

CHRIST THE KING LUTHERAN CHURCH



Christ Is Risen! Alleluia!

It is still the glorious season of Easter in our churches. How are you doing? I think of you all and I am praying for each one of you as I look at your pictures and read your names in the directory. As I stand in the empty sanctuary sharing God's word with you, I see you sitting in your familiar seats. I see your smiles, hear your voices raised in song and give thanks to God for you.

The Rev. Melissa Reed, Oregon Synod Associate Bishop wrote this litany for the Oregon Synod Easter Service on Zoom. It still resonates, even these weeks later. Pastor Melissa asked that we share this with you, the dearly beloved of the risen Christ.

This year

we couldn't kneel down and wash one another's feet but parents kneel by the tub and wash their babies before bed and pray for another day and we wash our own hands lovingly, thoroughly for our neighbors and strangers we will never meet. Your Love always finds a way, O God. Alleluia!

This year

we couldn't break bread with friends and pass the cup of blessing but grocery store clerks stock the shelves and healthcare workers suit up, giving their bodies so that we may eat and live. Your Love always finds a way, O God, Alleluia!

This year

we couldn't walk the stations of the cross together through our sanctuary or neighborhood but a father waits in line for food, carrying the cross, and a teacher works endless hours from home, carrying the cross, and a sanitation worker still wakes before the sun, to carry away our trash, carrying the cross.

Your Love always finds a way, O God. Alleluia!

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ARE YOU FOLLOWING US ON FACEBOOK? Go to Christ the King Lutheran Church and click on the "follow" and/or "like" button.

Find the Sunday service videos on Youtube. Copy and paste the underlined link into your browser https://www.youtube.com/channel /UCorfmsxM3X8qbs5GfUf_4UA

Sunday Services Videos & Texts are also on our website www.tigardlutherans.com

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ELECTRONIC GIVING Go to the CTK website <u>www.tigardlutherans.com</u> and under donate click on the link to Vanco. It's quick, it's easy and it's convenient.

This year

we couldn't share the emptiness of the stripped altar, waiting and praying in the silence, but the whole world now holds vigil moment to moment as bodies are taken from respirators and wait to be buried without ritual – not buried alone, but with Jesus, like seeds in the ground. Your Love always find a way, O God. Alleluia!

This year

we couldn't share God's big stories in the way we are used to – not from a page and pulpit – and stay up all night to light the holy fire, but as the holy breath brooded over the chaos, we discover our shared breath in a way we can no longer deny and as the dry bones came together, we are learning to come together in the way you made us and as our ancestors were liberated from Egypt, so our Earth gasps deeply in her liberation from our oppression and our cities are lit, once again, by the holy fire of the stars.

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This year

we couldn't fill our sanctuaries with lilies and lift our voices together – not in the way we are used to – but this Easter morning we wake and walk with Mary in fear and trembling to the edges of the tomb and find a crack – the promise of the tulips' opening, the strangers' smile on the street, the announcement of a babe born – "we are being made new," she cries – The breath of life in our lungs that MUST proclaim with each In and out: Alleluia! Alleluia!

Your Love always find a way, O God. Alleluia!

Go in peace. Christ is Risen! Alleluia! Pastor Dorothy



OUR MINISTRY GOES ON! THANKS BE TO GOD!

Padre Roberto Maldonado and his wife Lettie continue to lead Cristo Rey Iglesia Luterana by posting weekly misa live on Facebook from the sanctuary. Pastor Dorothy is recording worship from the sanctuary and her office at different times in order to comply with current regulations. Invite your friends to like or follow the Facebook page or check out Christ the King/Cristo Rey website at <u>www.tigardlutherans.com</u>.

CELEBRATION FLOWERS

When we are able to gather together again we will make it a celebration by decorating the sanctuary with beautiful and colorful celebration flowers. If you would like to remember a loved one with a celebration flower donation (\$6), please write your name and the name of the person you want to honor or remember on a note. Place it in an envelope with your check and mail it to the church or drop it in the office mail slot.

Bible study - BOOK OF FAITH began Wednesday, April 22. There is still room in the Zoom classroom for you to join this new study of the book of Hebrews. We will gather between 6:30 and 7pm by Zoom invitation. Let Pastor Dorothy know if you are interested so she can include you in the invitation. You don't even need to be tech-savvy to join. We're all learning this together. There are materials on the table outside the church office, or we will mail the booklet to you. There is no cost and we invite a donation of any amount.

Giving: Be as creative as you can imagine with your regular giving. There are at least four ways to share your tithes and offerings. First, you can mail a check to the church office. Second, you could use your online banking bill pay. Third, you can set up an automatic payment through our third-party giving platform, Vanco (if you need help setting this up, give a call to the church office, Mon/Wed/Fri mornings). Fourth, you can go to the website <u>www.tigardlutherans.com</u> and click on the "donate" button to make single contributions through Vanco.

A NOTE FROM COUNCIL

Dear People of God,

As we journey through this time of quarantine, we are not alone. We are in Christ and Christ is in us and in that belief we are together as His body. Each day when the news seems difficult or desperate, we can remember Jesus words to us: "I will never leave you or forsake you." He is our bulwark that never fails. We know these words learned and believed over the years are truths that we stand upon in our lives. As a congregation of Christian believers, we are one in the spirit. We pray for one another and through the technology of today we are able to worship together. I want to thank our Pastor Dorothy for all the spiritual leadership she has put out over our website and the internet. Thank you to the lay assistants and other support persons that have helped. Many thanks to all of you for your faithfulness and support. Keep trusting in our Lord Jesus. He is always our faithful companion on the way.

Psalm 112:7 "He will have not fear of bad news; his heart is steadfast, trusting in the Lord."

In His Name, Nancy Skirvin, Council President

LOOKING AHEAD TO THE EASTER SEASON BIBLICAL TEXTS:

Here is a post Easter challenge for you: Read the Book of 1st Peter in one sitting (it's short). Jot down the theme(s) that emerge for you. Read all the gospel texts for the season of Easter (see below). Notice how the gospel text connects to the 1st Peter reading each week. If you want, share your insights as comments on Facebook or in an email to pastordorothy@tigardlutherans.com

Easter 4 – May 3	Who and what do we trust?	1 Peter 1:19-25	John 10:1-10	Psalm 23
Easter 5 – May 10	Where do we dwell?	1 Peter 2:2-10	John 14:1-14	
Easter 6 – May 17	Do not fear what others fear.	1 Peter 3:13-22	John 14:15-21	
Easter 7 – May 24	We are in this together.	1 Peter 4:12-14; 5:6-11	John 17:1-11	

CTK PRESCHOOL NEWS

Like much of the world, CTK Preschool had to adjust our expectations for April! We found creative ways to reach our preschoolers!, We have had fun spending time with our friends online. CTK Preschool teachers have been hosting Zoom circle time meetings. We also have been making activity packets for the parents to pick up and take home to do with their preschoolers.

Please keep the preschool, the teachers and the families in your prayers through this challenging time. We are closed for the rest of the school year. Summer camps are tentatively planned for late July and August, pending the state's reopening.

Please invite neighbors, friends, and family members to check out our website: christthekingpreschool.com. Thrivent members please consider Christ the King Preschool for your Thrivent Choice Dollars. Christ the King Preschool is one of the choices on the Thrivent website. Christ the King church members can also donate to CTK Preschool by just designating it on their offering envelopes. Any questions please contact: Heidi Livingston, Director, Christ the King Preschool 503-333-5331

PRAYER REQUESTS

In this time of distance, we continue to pray for one another. When you have a prayer request there are several ways you can communicate that with us. One, call the church office, 503.639.2789 or Pastor Dorothy's cell phone, 503.849.6383. Two, send an email to

<u>pastordorothy@tigardlutherans.</u> <u>com</u>. Three, go to the church's website

www.tigardlutherans.com and click on the "How May We Pray For You" button.

CHRIST IN OUR HOME

There are copies of the daily devotional Christ In Our Home sitting all alone in the narthex, waiting for someone to request them. If you would like to have one, please contact Linda in the office at

ctkoffice@tigardlutherans.com or call 503.639.2789. There are regular and large print copies.

HOME ALTAR

During Holy Week you were asked to prepare a place of worship in your home. Set a table or TV tray as your altar. Put a fresh linen on it. Set it with a candle and a table cross, if you have one; put your Bible on the table. Thank you to Ruth Rusnak for sharing these lovely pictures of her worship place at home.



Palm Sunday



Good Friday



Easter Vigil



Easter Sunday



Thank you Nancy Skirvin for sharing these pictures of your home altar.



MAY BIRTHDAYS

- 2 Isobelle Leipzig
- 5 Hal Schmidt 8 Kris Westersund
- 9 Martin Forbes
- 11 Mavis Randall
- 12 Marvin Johnson
- 13 Cindy Heikens
- 13 Jean Stanley
- 15 John Lambie
- 15 Justin Livengood
- 17 Brittney Brink
- 20 Tammy Shay
- 24 Gail Barzee
- 27 Pastor Dorothy Cottingham
- 29 Charlene Zitzewitz
- 30 Jessica Khalili
- 31 Katherine Khalili

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY TO:

- 6 Ernie & Barb Coufal
- 7 Barzin & Jessica Khalili
- 31 Del & Suzanne Metcalf

Please call the church office if your birthday or anniversary date is not listed or is incorrect. For I know the thoughts that I think towards you, says the Lord. Thoughts of good and not of evil, to give you a future and a hope. Ieremiah 29:11



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