your Holy Spirit on us, that we may be your witnesses to the ends of the earth. Stir in your Church to bring peace where there is discord, to power where there is weakness, and to bring life where there is death. We pray this in Jesus' name. Amen.**

please stand as you are able

EASTER ACCLAMATION

HALLE, HALLE, HALLELUJAH

TRADITIONAL CARIBBEAN

sing before and after the songleaders sing 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.

SCRIPTURE READING

ACTS 1:1-11

¹In the first book, Theophilus, I wrote about all that Jesus did and taught from the beginning ²until the day when he was taken up to heaven, after giving instructions through the Holy Spirit to the apostles whom he had chosen. ³After his suffering he presented himself alive to them by many convincing proofs, appearing to them during forty days and speaking about the kingdom of God. ⁴While staying with them, he ordered them not to leave Jerusalem, but to wait there for the promise of the Father. "This," he said, "is what you have heard from me; ⁵for John baptized with water, but you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit not many days from now."

⁶So when they had come together, they asked him, "Lord, is this the time when you will restore the kingdom to Israel?" ⁷He replied, "It is not for you to know the times or periods that the Father has set by his own authority. ⁸But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth." ⁹When he had said this, as they were watching, he was lifted up, and a cloud took him out of their sight. ¹⁰While he was going and they were gazing up toward heaven, suddenly two men in white robes stood by them. ¹¹They said, "Men of Galilee, why do you stand looking up toward heaven? This Jesus, who has been taken up from you into heaven, will come in the same way as you saw him go into heaven."

L: The Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

EASTER 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

WAITING AND PRAYING FOR GUIDANCE

PASTOR JASON BRYAN-WEGNER

please stand as you are able

**The King of love my shepherd is,
whose goodness faileth never;
I nothing lack if I am his
and he is mine forever.**

**Where streams of living water flow,
my ransomed soul he leadeth
and, where the verdant pastures grow,
with food celestial feedeth.**

**Perverse and foolish oft I strayed,
but yet in love he sought me,
and on his shoulder gently laid,
and home, rejoicing, brought me.**

**In death's dark vale I fear no ill,
with thee, dear Lord, beside me,
thy rod and staff my comfort still;
thy cross before to guide me.**

**Thou spreadst a table in my sight;
thine unction grace bestoweth;
and, oh, what transport of delight
from thy pure chalice floweth!**

**And so, through all the length of days,
thy goodness faileth never.
Good Shepherd, may I sing thy praise
within thy house forever.**

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 CHRIST HAS RISEN WHILE EARTH SLUMBERS

EMILY SCHMIDT, SOLOIST

JOHN L. BELL
AND CALVIN HAMPTON

Christ has risen while earth slumbers, Christ has risen where hope died,
as he said and as he promised, as we doubted and denied.

Let the moon embrace the blessing; let the sun sustain the cheer;
let the world confirm the rumor: Christ is risen, God is here!

Christ has risen for the people whom he died to love and save;
Christ has risen for the women bringing flow'rs to grace his grave.
Christ has risen for disciples, huddled in an upstairs room.
He whose word inspired creation can't be silenced by the tomb.

Christ has risen and forever lives to challenge and to change
all whose lives are messed or mangled, all who find religion strange.
Christ is risen, Christ is present making us what he has been:
evidence of transformation in which God is known and seen.

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

DIVERSION (GLORIOUS DAWN)
HANDBELL SEXTET

JASON W. KRUG

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.**

**Christ is alive, and comes to bring
good news to this and every age,
till earth and sky and ocean ring
with joy, with justice, love, and praise.**

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 HEAVENS ARE TELLING (FROM "THE CREATION")
SUSAN HENKE, PIANO; KRISTY GIERE, ORGAN

FRANZ JOSEPH HAYDN,
ARR. MARTHA POWELL SETCHELL

WORSHIP LEADERS TODAY

PROCLAIMER-Pastor Jason Bryan-Wegner; **WORSHIP LEADERS**-Pastor Vern Christopherson, Pastor Shelley Cunningham; **LECTOR**- Kathryn Horntvedt; **STORY TIME**-Janette Reeves; **ORGANIST**-Kristy Giere; **SINGING**-Emily Schmidt, soloist; Meredith Pritchard, Shelley Sperling, songleaders; **HANDBELLS**-Paul Bye, Dorothy Bacon, Andy Larson, Chad Larson, Sue Schwartz, Maika Suzuki; **POSTLUDE**-Susan Henke, piano; Kristy Giere, organ; **USHERS**-Gary Austin, Dorothea and Randy Fritz and Bruce Horazdovsky; **COMMUNION SERVERS**- Maggie Bartels, Sharryn and Tim Melin and Ruth Monson

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Prayers for God's Good Care:

Gene Ellingson
Bob Giere
Krista Jacobson
Jim Kruchowski
Carol Paulson

Sympathy to:

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

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