



# THE CROWNICLE

CHRIST THE KING LUTHERAN CHURCH

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**Worship on Zoom only  
Until Further Notice  
Sundays 10:30am**

Zoom Link included on page 2 of  
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Go to Christ the King Lutheran  
Church and click on the "follow"  
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## **Happy New Year!**

This greeting never gets old! It conjures thoughts of new beginnings; new commitments; new plans, renewed resolve. As the new church year dawns – and it already has – this is a good time to take a glance over our shoulder even as we turn and boldly face the future.

We, you and I, have been in ministry together now for six years. I know! That seems crazy to me, too. So much has changed, especially in the last two years. We have mourned the loss of friends, the loss of community, the loss of three-dimensional fellowship. AND! We have gained – new skills in technology, new relationships at a distance and renewed resolve to keep progressing.

What will happen next? What will 2022 bring? The final weeks of the church year found us asking some important questions – the church we are now looks nothing like the church in which we grew up. What will the church look like next week, next year, in the decades to come? How will we share the good news in this new church? Will we be excited about the possibilities or saddened by the loss? Can we grieve and rejoice at the same time?

Advent is a perfect time to ponder these imponderable questions. We don't know where the church will wind up, we DO know that the church will endure. It has endured century after century of plagues, wars, pestilence, human mismanagement and every evil that Satan wills to throw at it. Hymn writer, Fred Pratt Green penned these confident words about the church: "*The church of Christ in every age, beset by change, but Spirit-led, must claim and test its heritage and keep on rising from the dead*"<sup>1</sup>.

Dear friends, the church has not died. The church is reforming, no transforming before our very eyes. We are experiencing a seismic shift. God has said "*see, I am making all things new*" (Revelation 21:5). Be of good courage, or as the angels in scripture *always* say "Do not be afraid". The Holy One is with us.

May this Holy Season be filled with hope and courage for your household and this household of faith.

Merry Christmas! Happy New Year!  
Pastor Dorothy

<sup>1</sup> America, Evangelical Lutheran Church in. Evangelical Lutheran Worship: Pew Edition. N.p.: Fortress Press. #729



We are worshipping by Zoom only until further notice. Here is the information with the links for coming to events being held on Zoom.

## Zooming in on Christ the King Gatherings

### **SUNDAY WORSHIP (Same link for every Sunday Zoom Worship)**

**Weekly Worship** Link, ID and password:

Time: 10:00am "doors open" (click on this link)

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86517107296?pwd=aVZpWFV0b0QzbFF6ZFVPTDFsL0FZQT09>

Phone in using this number 1 253 215 8782 US (Tacoma)

Meeting ID: 865 1710 7296

Password: 299944

### **CRISTO REY MISA**

Padre Roberto Maldonado leads misa being offered both in person and on Facebook live every Sunday at 5pm. Invite your friends to like or follow our Facebook page or check out Christ the King/Cristo Rey website at [www.tigardlutherans.com](http://www.tigardlutherans.com).

**MONTHLY COUNCIL MEETING** Link, ID and password:

Join Zoom Meeting - Second Tuesday every month. Gather at 6:30pm (click on this link)

Time: 07:00 PM Pacific Time (US and Canada)

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82607652262?pwd=Zis5NzhXWDhucXFhYUhBZEhBZ2Y3UT09>

Phone in using this number +1 253 215 8782 US (Tacoma)

Meeting ID: 826 0765 2262

Passcode: 417394

### **BOOK STUDY AND ANTI-RACISM DISCUSSION**

**New conversation begins January 13, 2022. Book/Topic TBA.**

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84098720009?pwd=N2hXQ0c2T1paZ0hlaGhTeFlOclJKdz09>

Meeting ID: 840 9872 0009

Passcode: 677456

Dial in by phone using same ID and Passcode +1 253 215 8782 US (Tacoma)

### **BOOK OF FAITH, Jeremiah/Lamentations**

New study to begin January 12, 2022. Materials are available from the church office.

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86530640555?pwd=VEg5Yll0NEVEaEhac1Fjc2V2M1g2dz09>

Meeting ID: 865 3064 0555

Passcode: 163034

Dial in by phone using same ID and Passcode +1 253 215 8782 US (Tacoma)

### **RING IN THE NEW!**

Year three of our three-year lectionary cycle takes us, again to the gospel according to Luke.

November 28 – the first Sunday in Advent begins our preparation for receiving the Christ Child.

#### **Sunday English Worship Zoom only**

Friday, December 24 – Christmas Eve worship, 7pm

Saturday, December 25 – Christmas Day, recorded message

Sundays, December 26 and January 2, 2022 – Christmas 1 and Christmas 2, 10:30am

*(Zoom Only with guest preacher, Rev. Anne Miller)*

## ADVENT 2021

After prayerful deliberations, the staff of Christ the King has chosen to suspend Wednesday evening live gatherings for the season of Advent. Instead, Pastor Dorothy will record a weekly meditation that will be available on the church website and on Facebook by Wednesday morning each week. Please invite your friends to “like” and “follow” our Facebook page so that we may share the good news with them. Guide them to our website, also where they can view any Sunday worship, join our Bible Study and Book Study ministries and find a place at the table with you.

### CALLING ALL SINGERS!

If you love to sing, the Friends of CTK Virtual Choir wants you! We'll perform a few pieces to be included in our Advent and Christmas services.

You don't need choir experience (but if you have it, that's great!). You don't have to be a techie. You don't have to be a certain age. It doesn't matter where you live. You don't even have to read music. All you need is a willing spirit and two devices—smart phone, tablet, desktop computer, laptop computer, iPod—any two as long as one has a camera and microphone.



I'll send you sheet music and recordings of each piece. Your vocal part will be prominent on the recording, so it's easy to learn your part, even if you don't read music. Just sing along with the recording until you know your part. Then you'll record a video of yourself singing. Once I have everyone's video, I'll combine them all into a virtual choir! If you participated last year, you know it's not hard. If you're new, don't worry. I'll provide step-by-step instructions so you know exactly what to do.

If you'd like to participate, send a note to [timd@figardlutherans.com](mailto:timd@figardlutherans.com). I'll follow up with more info. Questions? Just ask!

Tim Ditch, Director of Music

### HAVE YOU MADE YOUR GIVING COMMITMENT FOR 2022?

The annual cost of managing Christ the King Lutheran Church/Cristo Rey Iglesia Luterana is about \$250,000 per year. And that is assuming we do exactly what we are currently doing, nothing more. What would it look like if we could add a couple of key staff positions, not full time, yet highly strategic? These positions cost money.

We are asking you each to prayerfully plan how you will continue to support Christ the King and that you would increase your giving even by a small amount. For instance, if you're giving \$50.00 per month, would you consider giving \$52.50? If you are giving \$100, \$110 per month. You see where this is going. Even if you are giving \$5.00 per week, a small increase would have a significant impact on our ministry presence in the community.

There are other means of supporting the work of God's church in this place.

1. Worship regularly at Christ the King, on Zoom or in person.
2. Volunteer your time to benefit others, can you count money? Fold bulletins? Stuff envelopes?
3. Give electronically making it easier to remember, even when you are worshipping remotely
4. Make Christ the King ministries a beneficiary of part of your estate, there are folks at the Synod level who can help you plan that.
5. Will you make a written commitment to give a specific amount to Christ the King in 2022

\$\_\_\_\_\_ per (circle one) week/month/quarter/year

We are not asking you to submit this commitment, though it would help us to better understand how to plan financially for the coming year. We pray that as you consider your faith journey you will remember the many blessings you have received and share those blessings with others through the ministries of this church.

## WIDER WELCOME MINISTRY TEAM UPDATE

Thank you to all of you who responded to the survey question on Survey Monkey last month. We received 25 responses, 80% wholeheartedly ready to create the CTK RIC welcome statement. 12% were "almost there," would like more education. 4% were "unsure, need more Biblical grounding." No one responded with an unqualified "no."

With this response we are beginning a draft welcome statement specific to CTK. We encourage input from the congregation. Please be thinking about the inclusive language that you would like to be a part of that statement. We are planning a future Zoom meeting to receive input from the congregation. You can also email your thoughts to Kathleen Carney at [kathleeninthisgrace@gmail.com](mailto:kathleeninthisgrace@gmail.com).

Here are two examples of Welcome Statements from other RIC churches.

- 1. You are Welcome at Christ Lutheran Church.** We are military, retirees, families, those in recovery, people who aren't so sure about this church stuff, LGBTQIA+ siblings, life-long Lutherans, vacationers, those who are very comfortable and those who struggle. Our Sanctuary is wheelchair accessible and we offer a gluten-free communion option at all services.  
Christ Lutheran Church, San Clemente, CA
- 2.** Lutheran Church of Our Savior is a congregation with a big heart. We all know how difficult it is to be new, but we want you to know that no matter who you are or where you find yourself in life, you are invited to join us for worship and fellowship. Come to hear God's Word, share in the Sacraments and discover new ways to reach out to the world with God's peace and grace. Everyone is a child of God. From crying babies to enthusiastic seniors, we recognize that we are all called to be one body with many members. We welcome people of all races, ethnicities, shapes and sizes, of every marital status, political affiliation, sexual orientation and gender identity or expression. Those of different faith traditions; different physical, mental and emotional abilities and those in recovery or struggling with addiction are always welcome. We sincerely hope you join us in our journey toward greater love, understanding, and mutual respect for each other. The bottom line: We Welcome You! We know that no matter who you are, Jesus accepts you and so do we. May our prayers, the hearing of God's Word, and God's grace and love make our burdens lighter, our hearts encouraged, and our souls refreshed.  
Lutheran Church of Our Savior, Patchogue, NY

The Wider Welcome Ministry Team will continue to offer more educational options on the CTK website. The current offerings are under the education tab which drops down to Reconciling in Christ. For those looking for more Biblical grounding, I would suggest the #4 Youtu.be offering on the website list, where Mathew Vines discusses the hermeneutics and exegesis of Biblical texts and the debate about LGBTQ inclusion.

You can also direct questions to anyone on the team: Kathleen Carney, Sharon Ray, Sherm and Mary Case, or Ruthanne Rusnak.

May the Spirit guide us as we move forward in "Our Journey to Loving our Neighbor."

## CTK PRESCHOOL NEWS

In November we started the month finishing our studies about Mexico, comparing 'Halloween' to 'Dia de los Muertos'. The children enjoyed counting in Spanish and learning Spanish songs. We then did activities with numbers. We began our Native American exploration. We made wooden bead necklaces, wrote Native American symbols, played games, and sang songs. Then we talked about our families and Thanksgiving.

The first week of December, we will explore the country of Australia. We will compare how people in Australia celebrate Christmas to how we celebrate. Then, we'll start talking about the season of Advent; the time of year we prepare for Jesus' birth. We will be doing Christmas and Advent activities and making a "special gift".

CTK Preschool will begin enrollment for the 2022-23 school year in January. If you have a family, friend or neighbor interested in enrolling, please contact, [director@christthekingpreschool.com](mailto:director@christthekingpreschool.com). Thank you for your continued support and prayers.

Heidi Livingston, Director,  
Christ the King Preschool.  
Cell ph # 503-333-5331



## GIVING

Thank you for your generous contributions to the work of the church. Giving options are:  
**First**, mail a check to the church office.  
**Second**, use your online banking bill pay.  
**Third**, set up an automatic payment through our third-party giving platform, Vanco. Use the link on our website [www.tigardlutherans.com](http://www.tigardlutherans.com) to set this up.  
**Fourth**, click on the "donate" button on our website to make a single contribution through Vanco.

## FALL CLEAN UP DONE

Thank you so much for helping at our sunny fall cleanup day. We really appreciated those who came and gave of their time and help. May your Christmas season be a mirror of your generosity and kindness.

In God's service,  
George & Steve

## QUILTERS

The quilting group is taking a month off. There will be no quilting in December but we will start again on January 4, 2022. We would gladly welcome new quilters! Hope you can join us! Even if you don't feel you are a quilter, there is always something you can do to help. For questions call, Gloria Barnum at 503-593-1266.

**THE KING'S PANTRY** food bank continues to store up our harvest of canned goods and boxed non-perishables to fill Thanksgiving food baskets for our hungry neighbors. Bless your continued generosity. There is a basket in the sanctuary and the food barrel is outside the office doors under the portico.



**DECEMBER BIRTHDAYS:**

- 3 Dyann Ness
- 5 Rachel Khalili
- 6 David Doss
- 9 Wyatt Landon
- 10 Betty Nesvold
- 11 Susan Gohlke
- 13 Ken Morrow
- 15 Daniel Barzee
- 28 Bill Dressel
- 29 Kira Aszman

**HAPPY ANNIVERSARY TO:**

- 7 Gail & Marvin Barzee
- 14 Dick & Cathy Renken

Please call the church office if your birthday or anniversary date is not listed or is incorrect.



**COVID TESTING**

We are blessed to provide space for the Rehman family, our neighbors on Bull Mountain, to set up a Free COVID Test Site in our upper parking lot. Jawad Rehman, our contact with the family, reports that in the first 4 days open, they are testing upward of 60 people per day. If you're at church, stop by the shed and thank them for the service they are providing for the community.

**Free COVID Testing**

CTK upper parking lot  
M-F 9am-3pm.  
No appointment is required  
PCR and Rapid testing

**ADVENT TO GO BAGS**

A big thank you to all the volunteers and drivers who helped with the Advent to Go bags! All of their work on our behalf is greatly appreciated!!

Many thanks to:  
Katharine Weber, Steve Larsen, Kathleen Carney, Diane Wearne and Valerie Briggs for helping to assemble the Advent bags.

Also many thanks to the drivers who delivered the Advent bags: George Klein, Steve Larsen, Ruth Rusnak, Diane Wearne, Brian Liebenstein, Valerie Briggs, Nancy Skirvin, Greg Lof, Pastor Dorothy and Sharon Ray. Thanks for all your time and help!

As Pastor Dorothy has said, "the light of Christ shines through all of you!"

Dear Friends at CTK,

What a wonderful surprise! On Saturday a lovely young woman from CTK Lutheran Church arrived at our apartment door bearing a truly beautiful poinsettia plant and a gift bag of Advent materials. Please know how very much they are appreciated. We say Thank You to All.

Although we are no longer able to attend services, we do think of you often and intend to keep our membership at Christ the King Lutheran Church. The Sisters do have a beautiful chapel here at Mary's Woods and we have helped organize an Ecumenical Worship Service which we can attend or watch on in-house TV (very important to Ned) every Sunday at 4 p.m. I am also the organist/pianist for that service and the Sisters tell me I am the only one here who plays the pipe organ, which I am, of course, very happy to do.

To each of you we wish many Blessings through the coming Advent Season and on into the events of Christmas.

Carolyn and Ned Snow



## Finding Liturgy in Life and Life in Liturgy

### An Oregon Synod Lay Education Course

How does liturgy shape us? How might we shape it? Gather with people from across the Oregon Synod this January and February to explore liturgy in daily life, communal worship, and public witness. We'll pay particular attention to the seasons of the church year, the flow of worship, the invitation of sacraments, and daily practices that help us cultivate a life of depth and meaning. We'll create space for the integration of blessing, celebration, lamentation, prayer, song, symbols, and ritual crafting. You're encouraged to bring your whole self as we seek to live in holy rhythm. Pr. Matta Ghaly will be the primary instructor. The course is designed with a

Lutheran lens and inclusive heart; all are welcome.

This on-line course is offered through the Oregon Synod's SALM and Lay Education Program. We'll meet the following eight Tuesday evenings on Zoom from 6:30-8pm (Pacific Time): January 11, January 18, January 25, February 1, February 8, February 15, February 22, and March 1. Authentic participation and relationship-building are the priority. Course participants and/or their congregations are encouraged to donate, as they are able, on a sliding scale between \$20-\$160, but donations are not required to register. If you'd like to sign up for the course, please do so by going to [Oregonsynod.org](http://Oregonsynod.org) and click on "Finding Liturgy in Life and Life in Liturgy" then fill out the registration form found there.



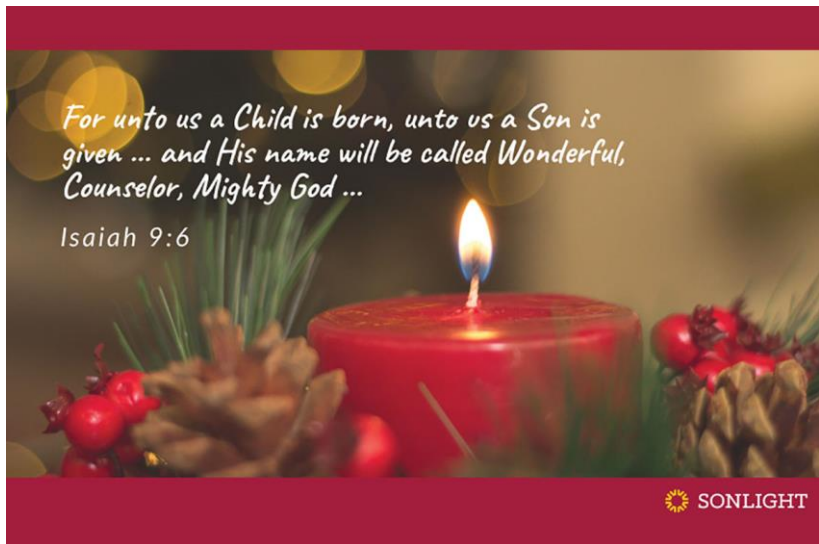
### OUR THOUGHTS & PRAYERS

Our Lord welcomed Bob Brink to His heavenly home

on, Sunday Nov. 21, 2021. Bob's memorial service was held Saturday, Nov. 27<sup>th</sup>. Please ask God to hold Tammy, Bob's daughter, Brittney, Bob's granddaughter and all their family close in His care in the days ahead to strengthen, sustain them and to bring them solace and peace.

## CHURCH CALENDAR

December 5, 12, 19, 26 10:30am Zoom Worship  
 December 14 Church Council, 7pm  
 December 24 Christmas Eve Worship, 7pm  
 December 25 Recorded Christmas message



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CTK OFFICE HOURS  
MONDAY-FRIDAY  
8:30 AM TO 12:30 PM

**Church Staff**

Dorothy Cottingham, Pastor  
Roberto Maldonado, Padre  
Linda Wesolowski, Business Administrator  
Tim Ditch, Music Director  
Heidi Livingston, CTK Preschool Director

**Sunday Service**

10:30 am Worship  
5pm Misa

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