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Easter Sunday – April 5, 2026

SCRIPTURE Matthew 28: 1-10

PRELUDE AND TOLLING OF THE BELL

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

CALL TO WORSHIP

L: In the quiet of the morning, before the world fully awakens,

P: Christ is risen. Alleluia!

L: When fear and wonder meet at the empty tomb,

P: Christ is risen. Alleluia!

L: When we are unsure, when hope feels fragile,

P: Christ meets us and says, "Do not be afraid."

L: The stone has been rolled away, not only from the tomb,

P: but from our hearts and our lives.

L: This is the day of resurrection — a day of joy, a day of wonder, a day of new beginnings.

P: Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia! Amen!

HYMN #288 *Christ the Lord is Risen Today*

CONFESSION

Risen Christ, in the stillness of this holy morning, we come to you. We bring the parts of ourselves that still linger in shadow — our fears, our doubts, our hesitations to trust new life. Like those who came to the tomb, we are not always sure what we will find. We long to believe, and yet we hold back. Meet us here, in our uncertainty. Speak your word of peace to us again. Call us by name into the life you are opening before us.

ASSURANCE

Hear the good news of Easter: God raised Jesus Christ from the dead as a promise for us all. The risen Christ meets us where we are — in our questions, in our hope — and gently says, “Do not be afraid.” Grace is given freely. New life is offered to all. In Jesus Christ, you are forgiven. In Jesus Christ, you are made new. Alleluia!

#734 GLORIA PATRI

Glory be to the Father, and to the son, and to the Holy Ghost; as it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be, world without end. Amen. Amen.

SCRIPTURE Acts 10: 34-43

MEDITATION

HYMN #706 *I Come With Joy*

HOLY COMMUNION (see insert)

PASTORAL PRAYER

THE LORD'S PRAYER

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 debts as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For Thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory forever. Amen.

OFFERING / OFFERING RESPONSE

Praise God from whom all blessings flow:
Praise Him all creatures here below,
Praise Him above the heav'nly host:
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

Living God, receive these gifts, and receive the quiet offerings of our hearts. May they be signs of the resurrection — bringing hope where there is despair, peace where there is unrest, and love where it is most needed. Amen.

HYMN #287 *Lift High the Cross*

BENEDICTION

CHORAL BENEDICTION (#307 verses 1-2)

Good Christians all, rejoice and sing!
Now is the triumph of our King!
To all the world glad news we bring:
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

The Lord of life is risen today;
death's mighty stone is rolled away:
let every tongue rejoice and say:
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

ANNOUNCEMENTS

The altar flowers this morning are presented by Steve & Karen Konya in memory of Stanley & Violet Breidinger, Stephen & Edith Konya, and Elaine & Jim Diamond.

BIBLE STUDY will meet on Thursday at 10 am.

LIBRARY HOURS – Every Saturday from 10 am until noon.

BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES THIS WEEK:

5 *Shawn Castellano, Al Leshner*

7 *Michael Miller*

9 *Gerald Caffrey*

6 *Pam & Ray Pearson*

10 *Luke Caffrey*

9 *Dale & Nancy Mengel*

11 *Seth Fehr*

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