

Feast of New Life

CELEBRATING THE RESURRECTION OF OUR LORD VIGIL OF EASTER

Saturday, April 4, 2026
7:00 p.m.**

***Please note that this service is livestreamed
and you may be recorded on video.***

SERVICE OF LIGHT

GATHERING

*Worship begins outside in the parking lot, gathering near the fire pit.
Handheld candles will be provided for the procession into the sanctuary.*

WELCOME & WORSHIP NOTES

Pastor Paul Baglyos

GREETING

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

And also with you.

Siblings in Christ, on this most holy night when our Savior, Jesus Christ, passed from death to life, we gather with the church throughout the world in vigil and prayer. This is the Passover of Jesus Christ. Through light and the word, through water and oil, bread and wine, we proclaim Christ's death and resurrection, sharing Christ's triumph over sin and death.

The Presider lights the paschal candle from the fire.

The light of Christ, rising in glory, dispels the darkness of our hearts and minds.

*PROCESSION (SUNG CALL & RESPONSE)

Minister: The light of Christ

***Assembly:* Thanks be to God.**

Exultet: This is the Night!

R. MANALO, CSP

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

REFRAIN 1

Re - joyce, re - joyce, heav'n - ly pow - ers, re - joyce!
 Sing choirs of an - gels, re - joyce! — Ex - ult, ex - ult, all cre -
 a - tion, ex - ult! Je - sus — Christ is ris - - sen!

Verses Rejoice, O earth, in shining splendor, radiant in the brightness of the Most High!
 Christ has conquered! Glory fills you! Darkness vanishes forever! **Refrain 1**

Rejoice, O Mother Church! Exult in glory! The risen Savior shines upon you!
 Let this place resound with joy, echoing the mighty song of all God's people! **Refrain 1**

My dearest friends, standing with me in this holy light, join me in asking God for mercy,
 and grace to sing these Easter praises. It is truly right that with full hearts and minds and voices
 we should praise the unseen God, all-powerful Creator, and Jesus Christ, our Savior. **Refrain 1**

This is our Passover feast, when Christ, the true Lamb, is slain,
 whose blood consecrates the homes of all believers. This is our Passover feast.

This is the night when you freed us from slavery and led us through the sea.
 This is the night when the pillar of fire destroyed the darkness of sin.

This is the night when Christians are rescued, rescued from sin and restored to grace.
 This is the night when Jesus Christ broke the chains of death and rose triumphant from the grave.

Refrain 2

REFRAIN 2

The — pow - er of this ho - ly night dis - pels all e - vil, re -
 stores our in - no - cence and brings — us — peace. This is the night, this is the
 night when — Christ is ris - en from the dead!

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This is the night of which it is written: the night shall be as bright as day.
This is the night that humbles earthly pride and we are reconciled to God. **Refrain 2**

Therefore, Author of Life, in the joy of this night, receive our evening sacrifice of praise,
your Church's solemn offering. Accept this candle, a flame divided but undimmed,
a pillar of fire that glows to the honor of God. **Refrain 3**

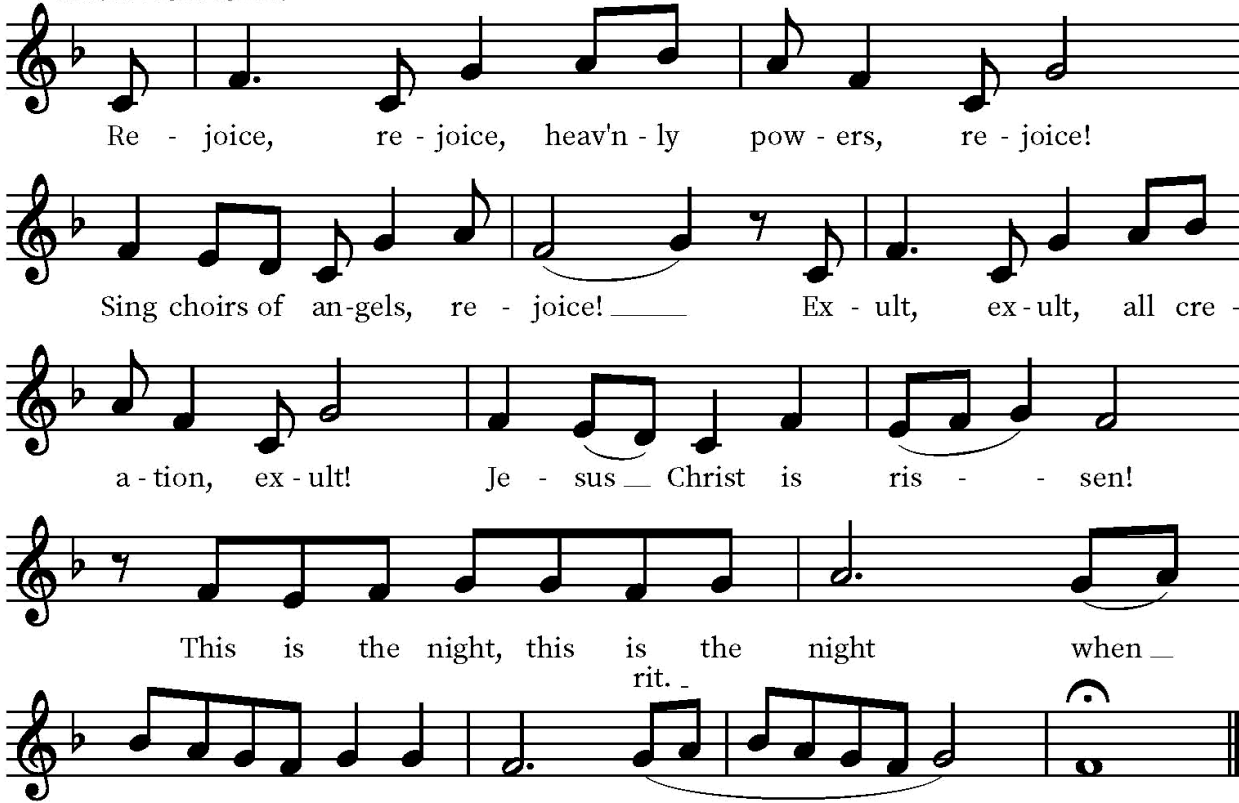
REFRAIN 3



This is the night, this is the night when — Christ is ris-en from the dead!

May the Morning Star which never sets find this flame still burning: Christ, that Morning Star,
who came back from the dead, and shed this peaceful light upon all, who lives and reigns forever
and ever. Amen. **Final Refrain**

FINAL REFRAIN



Re - joice, re - joice, heav'n - ly pow - ers, re - joice!
Sing choirs of an-gels, re - joice! — Ex - ult, ex - ult, all cre -
a - tion, ex - ult! Je - sus — Christ is ris - - sen!
This is the night, this is the night when —
Christ is ris-en from the dead! A - - - - - men.

Please extinguish your candles and continue to hold them upright as to allow the melted wax to harden.

***PRAYER OF THE DAY**

Let us pray. O God,
you are the creator of the world, the liberator of your people, and the wisdom of the earth.
By the resurrection of your Son free us from our fears, restore us in your image, and ignite us
with your light, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and
the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

WORD

FIRST LESSON

Creation

Genesis 1:1--2:4a

The first chapter of Genesis provides an overture to the entire biblical witness regarding the character and purpose of God.

When God began to create the heavens and the earth, the earth was complete chaos, and darkness covered the face of the deep, while a wind from God swept over the face of the waters. Then God said, “Let there be light,” and there was light. And God saw that the light was good, and God separated the light from the darkness. God called the light Day, and the darkness he called Night. And there was evening and there was morning, the first day.

And God said, “Let there be a dome in the midst of the waters, and let it separate the waters from the waters.” So God made the dome and separated the waters that were under the dome from the waters that were above the dome. And it was so. God called the dome Sky. And there was evening and there was morning, the second day.

And God said, “Let the waters under the sky be gathered together into one place, and let the dry land appear.” And it was so. God called the dry land Earth, and the waters that were gathered together he called Seas. And God saw that it was good. Then God said, “Let the earth put forth vegetation: plants yielding seed and fruit trees of every kind on earth that bear fruit with the seed in it.” And it was so. The earth brought forth vegetation: plants yielding seed of every kind and trees of every kind bearing fruit with the seed in it. And God saw that it was good. And there was evening and there was morning, the third day.

And God said, “Let there be lights in the dome of the sky to separate the day from the night, and let them be for signs and for seasons and for days and years, and let them be lights in the dome of the sky to give light upon the earth.” And it was so. God made the two great lights—the greater light to rule the day and the lesser light to rule the night—and the stars. God set them in the dome of the sky to give light upon the earth, to rule over the day and over the night, and to separate the light from the darkness. And God saw that it was good. And there was evening and there was morning, the fourth day.

And God said, “Let the waters bring forth swarms of living creatures, and let birds fly above the earth across the dome of the sky.” So God created the great sea monsters and every living creature that moves, of every kind, with which the waters swarm and every winged bird of every kind. And God saw that it was good. God blessed them, saying, “Be fruitful and multiply and fill the waters in the seas, and let birds multiply on the earth.” And there was evening and there was morning, the fifth day.

And God said, “Let the earth bring forth living creatures of every kind: cattle and creeping things and wild animals of the earth of every kind.” And it was so. God made the wild animals of the earth of every kind and the cattle of every kind and everything that creeps upon the ground of every kind. And God saw that it was good.

Then God said, “Let us make humans in our image, according to our likeness, and let them have dominion over the fish of the sea and over the birds of the air and over the cattle and over all the wild animals of the earth and over every creeping thing that creeps upon the earth.” So God created humans in his image, in the image of God he created them; male and female he created them. God blessed them, and God said to them, “Be fruitful and multiply and fill the earth and subdue it and have dominion over the fish of the sea and over the birds of the air and over every living thing that moves upon the earth.” God said, “See, I have given you every plant yielding seed that is upon the face of all the earth and every tree with seed in its fruit; you shall have them for food. And to every beast of the earth and to every bird of the air and to everything that creeps on the earth, everything that has the breath of life, I have given every green plant for food.” And it was so. God saw everything that he had made, and indeed, it was very good. And there was evening and there was morning, the sixth day.

Thus the heavens and the earth were finished and all their multitude. On the sixth day God finished the work that he had done, and he rested on the seventh day from all the work that he had done. So God blessed the seventh day and hallowed it, because on it God rested from all the work that he had done in creation.

These are the generations of the heavens and the earth when they were created.

Word of God, word of life.

Thanks be to God.

The biblical witness to God as the creator of new beginning and the author of new future is exemplified in the deliverance of the Israelites at the Red Sea.

As Pharaoh drew near, the Israelites looked back, and there were the Egyptians advancing on them. In great fear the Israelites cried out to the Lord. They said to Moses, “Was it because there were no graves in Egypt that you have taken us away to die in the wilderness? What have you done to us, bringing us out of Egypt? Is this not the very thing we told you in Egypt, ‘Let us alone and let us serve the Egyptians?’ For it would have been better for us to serve the Egyptians than to die in the wilderness.” But Moses said to the people, “Do not be afraid, stand firm, and see the deliverance that the Lord will accomplish for you today; for the Egyptians whom you see today you shall never see again. The Lord will fight for you, and you have only to keep still.”

Then the Lord said to Moses, “Why do you cry out to me? Tell the Israelites to go forward. But you lift up your staff, and stretch out your hand over the sea and divide it, that the Israelites may go into the sea on dry ground. Then I will harden the hearts of the Egyptians so that they will go in after them; and so I will gain glory for myself over Pharaoh and all his army, his chariots, and his chariot drivers. And the Egyptians shall know that I am the Lord, when I have gained glory for myself over Pharaoh, his chariots, and his chariot drivers.”

The angel of God who was going before the Israelite army moved and went behind them; and the pillar of cloud moved from in front of them and took its place behind them. It came between the army of Egypt and the army of Israel. And so the cloud was there with the darkness, and it lit up the night; one did not come near the other all night.

Then Moses stretched out his hand over the sea. The Lord drove the sea back by a strong east wind all night, and turned the sea into dry land; and the waters were divided. The Israelites went into the sea on dry ground, the waters forming a wall for them on their right and on their left. The Egyptians pursued, and went into the sea after them, all of Pharaoh’s horses, chariots, and chariot drivers. At the morning watch the Lord in the pillar of fire and cloud looked down upon the Egyptian army, and threw the Egyptian army into panic. He clogged their chariot wheels so that they turned with difficulty. The Egyptians said, “Let us flee from the Israelites, for the Lord is fighting for them against Egypt.”

Then the Lord said to Moses, “Stretch out your hand over the sea, so that the water may come back upon the Egyptians, upon their chariots and chariot drivers.” So Moses stretched out his hand over the sea, and at dawn the sea returned to its normal depth. As the Egyptians fled before it, the Lord tossed the Egyptians into the sea. The waters returned and covered the chariots and the chariot drivers, the entire army of Pharaoh that had followed them into the sea; not one of them remained. But the Israelites walked on dry ground through the sea, the waters forming a wall for them on their right and on their left.

Thus the Lord saved Israel that day from the Egyptians; and Israel saw the Egyptians dead on the seashore. Israel saw the great work that the Lord did against the Egyptians. So the people feared the Lord and believed in the Lord and in his servant Moses.

Then the prophet Miriam, Aaron’s sister, took a tambourine in her hand; and all the women went out after her with tambourines and with dancing. And Miriam sang to them: “Sing to the Lord, for he has triumphed gloriously; horse and rider he has thrown into the sea.”

Word of God, word of life.

Thanks be to God.

AFFIRMATION OF BAPTISM

Alice Anderson, Mark Hess, Mark Krey, Carl Lind, Leah Lind, Bonnie Lindgren, Gina Martinez-Keddy, Lillian Monson, Mark Monson, Elizabeth Mora, Lonnel Rendel, Richard Robinson, Rachel Rutledge, Ross Thompson, Bianca Waters, Sue West

SONG FOR AFFIRMATION

River of Glory

D. SCHUTTE

Refrain

Riv - er of glo - ry, springs of our birth, flood of God's
rich - es poured on the earth. We are born from the dark - ness
and clothed in the light! We are bathed in the glo - ry of
God! God, bathed in the glo - ry of God!

PRESENTATION OF CANDIDATES FOR AFFIRMATION OF BAPTISM

The minister addresses those affirming their baptism:

Dear Friends, we give thanks for the gift of baptism and for your beloved, one with us in the body of Christ, who are making public affirmation of their baptism. Companions, you have walked with these Lumens. We ask that you now present them to this community.

Companions for each candidate, in turn, present the candidates:

I present [name].

PROFESSION OF FAITH

I ask you to profess your faith in Christ Jesus, reject sin, and confess the faith of the church.

Do you renounce the devil and all the forces that defy God?

I renounce them.

Do you renounce the powers of this world that rebel against God?

I renounce them.

Do you renounce the ways of sin that draw you from God?

I renounce them.

Do you believe in God the Father?

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.**

Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?

**I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried;
he descended to the dead.
On the third day he rose again;
he ascended into heaven,
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,
and he will come to judge the living and the dead.**

Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen.**

AFFIRMATION OF BAPTISM

The minister addresses those making public affirmation of baptism.

Lumens, you have made public profession of your faith. Do you intend to continue in the covenant God made with you in holy baptism:

to live among God's faithful people,
to hear the word of God and share in the Lord's supper,
to proclaim the good news of God in Christ through word and deed,
to serve all people, following the example of Jesus,
and to strive for justice and peace in all the earth?

If so, individually please respond, "I do, and I ask God to help and guide me," as you make the sign of the cross on your forehead.

I do, and I ask God to help and guide me.

The minister addresses the companions:

Companions, do you promise to nurture these people in the Christian faith as you are empowered by God's Spirit, and to help them live in the covenant of baptism and in communion with the church?

If so, please respond altogether, "I do."

I do.

The minister addresses the assembly:

People of God, do you promise to support these sisters and brothers and pray for them in their life in Christ? If so, please respond altogether, "We do, and we ask God to help and guide us."

We do, and we ask God to help and guide us.

Lumens and Companions may proceed down the center aisle, Lumens and Companions across from one another. Lumens are invited to stand or kneel, as they are able. The congregation is invited to lay hands on the newly-baptized and affirmers.

The minister prays for God's blessing.

Let us pray. We give you thanks, O God, that through water and the Holy Spirit you give us new birth, cleanse us from sin, and raise us to eternal life. Stir up in Alice, Mark, Mark, Carl, Leah, Bonnie, Gina, Lillian, Mark, Elizabeth, Lonnel, Richard, Rachel, Ross, Bianca, and Sue the gift of your Holy Spirit: the spirit of wisdom and understanding, the spirit of counsel and might, the spirit of knowledge and the fear of the Lord, the spirit of joy in your presence, both now and forever.

Amen.

WELCOME

Let us rejoice with these siblings in Christ.

We rejoice with you in the life of baptism. Together we will give thanks and praise to God and proclaim the good news to all the world.

SONG REPRISE

River of Glory

See previous

THIRD LESSON

Clothed in the garments of salvation

Isaiah 61:1-4, 9-11

God's purpose in creation is freedom and flourishing, liberation and life, joy and thanksgiving for the entire earth and all that lives upon it.

The spirit of the Lord God is upon me because the Lord has anointed me; he has sent me to bring good news to the oppressed, to bind up the brokenhearted, to proclaim liberty to the captives and release to the prisoners, to proclaim the year of the Lord's favor and the day of vengeance of our God, to comfort all who mourn, to provide for those who mourn in Zion—to give them a garland instead of ashes, the oil of gladness instead of mourning, the mantle of praise instead of a faint spirit. They will be called oaks of righteousness, the planting of the Lord, to display his glory. They shall build up the ancient ruins; they shall raise up the former devastations; they shall repair the ruined cities, the devastations of many generations.

Their descendants shall be known among the nations and their offspring among the peoples; all who see them shall acknowledge that they are a people whom the Lord has blessed. I will greatly rejoice in the Lord; my whole being shall exult in my God, for he has clothed me with the garments of salvation; he has covered me with the robe of righteousness, as a bridegroom decks himself with a garland and as a bride adorns herself with her jewels. For as the earth brings forth its shoots and as a garden causes what is sown in it to spring up, so the Lord God will cause righteousness and praise to spring up before all the nations.

Holy wisdom, holy word.

Thanks be to God.

The empty tomb in which the crucified body of Jesus was laid represents the futility of death and the promise of God to raise life out of the void.

Early on the first day of the week, while it was still dark, Mary Magdalene came to the tomb and saw that the stone had been removed from the tomb. So she ran and went to Simon Peter and the other disciple, the one whom Jesus loved, and said to them, "They have taken the Lord out of the tomb, and we do not know where they have laid him." Then Peter and the other disciple set out and went toward the tomb. The two were running together, but the other disciple outran Peter and reached the tomb first. He bent down to look in and saw the linen wrappings lying there, but he did not go in. Then Simon Peter came, following him, and went into the tomb. He saw the linen wrappings lying there, and the cloth that had been on Jesus's head, not lying with the linen wrappings but rolled up in a place by itself. Then the other disciple, who reached the tomb first, also went in, and he saw and believed, for as yet they did not understand the scripture, that he must rise from the dead. Then the disciples returned to their homes.

But Mary stood weeping outside the tomb. As she wept, she bent over to look into the tomb, and she saw two angels in white sitting where the body of Jesus had been lying, one at the head and the other at the feet. They said to her, "Woman, why are you weeping?" She said to them, "They have taken away my Lord, and I do not know where they have laid him." When she had said this, she turned around and saw Jesus standing there, but she did not know that it was Jesus. Jesus said to her, "Woman, why are you weeping? Whom are you looking for?" Supposing him to be the gardener, she said to him, "Sir, if you have carried him away, tell me where you have laid him, and I will take him away." Jesus said to her, "Mary!" She turned and said to him in Hebrew, "Rabbouni!" (which means Teacher). Jesus said to her, "Do not touch me, because I have not yet ascended to the Father. But go to my brothers and say to them, 'I am ascending to my Father and your Father, to my God and your God.'" Mary Magdalene went and announced to the disciples, "I have seen the Lord," and she told them that he had said these things to her.

Holy wisdom, holy word.
Thanks be to God.

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.**

FIFTH LESSON

A new heaven and a new earth

Revelation 21:1-7

The resurrection of Jesus heralds the future God holds in store for all of creation.

Then I saw a new heaven and a new earth, for the first heaven and the first earth had passed away, and the sea was no more. And I saw the holy city, the new Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband. And I heard a loud voice from the throne saying,

"See, the home of God is among mortals. He will dwell with them; they will be his peoples, and God himself will be with them and be their God; he will wipe every tear from their eyes. Death will be no more; mourning and crying and pain will be no more, for the first things have passed away."

And the one who was seated on the throne said, "See, I am making all things new." Also he said, "Write this, for these words are trustworthy and true." Then he said to me, "It is done! I am the Alpha and the Omega, the Beginning and the End. To the thirsty I will give water as a gift from the spring of the water of life. Those who conquer will inherit these things, and I will be their God, and they will be my children.

Holy wisdom, holy word.
Thanks be to God.

MEAL

*SIXTH LESSON

In the Lord's supper, we experience fellowship with Christ 1 Corinthians 11:23-26
*The body and blood of Jesus, broken and shed for the world upon the cross,
become food and drink of Easter living.*

For I received from the Lord what I also handed on to you, that the Lord Jesus on the night when he was betrayed took a loaf of bread, and when he had given thanks, he broke it and said, "This is my body that is for you. Do this in remembrance of me." In the same way he took the cup also, after supper, saying, "This cup is the new covenant in my blood. Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me." For as often as you eat this bread and drink the cup, you proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.

Holy wisdom, holy word.

Thanks be to God.

*LORD'S PRAYER

Gathered into one, 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.

*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.

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.

We share the meal by intinction; as you approach the center you will be handed a wafer that you may dip into the wine or juice. Grape juice is in the smaller compartment, and gluten free wafers are available upon request.

*If you do not wish to commune, you may come forward for a blessing.
Indicate this by crossing your arms over your chest.*

Lamb of God

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

MUSIC FOR COMMUNION

O Sons and Daughters, Let Us Sing

O FILII ET FILIAE
ELW HYMN 386

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

1 O sons and daugh - ters, let us sing
2 That Eas - ter morn, at break of day,
3 An an - gel clad in white they see,
4 That night the a - pos - tles met in fear;
5 On this most ho - ly day of days,

with heav'n - ly hosts to Christ our king:
the faith - ful wom - en went their way
who sits and speaks un - to the three,
a - mong them came their mas - ter dear,
be laud and ju - bi - lee and praise:

to - day the grave has lost its sting! Al - le - lu - ia!
to seek the tomb where Je - sus lay. Al - le - lu - ia!
"Your Lord will go to Gal - i - lee." Al - le - lu - ia!
and said, "My peace be with you here." Al - le - lu - ia!
to God your hearts and voic - es raise. Al - le - lu - ia!

POST-COMMUNION MEDITATION

Our Great Redeemer's Praise

C. G. GLASER | A. B. SHERMAN

*POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

Let us pray. Living One,
in this feast you have made yourself known to us. Send us now to tell of your wonders,
sing of your glory, and proclaim your risen life to a wounded and weary world. Amen.

SENDING

*BENEDICTION

*SENDING FORTH HYMN

LLANFAIR

ELW HYMN 369

Christ the Lord Is Risen Today; Alleluia!



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

Alleluia! Christ is Risen!

Christ is Risen, Indeed! Alleluia!

Go in peace! Share the Good News,
and Live God's love in the world!

SERVING IN WORSHIP

Presider	Pastor Paul Baglyos
Preacher	Pastor Jon Haug
Assisting Minister	Mary Robinson
Lectors	Alice Anderson, Linda Fawx, Gabi Schoff
Organ	Elie Wu
Piano	Steven Johnson
St. John's Handbell Choir	
Cantors in Rotation	Alice Anderson, Joel Barkel, Linda Bush, Heather Mercer, Kathryn Mercer, Eliseo Paniagua
Altar Guild	Karen Olson
Eucharistic Servers	Alice Anderson, Lester Chew, Linda Fawx, Steve Schoff
Greeters	Kathy Martinson
Ushers	Steve & Gabi Schoff
Audio Technician	John Bologni,
Visual Technicians	Esperanza Foft, Tim Reese

ST. JOHN'S EASTER WORSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

Sunday April 5, 2026 - Easter Sunday
6:30 a.m. - Sunrise service, outdoors & in-person.
8:30* & 10:30 a.m. - Indoor in-person & livestream services.

**To make a one-time donation or to start a recurring donation,
or for updates and events in and around St. John's,
scan the QR Code or visit www.stjohnslc.org
to subscribe to our weekly e-newsletter.**



** Livestream available; visit our website for more information*

A MESSAGE FROM OUR PASTORS


ST. JOHN'S STAFF

Christ is risen!

Once again that central affirmation of our faith, our witness, and our worship comes to the forefront of our life together as we celebrate the seven weeks of Easter. In all weeks and in all seasons, however, the good news of Christ's resurrection provides both timely and timeless impetus to everything we do as the community of St. John's.

Christ is risen! Therefore we sing the songs and hymns of faith. Therefore we pray for the flourishing of creation. Therefore we extend compassion toward one another and our neighbors. Therefore we engage in the good works of justice making. Therefore we practice generosity of time, talent, and treasure. Therefore we tend and open our spaces and places to our congregation and our city. Therefore we teach and learn the ways of discipleship. Therefore we gather in fellowship and hospitality. Therefore we accompany in hope the sick, the dying, and the bereaved. Therefore we baptize in the name of the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. Therefore we keep the feast of the Lord's body and blood. Therefore we discern God's call to grow in God's future. Therefore we bear God's peace in our liturgy and our lives. Therefore . . . and therefore . . . and therefore

On any given day of any given year, the sights and sounds, the movements and activities of our ever-bustling congregation all declare that Christ is risen! St. John's is – in all the right ways – a busy, noisy, restless congregation. But how could it be otherwise? For, indeed, Christ is risen!



Pastor Paul Baglyos
Senior Bridge Pastor



Pastor Jon Haug
Associate Pastor

Rev. Paul Baglyos
Bridge Senior Pastor,
Director of Missional Strategy

Rev. Jon Haug
Associate Pastor,
Director of Youth and Family

Steven Johnson
Director of Worship and Music

Catherine Slabaugh
Director of Communications
and Community Engagement

Katherine Thorp
Director of Administration

Joel Barkel
Associate Director
of Volunteer Management

Eliseo Paniagua
Associate Director
of Worship and Music

**Matt Balara, Joe Allen,
Nathan McQueen, Julius Turner**
Property Staff

Suzi Taylor, Parish Nurse
Congregational Care Coordinator

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EASTER FLOWER DEDICATIONS

BY..... IN LOVING MEMORY OF

Terri Baumberger..... Leona Baumberger
 Barbara Beddow.....My parents, Mac & Dot Welsh
 Blomster Family..... John Lewis Blomster
 Chris & Gwynnae Gwen Byrd
 David Byrd.....Richard Bell
 Mark Calson..... Rev. Dr. Bernard LaFayette
 Champ Family Kathy Howser, Martha & Marion Champ
 Paul & Deborah Cloninger..... Our parents
 Sandy Daugherty..... My Mom and Dad
 Rod & Jennifer Ehrhardt Our Parents
 Jon & Cynthia Erwin Nellie Erwin
 Lynne Gilbertson..... Willie, Brad, Scott, Elling, Geraldine, Gena
 Barabara Grunwaldt My Daughter Susan
 Helen & Glen Hakanson..... Marion Hakanson: mother, grandmother, and great grandmother
 Christi H..... Vivian Moore
 Jo Hoffmeier &Carolynn Munson Our parents, Our brothers, Shirley, Bernice, Miriam
 Corrine Y. Joe..... Beloved husband Stanley, my parents, grandmother, siblings and dear friends
 Corrine Y. Joe..... Sylvia Lee Wong and Phillip Mar
 Anni Jones..... Lila and Debbie Vedder
 Bernice Jurach Tony
 Craig & Nancy Kirchhoff Verna Kirchhoff
 Casey & Lisa Kirchhoff and family Verna Kirchhoff
 Emma Kirchhoff Verna Kirchhoff
 Clayton & Gabi Kirchhoff and family Verna Kirchhoff
 Mike and Sandy Kramer..... Our parents Hap & Alyce Kramer, and Cornell & Donna Linerud
 Alan & Marci Lampe..... John & Ruth Maness
 Mike & Betsy Long Our Parents
 Suzanne Metzinger Mom & Dad Gruenhagen (married at St. John's 1947)
 Rick & Kim Maness John & Ruth Maness, Ken & Yvonne Dietrich, Jane Baker
 Dorian Mar Beloved husband Phillip Mar
 The Mercer Family Dick Mercer
 Elizabeth H. Mora Pauline Luckey
 Sue Neff My husband Ben; My son-in-law Geoffrey Margolis
 Gary & Joyce Olson..... Our Loved Ones
 Karen Olson..... Dave Coyle
 Pam Mom and Dad; Larry
 The Schindell Family..... Donald Silveria
 Pete & Jeannette Sorrell..... Family and friends
 Suzi Taylor My grandmother Frieda Abel
 Jan Toms My husband, Darrel Toms
 Tracy & Tammy Toms Our Father
 Jean Walker Dan Garcia, and Bruce Marin-o
 Winter Family..... Helen & Dawson Winter
 Gary Wong Family Loved ones

BY..... IN HONOR/CELEBRATION OF

Nancy Bukowski..... My parents, John & Myrtle Palo
 Kate & Erik Burns..... Aiden, Sean, Gavin, and Malcolm
 Paul & Deborah Cloninger..... Our children and grandchildren
 Mike & Sandy Kramer..... Our congregation's work in the community
 Mike & Betsy Long..... Our Daughters
 Carl & Leah Lind The Luminaria leadership team; Steve & Betty Miller
 Kathy & Stan Martinson..... Family
 Susan Painter Tim Reese and Edith Chang
 Gabi & Steve Schoff Hans, Tomas, and Michael Schoff and families; Our Schoff families far and wide

TO THE GLORY OF GOD BY

Sally King
 Mike & Judy Knoles The Lewis Family - Lance, Shanda,
 B & E Malme Braden & Emma
 Anne Smith

WELCOME TO ST. JOHN'S

OUR MISSION:

Live God's Love in the world

OUR VISION:

We are called by Christ to be a courageous, grace-filled community, deeply rooted in Sacramento and living in changing times. In response, we seek deeper connections and healing with one another and all our neighbors.

OUR VALUES:

Expansiveness, Justice-Making, Healing, Humility, Constancy

MINISTRIES OF ST. JOHN'S

At St. John's Lutheran Church, we have a multitude of ministry opportunities for individuals of all ages. Whether your child is looking to join the Sunday School program, you'd like to volunteer serving our unhoused neighbors, or you'd like to join a monthly book club, there's something here for you! Visit www.stjohnslc.org or email contact@stjohnslc.org to learn more.

ADULT FAITH FORMATION

St. John's adult faith formation welcomes adults of all ages to explore their faith in community with others. We invite questions, conversation, doubts, wonders, prayers, and everything in-between. Check out our different ministries below and see what interests you!

- Congregational Care
- LLL Book Club
- Luminaria New Member Class
- Sunday Morning Education Hour
- Wednesday Bible Study

OUTREACH

At St. John's Lutheran Church, outreach shows up in a multitude of ways. Through direct services with our neighbors in need, community groups in our neighborhood, or through deeply embedded relationships with other nonprofits in the Sacramento area and beyond.

- Direct Services
 - ◊ Snack Stop
 - ◊ Pilgrimage Meal
 - ◊ Midtown HART Respite
 - ◊ Thanksgiving Meal
- Justice Making
- Mission Partners

WORSHIP & MUSIC

At St. John's, we offer a variety of music in worship and other events. Our organ, the voices of our choirs, and the ringing of the bells fill our sanctuary with marvelous sounds in praise to God. Our distinct 9 a.m. and 11:30 a.m. worship services embrace tradition, community, and engagement.

- Altar Guild
- Assisting Ministers
- Cantors
- Celebration Singers
- Eucharistic Servers
- Greeters
- Handbell Choir
- Lectors
- Sanctuary Choir
- Ushers
- Bedient Opus 80 Pipe Organ

CHILDREN, YOUTH & FAMILY

Children, Youth and Family Ministries is an integral part of Congregational Life at St. John's. It provides programs and events for families at every stage - Sunday School classes, First Communion, Confirmation, youth group and camps.

- Advent Festival
- Confirmation
- High School Youth Group
- Holy Week Day Camp

- Kid's Worship Spaces
- Order of St. John's (Acolytes)
- Santa Lucia
- Nursery
- Sunday School
- Vacation Bible School

COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT & FELLOWSHIP

Community is at the core of everything we do here at St. John's, and there are countless opportunities in large or small groups to engage further with your fellow congregants. Whether you're attending one of our many Circles, spending time with fellow young adults, or enjoying pancakes at one of our many brunches, you're sure to build meaningful and lasting relationships.

- 20s & 30s Young Adult Group
- 85+ Luncheon
- Dinner Groups
- Deborah Circle
- Esther Circle
- Gather Sacramento Young Adult Group
- Knitting Circle
- Library
- Pub Theology
- Starting Over Group
- Sunday Brunches
- Oktoberfest