

# Feast of New Life

EARTH DAY  
THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER  
*April 19, 2026 | 9:00 a.m. Livestream*

## GATHERING

PRELUDES

*Priere à Note Dame (Suite Gothique)*

L. BOELLMANN

*Elevation XV*

D. P. BENOIT

RINGING OF THE BELLS

Order of St. John

WELCOME

Pastor Paul Baglyos

CALL TO WORSHIP

*Fanfare on Hymn-tune IN BABILONE*

*As music begins, the congregation turns and faces the Processional Cross.*

INVITATION TO WORSHIP

Alleluia! Christ is Risen!

**Christ is Risen, Indeed! Alleluia!**

We no longer look for Jesus among the dead,  
**for Jesus is alive and has become the Lord of life.**

For us the stone has been rolled away.

**Hallelujah! Hallelujah!**

Together we profess our faith:

**I believe in one God,**

**the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth,  
of all that is, seen and unseen.**

**I believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God,  
eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light,  
true God from true God, begotten, not made,  
of one Being with the Father; through him all things were made.  
For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven,  
was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the virgin Mary and became truly human.  
For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;  
he suffered death and was buried.**

**On the third day he rose again in accordance with the scriptures;  
he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father.**

**He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,  
and his kingdom will have no end.**

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I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,  
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,  
who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified,  
who has spoken through the prophets.

I believe in one holy catholic and apostolic church.

I acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.

I look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.

O come let us sing to the Lord.

Let us shout for joy to the rock of our salvation!

GATHERING HYMN

*As We Gather at Your Table*

IN BABILONE  
ELW HYMN 522



1 As we gath-er at your ta - ble, as we lis - ten to your word,  
2 Turn our wor-ship in - to wit-ness in the sac - ra - ment of life;  
3 Gra-cious Spir - it, help us sum-mon oth-er guests to share that feast



help us know, O God, your pres-ence; let our hearts and minds be stirred.  
send us forth to love and serve you, bring-ing peace where there is strife.  
where tri - um-phant Love will wel-come those who had been last and least.



Nour-ish us with sa - cred sto - ry till we claim it as our own;  
Give us, Christ, your great com-pas-sion to for - give as you for - gave;  
There no more will en - vy blind us nor will pride our peace de - stroy,



teach us through this ho - ly ban-quet how to make Love's vic - t'ry known.  
may we still be - hold your im - age in the world you died to save.  
as we join with saints and an - gels to re - peat the sound-ing joy.

GREETING

The grace of Jesus Christ our Savior, the reconciling love of God,  
and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

**And also with you.**

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PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray. O God,  
your **Son** makes himself known to all his disciples in the breaking of bread.  
**Open** the eyes of our faith, that we may see him in his redeeming work,  
who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.  
**Amen.**

**WORD**

PSALM 116

*I Will Walk with the Lord*

S. SOPER

*Refrain sung twice at beginning of song. 1st time by cantor, thereafter all. Verses sung by cantor.*



I will walk with the Lord in the land, the land of the liv-ing.

*Verses* How shall I make a return for the goodness God has done for me?  
The cup of salvation I will take and call God's name. **Refrain**

Precious in the eyes of the Lord is the dying of his faithful one.  
I am the servant of the Lord who set me free. **Refrain**

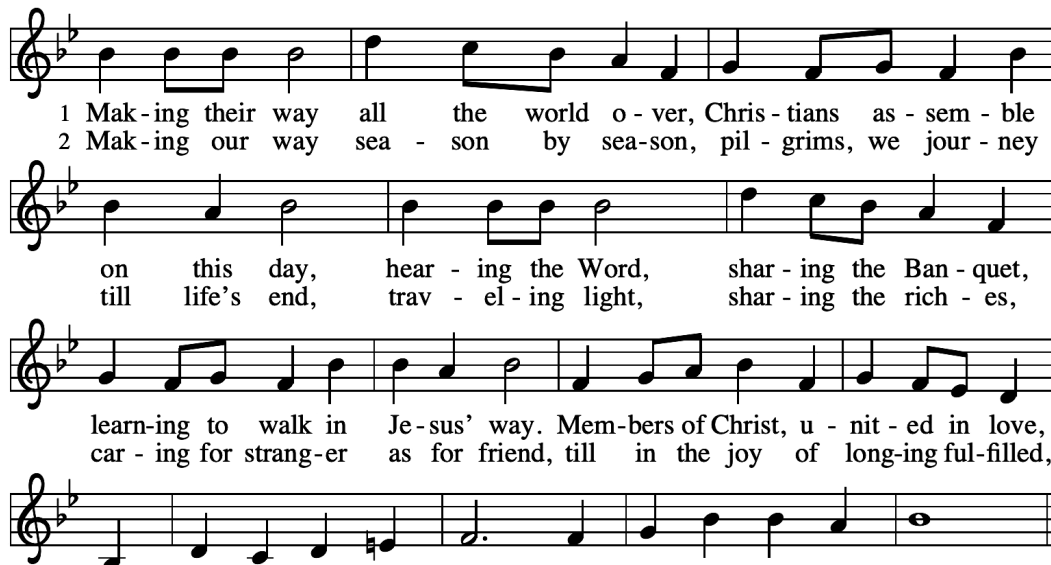
Sacrifice and thanks I will give in the presence of God's chosen ones.  
My vow to the Lord I shall fulfill and call God's name. **Refrain**

LESSON

1 Peter 1:17-23

*The imagery of exile is used to help the readers of this letter understand that they are strangers in a strange land. Christians no longer belong to this age. Through the death of Christ we belong to God, so that our focus, faith, and hope are no longer on such things as silver or gold.*

Word of God, word of life.  
**Thanks be to God.**

*Making Their Way**Verse 1*


1 Mak-ing their way all the world o-ver, Chris-tians as-sem-ble  
 2 Mak-ing our way sea-son by sea-son, pil-grims, we jour-ney  
 on this day, hear-ing the Word, shar-ing the Ban-quet,  
 till life's end, trav-el-ing light, shar-ing the rich-es,  
 learn-ing to walk in Je-sus' way. Mem-bers of Christ, u-nit-ed in love,  
 car-ing for strang-er as for friend, till in the joy of long-ing ful-filled,  
 they seek our God to know, and so to-geth-er grow.  
 to-geth-er we will come to our e-ter-nal home.

*Before the reading:* The Holy Gospel according to Luke, the 24<sup>th</sup> Chapter.

**Glory to you, O Lord.**

GOSPEL READING

Luke 24:13-35

*The colorful story of Jesus' appearance to two disciples on the road to Emmaus answers the question of how Jesus is to be recognized among us. Here, he is revealed through the scriptures and in the breaking of bread.*

*After the reading:* The Gospel of our Lord.

**Praise to you, O Christ.**

ACCLAMATION REPRISE

*Making Their Way*

*See previous, verse 2*

FIRST GLANCE

Chris Dawson

SERMON

Pastor Jon Haug

SERMON RESPONSE

Let the words of my mouth

**and the meditation of our hearts be acceptable to you, O Lord,  
 our rock and our redeemer. Amen.**



1 For the beau - ty of the earth, for the beau - ty of the skies,  
2 For the joy of ear and eye, for the heart and mind's de - light,  
3 For each per - fect gift of thine, peace on earth and joy in heav'n;



for the love which from our birth o - ver and a - round us lies:  
for the mys - tic har - mo - ny link - ing sense to sound and sight:  
for thy - self, best gift di - vine, to our world so free - ly giv'n:

*Refrain*



Christ, our God, to thee we raise this our sac - ri - fice of praise.

## PEACE

Jesus told his disciples, "Peace I leave with you; my peace I give you" (John 14:27).

We proclaim that good news to those around us as we greet them with these or similar words: The peace of Christ be with you always.

**And also with you.**

## MEAL

## OFFERTORY

*As we come together living out our faith in unity we trust in our God's loving care to provide for all we need. Let us respond generously to God's abiding love with our tithes and offerings. You are invited to visit our giving page link at <https://www.stjohnslc.org/giving> and leave an online offering.*

*On Emmaus' Journey*

High Voices: 1. Who are you who walk in sor - row  
 Low Voices: 2. Who is this who joins our jour - ney,  
 All: 3. Who are you? Our hearts are o - pened  
 All: 4. Who are we who trav - el with you  
 All: 5. "Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!"



down Em - ma - us' bar - ren road, Hearts dis - traught and  
 walk - ing with us stride by stride? Un - known Stran - ger,  
 in the break - ing of the bread. Christ the vic - tim,  
 on our way through life to death? Wom - en, men, the  
 is the Eas - ter hymn we sing! Take our life, our



hope de - feat - ed, bent be - neath grief's crush - ing load?  
 can you fath - om depths of grief for one who died?  
 now the vic - tor, liv - ing, ris - en from the dead!  
 young, the ag - ing, wak - ened by the Spir - it's breath!  
 joy, our wor - ship as the gift of love we bring.



Name - less mourn - ers, we will join you,  
 Then the won - der! When we told you  
 Great Com - pan - ion on our jour - ney,  
 At the font you claim and name us,  
 You have formed us all one peo - ple

*Music continues on next page...*



we who al - so mourn our dead. We have stood by  
how our dreams to dust have turned, Then you o - pened  
still sur - prise us with your grace! Make each day a  
born of wa - ter and the Word. At the ta - ble  
called from ev - 'ry land and race. Make your church your



graves un - yield - ing, eat - en death's bare, bit - ter bread.  
wide the Scrip - tures till our hearts with - in us burned!  
new Em - ma - us; on our hearts your im - age trace!  
still you feed us, host us as our Ris - en Lord!  
ser - vant Bod - y, sent to share your heal - ing grace!

#### OFFERTORY PRAYER

Let us pray. 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.**

#### GREAT THANKSGIVING

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts.

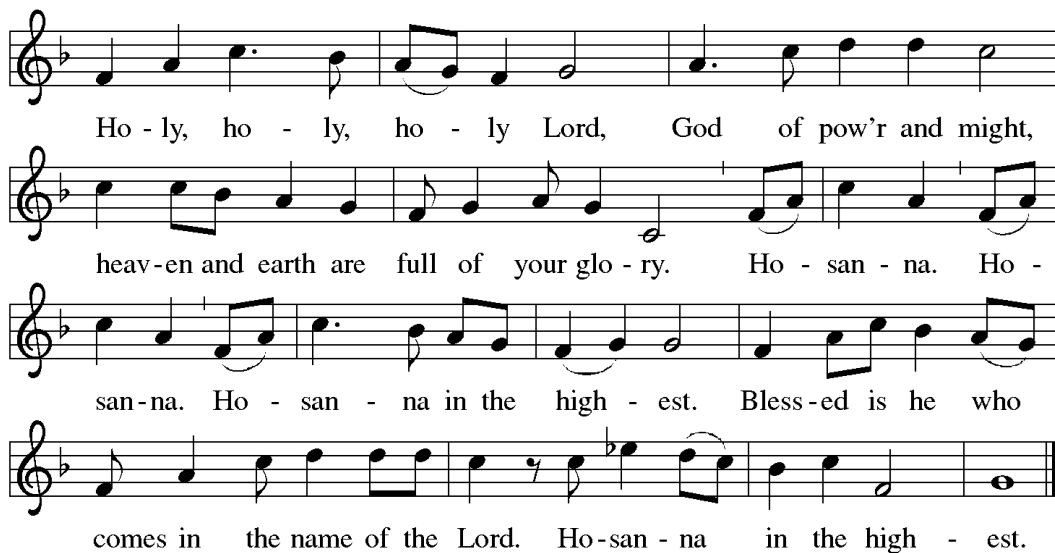
**We lift them to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**It is right to give God thanks and praise.**

#### PREFACE

It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, that we should at all times and in all places give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God, for the glorious resurrection of our Savior Jesus Christ, the true Paschal Lamb who gave himself to take away our sin, who in dying has destroyed death, and in rising has brought us to eternal life. And so, with Mary Magdalene and Peter and all the witnesses of the resurrection, with earth and sea and all their creatures, and with angels and archangels, cherubim and seraphim, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might,  
 heav-en and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na. Ho -  
 san-na. Ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless-ed is he who  
 comes in the name of the Lord. Ho-san - na in the high - est.

## THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE

Holy God, you alone are holy, you alone are God. The universe declares your praise: beyond the stars; beneath the sea; within each cell; with every breath.

**We praise you, O God.**

Generations bless your faithfulness: through the water; by night and day; across the wilderness; out of exile; into the future.

**We bless you, O God.**

We give you thanks for your dear Son: at the heart of human life; near to those who suffer; beside the sinner; among the poor; with us now.

**We thank you, O God.**

In the night in which he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus took break and gave thanks; broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying: Take and eat; this is my body, given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me.

Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink, saying: This cup is the new covenant in my blood, shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin. Do this for the remembrance of me.

Remembering his love for us on the way, at the table, and to the end, we proclaim the mystery of faith.

**Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again**

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We pray for the gift of your Spirit: in our gathering; within this meal; among your people; through the world. Blessing, praise, and thanks to you, holy God, through Christ Jesus, by your Spirit, in your church, without end.

**Amen.**

### LORD'S PRAYER

Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us:

**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.**

### AGNUS DEI

### ELW HYMNAL SETTING III

Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world; have  
mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the  
world; have mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the  
sin of the world; grant us peace.

### SELF-DISTRIBUTION OF COMMUNION

*All are welcome here at God's table. We believe Christ is truly present in the bread and wine through the faith of those who gather. Jesus invites you to this meal that imparts God's free gift of grace.*

*You are invited to partake of the meal with the bread and juice/wine you prepared saying:  
"The body of Christ given for me/us." And "The blood of Christ shed for me/us."*

*Come, Let Us Eat*

ELW HYMN 491

Leader or All



- 1 Come, let us eat, for now the feast is spread,  
 2 Come, let us drink, for now the wine is poured,  
 3 In Je - sus' pres - ence now we meet and rest,  
 4 Rise, then, to spread a - broad God's might - y word,

All



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Our Lord's bod - y let us take to - geth - er,  
 Je - sus' blood poured let us drink to - geth - er,  
 In the pres - ence of our Lord we gath - er,  
 Je - sus ris - en will bring in the king - dom,

All



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*Bread For the Journey*

GS2 40



- 1, 5 Give us bread for the jour - ney, give us bread.  
 2 Guide our way as we trav - el, guide our way.  
 3 Make us one with each oth - er, make us one.  
 4 Lead us home to the gar - den, lead us home.

*Music continues on next page...*



Give us bread for the jour - ney, give us bread.  
Guide our way as we trav - el, guide our way.  
Make us one with each oth - er, make us one.  
Lead us home to the gar - den, lead us home;



When our legs are get - ting heav - y, and we're hang - ing down our heads,  
With so ma - ny roads be - fore us, where to go is hard to say.  
All the walls we've built a - round us: may we learn to tear them down.  
where we'll live with all cre - a - tion, find our place and nev - er roam.



give us bread for the jour - ney, give us bread.  
Guide our way as we trav - el, guide our way.  
Make us one with each oth - er, make us one.  
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POST-COMMUNION MEDITATION

*The Swan*

C. SAINT-SAËNS

POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

Let us pray. 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.**

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# SENDING

## BENEDICTION

### SENDING FORTH SONG

*Christ the Lord Is Risen Today; Alleluia!*

LLANFAIR  
ELW HYMN 369



1 Christ the Lord is ris'n to - day; Al - le - lu - ia!  
2 For the sheep the Lamb has bled, Al - le - lu - ia!  
3 Christ, the vic - tim un - de - filed, Al - le - lu - ia!  
4 Chris-tians, on this ho - ly day, Al - le - lu - ia!



Chris-tians, has - ten on your way; Al - le - lu - ia!  
sin - less in the sin - ner's stead. Al - le - lu - ia!  
God and sin - ners rec - on - ciled, Al - le - lu - ia!  
all your grate - ful hom - age pay; Al - le - lu - ia!



of - fer praise with love re - plete, Al - le - lu - ia!  
Christ the Lord is ris'n on high; Al - le - lu - ia!  
when con - tend - ing death and life, Al - le - lu - ia!  
Christ the Lord is ris'n on high; Al - le - lu - ia!



at the pas - chal vic - tim's feet. Al - le - lu - ia!  
now he lives, no more to die. Al - le - lu - ia!  
met in strange and awe - some strife. Al - le - lu - ia!  
now he lives, no more to die. Al - le - lu - ia!

## DISMISSAL

Go in peace, serve the Lord,  
**and live God's love in the world**

## POSTLUDE

*Canzona Ariosa*

A. GABRIELI

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*Please help us secure the parking in a timely manner and avoid any “lock-ups” by having your vehicles out of either the parking garage or church parking lot by 2:00 p.m. (Special events will have parking times listed)*

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to subscribe to our weekly e-newsletter.



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## SERVING IN WORSHIP

<b>Presider</b>	Pastor Paul Baglyos
<b>Preacher</b>	Pastor Jon Haug
<b>First Glance/Assisting Minister</b>	Chris Dawson
<b>Lector</b>	Mary Robinson
<b>Organ</b>	David Link
<b>Piano</b>	Steven Johnson
<b>Flute</b>	Bill Damian
<b>Cantors in Rotation</b>	Alice Anderson, Joel Barkel, Linda Bush, Heather Mercer, Kathryn Mercer, Eliseo Paniagua
<b>Accompaniers</b>	K. D. Farrell, Mike Long, Karen Olson
<b>Altar Guild</b>	Jennifer Ehrhardt, Anne Smith
<b>Eucharistic Servers</b>	Gregory Favre, Barbara Grunwaldt
<b>Greeters</b>	Julie Anna Manley
<b>Ushers</b>	Gwynnae Byrd, Anne Smith
<b>Audio Technician</b>	John Bologni
<b>Video Technicians</b>	Tim Reese, Esperanza Foft
<b>Nursery Attendants</b>	Amy Afoa, Helen Disho

## ST. JOHN'S STAFF

<b>Director of Missional Strategy</b>	Rev. Paul Baglyos, Bridge Pastor
<b>Director of Youth and Family</b>	Rev. Jon Haug, Associate Pastor
<b>Director of Worship and Music</b>	Steven Johnson
<b>Director of Communications and Community Engagement</b>	Catherine Slabaugh
<b>Director of Administration</b>	Katherine Thorp
<b>Associate Director of Volunteer Management</b>	Joel Barkel
<b>Associate Director of Worship and Music</b>	Eliseo Paniagua
<b>Property Staff</b>	Matt Balara, Joe Allen, Nathan McQueen
<b>Congregational Care Coordinator</b>	Suzi Taylor, Parish Nurse
<b>Bridge Organist</b>	Dan Nguyen
<b>Audio Technician</b>	John Bologni
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## ST. JOHN'S MINISTRY ANNOUNCEMENTS

- **Lenten Benevolence Recap**

The generosity of the St. John's community was palpable this Lenten season! Because of your generosity, the congregation donated over \$12,000 for our mission partners throughout Sacramento, California, and the world. Most notably, St. John's collected substantial donations for our two spotlight partners - the Lutheran Office of Public Policy California and Sacramento Area Congregations Together.

- **Pub Theology**

Sunday, April 26<sup>th</sup> | 12:30 p.m. | Mattie Groves Brewery

Pub Theology will gather in April for Pub Theology at our neighborhood brewery - Mattie Groves! Conversation will center around "New Beginnings: When has God made things new for you?" See you there!

- **85+ Luncheon: Celebrating You +250 Years of America**

Saturday, May 2<sup>nd</sup> | 11 a.m. | Oehler Hall

The Community Engagement Ministry of St. John's will host the annual 85+ Luncheon - celebrating our beloved St. John's members aged 85 and older. This year, we'll gather around the theme "Celebrating You and 250 Years of America!" Be on the lookout for an invitation, or contact Catherine Slabaugh.

- **Social Justice and Faith-Aligned Investing**

Beginning Sunday, May 17<sup>th</sup> | 10:15 a.m. | Oehler Hall

Whether you have a few dollars or millions, you have the power to take control of your finances in a values-aligned way. This upcoming workshop series will help participants identify and apply their financial goals alongside their social justice and Lutheran values. Led by St. John's member Elizabeth Gilbert Kaetzel, this series is for everyone - all levels of financial experience are welcome.

### TODAY AT ST. JOHN'S

- **Reciprocity and Relation: Indigenous Understandings of Land and Nourishment**  
10:15 a.m. | Oehler Hall

Kitty Oppliger will lead a discussion this Earth Day Sunday based on her research with Native American communities in the Sierra Nevada Foothills. The session will cover the differences between Western and Indigenous ways of knowing, and provide space for discussions about what we can learn from our Native American neighbors that can help restore our relationships to Creation and each other. This session is provided by the Justice Making Ministry.