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Easter Sunday April 5, 2026

* Stand as you are able

GATHERING

Hymn*

ELW #369 (vs 1 and 2) “Christ the Lord Is Risen Today; Alleluia”

Thanksgiving for Baptism*

Alleluia! Christ is risen.

Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia!

Salvation belongs to our God who is seated on the throne and to the Lamb!

Amen.

Let us give thanks for the gifts of baptism.

Merciful God, you are the one who was, who is, and who is to come. You lead us beside still waters.

We thank you for the waters of creation: morning dew, gentle rain, roaring waves. We thank you for the waters that nourish us.

Blessed are you.

You guide us to springs of the water of life.

Jesus Christ, you are the faithful witness who accompanies us on our journeys. We give you thanks for your life-giving death and resurrection. We praise you for joining us in joy and sorrow.

Blessed are you.

You guide us to springs of the water of life.

Holy Spirit, you anoint our head with oil and our cup overflows. Break down barriers that divide us. Fill us with the breath of peace.

Blessed are you.

You guide us to springs of the water of life.

Holy One, we thank you for the gifts and grace of baptism, and for making us a new creation. We join with saints and angels, giving you honor and praise, now and forever.

Amen.

Hymn of Praise*

ELW #369 (vs. 3 & 4) "Christ the Lord Is Risen Today; Alleluia"

Prayer of the Day *

O God, you gave your only Son to suffer death on the cross for our redemption, and by his glorious resurrection you delivered us from the power of death. Make us die every day to sin, that we may live with him forever in the joy of the resurrection, through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

SCRIPTURE READINGS

Acts 10:34-43

Then Peter began to speak to them: "I truly understand that God shows no partiality, ³⁵but in every nation anyone who fears him and does what is right is acceptable to him. ³⁶You know the message he sent to the people of Israel, preaching peace by Jesus Christ—he is Lord of all. ³⁷That message spread throughout Judea, beginning in Galilee after the baptism that John announced: ³⁸how God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and with power; how he went about doing good and healing all who were oppressed by the devil, for God was with him. ³⁹We are witnesses to all that he did both in Judea and in Jerusalem. They put him to death by hanging him on a tree; ⁴⁰but God raised him on the third day and allowed him to appear, ⁴¹not to all the people but to us who were chosen by God as witnesses, and who ate and drank with him after he rose from the dead. ⁴²He commanded us to preach to the people and to testify that he is the one ordained by God as judge of the living and the dead. ⁴³All the prophets testify about him that everyone who believes in him receives forgiveness of sins through his name."

L: The Word of the Lord: C: **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 118:1,2 14-24

¹Give thanks to the LORD, for the LORD is good; God's mercy endures forever.

²**Let Israel | now declare, "God's mercy endures forever."**

¹⁴The LORD is my strength and my song and has become my salvation.

¹⁵**Shouts of rejoicing and salvation echo in the tents of the righteous: "The right hand of the LORD acts valiantly!"**

¹⁶The right hand of the LORD is exalted! The right hand of the LORD acts valiantly!"

¹⁷**I shall not die, but live, and declare the works of the LORD.**

¹⁸The LORD indeed punished me sorely, but did not hand me over to death.

¹⁹**Open for me the gates of righteousness; I will enter them and give thanks to the LORD.**

²⁰"This is the gate of the LORD; here the righteous may enter."

²¹**I give thanks to you, for you have answered me and you have become my salvation.**

²²The stone that the builders rejected has become the chief cornerstone.

²³**By the LORD has this been done; it is marvelous in our eyes.**

²⁴This is the day that the LORD has made; let us rejoice and be glad in it.

Colossians 3:1-4

¹So if you have been raised with Christ, seek the things that are above, where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God. ²Set your minds on the things that are above, not on the things that are on earth, ³for you have died, and your life is hidden with Christ in God. ⁴When Christ who is your^[a] life is revealed, then you also will be revealed with him in glory.

P: The Word of the Lord: **C: Thanks be to God.**

Gospel Acclamation *

ELC #172 “Halle, Halle, Hallelujah”

The Holy Gospel According to Matthew 28:1-10

C: Glory to you O Lord.

¹After the Sabbath, as the first day of the week was dawning, Mary Magdalene and the other Mary went to see the tomb. ²And suddenly there was a great earthquake, for an angel of the Lord, descending from heaven, came and rolled back the stone and sat on it. ³His appearance was like lightning and his clothing white as snow. ⁴For fear of him the guards shook and became like dead men. ⁵But the angel said to the women, “Do not be afraid, for I know that you are looking for Jesus who was crucified. ⁶He is not here, for he has been raised, as he said. Come, see the place where he^[a] lay. ⁷Then go quickly and tell his disciples, ‘He has been raised from the dead,^[b] and indeed he is going ahead of you to Galilee; there you will see him.’ This is my message for you.” ⁸So they left the tomb quickly with fear and great joy and ran to tell his disciples. ⁹Suddenly Jesus met them and said, “Greetings!” And they came to him, took hold of his feet, and worshiped him. ¹⁰Then Jesus said to them, “Do not be afraid; go and tell my brothers and sisters to go to Galilee; there they will see me.”

P: The Gospel of the Lord: **C: Praise to you O Christ.**

Sermon

Hymn of the Day

ELW # 386 “O Sons and Daughters, Let Us Sing”

The Nicene Creed (Printed inside the back cover of the hymnal.)

Welcome to our WTKM radio and online worshipers, Good News and Prayer Petitions

Prayers of the Church

P: Merciful God: **C: Receive our prayer.**

A brief silence

Sharing the Peace

P: The Peace of Christ be with you always. **C: And also with you.**
(you are encouraged to turn to one another and share the peace of the Lord.)

Offering Hymn *

ELW #186 "Create in Me a Clean Heart"

Offering Prayer *

Merciful God, accept the fruits of our labor, gathered to give you glory. You have set a table before us, a glimpse of that great day when we will hunger and thirst no more. Nourish us with the body and blood of Jesus, that goodness and mercy may follow us and bless the world you love. In the name of Jesus, Amen.

MEAL

Thanksgiving *

P: The Lord be with you. **C: And also with you.**
P: Lift up your hearts. **C: We lift them to the Lord.**
P: Let us give thanks to the Lord, our God. **C: It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

The Preface *

P: Lord, it is indeed right and our joy that at all time and in all places we give thanks and praise to you. And so with the angels and archangels and with the church on earth and in heaven, we give glory to you O God through Jesus Christ, as we praise your name and join in the unending hymn.

C: Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of pow'r and might, heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna, Hosanna, Hosanna, in the highest. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest (pg. 144 ELW)

The Words of Institution and The Lord's Prayer

Invitation to Communion

P: The joy of the Lord is our strength. Come, eat this meal of gladness.

Distribution

Communion Hymn *

ELW # 499 "O Lord, We Praise You"

Communion Blessing *

Prayer After Communion *

All Holy One, through this meal you have made your home among us and are making all things new. Send us now to speak peace to anxious hearts, to love our enemies, and to bring your healing to the nations. In the name of Jesus, Amen.

Blessing *

P: God Almighty, who is the beginning and the end, Jesus Christ, the firstborn of the dead, and the Spirit, our advocate and peace, ☩ bless you now and forever.

Amen.

Sending Hymn *

ELW #619 (vs 1-2, 7-8) "I Know That My Redeemer Lives!"

Dismissal *

P: Go in peace. Praise the Lord. Alleluia!

C: Thanks be to God. Alleluia!

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Redeemer Announcements

- Today's Lector is Scott Lopas, and our ushers are Kurt and Wendy Hintz.
- Next week's Lector is Kurt Hintz and our usher is Don Horen.
- Pastor will be in the office on **Thursday, 9th** from 9:00am - 12:00pm. Appointments are appreciated, but not necessary. If you wish to meet with Pastor at other times, please contact him directly. Looking ahead, he will be in the office he will be in on **Wednesday April 15th, Thursday, April 23rd and Thursday April 30th** from 9am-12pm.
- The next Women's Bible Study is **April 13th**, at noon. Bring a lunch and join us.
- A Church Council Meeting will be held on **Monday, April 13** at 4:00PM.
- The next "Conversations with God" will be held on **Thursday, April 23rd at 10am**. We will take this time to gather for prayer, Scripture, and conversation on a different topic each month.
- Roof Replacement monies are due by **May 1, 2026**.

Ministry Partners

- Special Giving for April is Hartford Food Pantry
- Community Lunch will be served on **Saturday, April 25th**, 11:30am, at First United Methodist Church. Fellowship prior to lunch.
- Lincoln Elementary School

In the Nest:

- Casa Guadalupe English Language Learners "ELL" meets Monday & Wednesdays from 6-7:30PM.
 - Al-Anon Meetings are held Thursdays at 7:00PM.
 - Girl Scouts meet the 1st & 3rd Tuesdays.

The Needs of Our Partners:

Lincoln Elementary School.

Snacks include: Goldfish, Individually wrapped food items, Animal Crackers, and Granola Bars.. **NO NUTS**
Food Drive/Pantry: cereal, shelf stable microwave meals, canned goods and mac and cheese with cheese sauce.

Casa Guadalupe

Snacks Kid snacks – **NO NUTS**, Fruit cups, cereal, canned goods.
Other Items: Books (gently used is okay), new toys.

See The Herald and the giving tree in the coffee area for these and other needs.

PLEASE JOIN US AFTER TODAY'S SERVICE FOR COFFEE AND SNACKS IN THE GATHERING ROOM