

 **ZUMBRO**
LUTHERAN CHURCH
SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER
May 9, 2021
8:30am and 10:30am



A Change in Leadership Roles

Welcome to Zumbro Lutheran Church!

SUNDAY, MAY 9, 2021

Happy Mother's Day! A warm welcome to all the moms and mother-figures in our lives. We are so very grateful for all you do.

In our Scripture reading for today, the early believers find themselves in a time of transition. Jesus has ascended into heaven. He instructed his followers before he left, that they are to wait for power from on high, the outpouring of God's Spirit. While they wait, they go through a change in leadership roles.

PRELUDE

FANTASIA ("THIS IS THE DAY")
ENSEMBLE MUSICIANS

BOB MOORE

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

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

EARTH AND ALL STARS

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**

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: Moments come when your people are called to places they aren't expecting to go. A change in leadership might be a part of the process. Help us during times of transition. Give us patience, discernment, and wise hearts. 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. Hal - le - lu - jah.

SCRIPTURE READING

ACTS 1:12-26 NRSV

¹²Then they returned to Jerusalem from the mount called Olivet, which is near Jerusalem, a sabbath day's journey away. ¹³When they had entered the city, they went to the room upstairs where they were staying, Peter, and John, and James, and Andrew, Philip and Thomas, Bartholomew and Matthew, James son of Alphaeus, and Simon the Zealot, and Judas son of James. ¹⁴All these were constantly devoting themselves to prayer, together with certain women, including Mary the mother of Jesus, as well as his brothers. ¹⁵In those days Peter stood up among the believers (together the crowd numbered about one hundred twenty persons) and said, ¹⁶Friends, the scripture had to be fulfilled, which the Holy Spirit through David foretold concerning Judas, who became a guide for those who arrested Jesus — ¹⁷for he was numbered among us and was allotted his share in this ministry." ¹⁸(Now this man acquired a field with the reward of his wickedness; and falling headlong, he burst open in the middle and all his bowels gushed out. ¹⁹This became known to all the residents of Jerusalem, so that the field was called in their language Hakeldama, that is, Field of Blood.) ²⁰For it is written in the book of Psalms, 'Let his homestead become desolate, and let there be no one to live in it'; and 'Let another take his position of overseer.' ²¹So one of the men who have accompanied us during all the time that the Lord Jesus went in and out among us, ²²beginning from the baptism of John until the day when he was taken up from us — one of these must become a witness with us to his resurrection."

²³So they proposed two, Joseph called Barsabbas, who was also known as Justus, and Matthias. ²⁴Then they prayed and said, "Lord, you know everyone's heart. Show us which one of these two you have chosen ²⁵to take the place in this ministry and apostleship from which Judas turned aside to go to his own place." ²⁶And they cast lots for them, and the lot fell on Matthias; and he was added to the eleven apostles.

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

JEN GRUENDLER

SERMON

A CHANGE IN LEADERSHIP ROLES

PASTOR VERN CHRISTOPHERSON

please stand as you are able

HYMN

BE THOU MY VISION

SLANE

**Be thou my vision, O Lord of my heart;
naught be all else to me, save that thou art:
thou my best thought both by day and by night,
waking or sleeping, thy presence my light.**

**Be thou my wisdom, and thou my true word;
I ever with thee and thou with me, Lord.
Thou my soul's shelter, and thou my high tow'r,
raise thou me heav'nward, O Pow'r of my pow'r.**

**Riches I heed not, nor vain, empty praise,
thou mine inheritance, now and always:
thou and thou only, the first in my heart,
great God of heaven, my treasure thou art.**

**Light of my soul, after victory won,
may I reach heaven's joys, O heaven's Sun!
Heart of my own heart, whatever befall,
still be my vision, O Ruler of all.**

you may be seated

EXPRESSIONS OF GRATITUDE

SING TO THE MOUNTAINS (PSALM 118)

BOB DUFFORD

ENSEMBLE MUSICIANS

Refrain Sing to the mountains, sing to the sea.
Raise your voices, lift your hearts.
This is the day the Lord has made.
Let all the earth rejoice.

I will give thanks to you, my Lord.
You have answered my plea.
You have saved my soul from death.
You are my strength and my song. *Refrain*

Holy, holy, holy Lord, heaven and earth
are full of your glory. *Refrain*

This is the day that the Lord has made.
Let us be glad and rejoice.
Death has lost and all is life.
Sing of the glory of God. *Refrain*

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.

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.

**How firm a foundation, O saints of the Lord,
is laid for your faith in Christ Jesus, the Word!
What more can he say than to you he has said
who unto the Savior for refuge have fled?**

**"Fear not, I am with you, oh, be not dismayed,
for I am your God and will still give you aid;
I'll strengthen you, help you, and cause you to stand,
upheld by my righteous, omnipotent hand."**

**"Throughout all their lifetime my people shall prove
my sov'reign, eternal, unchangeable love;
and then, when gray hairs shall their temples adorn,
like lambs they shall still in my bosom be borne."**

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

SHANTY ("I WATCH THE SEA, VAST AND DEEP")
ENSEMBLE MUSICIANS

BOB MOORE

WORSHIP LEADERS TODAY

PROCLAIMER-Pastor Vern Christopherson; **WORSHIP LEADER**-Pastor Shelley Cunningham; **LECTORS**-Erika Polansky (8:30am); Elizabeth Cozine (10:30am); **STORY TIME**-Jen Gruendler; **ENSEMBLE MUSICIANS**-Bob Giere, guitar; Ralph Schornack, piano; Kristy Giere, flute and percussion; Todd Christensen, bass; Janette Reeves, Pastor Jason Bryan-Wegner, songleaders; **USHERS**-Dorothea and Randy Fritz and Bruce Horazdovsky (8:30am); Gloria and Ron Bonnicksen and Earlene and Harlan Wickre (10:30am)

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Prayers for God's Good Care:

Jim Kruchowski

Carol Nelson (Loren)

Carol Paulson

Jody Podolske

Howard Wood

People struggling with dementia and their caregivers

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