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The church stands on an uphill called "Tabačov" 188 m above sea level. It was originally built by the owner of the domain Jan the younger of Žerotín for the strong community of Bohemian brethren in 1564. After 1624 when the non-Catholics were expelled, the church stayed empty and had decayed. When the catholic church standing opposite to the school nearly collapsed, the prince Josef Václav of Liechtenstein let the brethren church adjust to a catholic one in 1765. In 1994 it was discovered that the church is a new building. The project of the new church was prepared by the Vienna prince builder Johann Ferdinand Modlhammer. The church has baroque shapes, but its older fundamentals were certainly used as the crypt under presbytery illustrates. The crypt was established by Ladislav Velen of Žerotín (1581 - 1638) and he is probably buried here, together with his wife and daughter. The survival of original renaissance church is also the votive board of Jan the younger of Žerotín and his second wife Kunikunda from Boskovice. The marble renaissance tombstone is stonecutter's rich made, with coats-of-arms of both husband and wife and with partly extant notice. Today it is built up on the left side of a foyer under the tower. The church is a single-aisle oriented building, on the east concluded by polygonal closure of the chancel with rectangular sacristy on its southern side. Next to the northern side of the chancel is an one-floor chapel with spiral stairs on its west side. On the axis of the western frontage, a stately tetragonal tower with main entrance to the church is built.

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**Opening
hours:** according to the services - Sunday services: 7.30 a.m. and 10.30 a.m.