

HOLY COMMUNION FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT NOVEMBER 26, 2023



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Welcome to Christ the King Lutheran Church/Cristo Rey Iglesia Luterana. Whether you are worshiping in person or online, we're glad you are here! Please fill out a Connection Card and drop it in the offering plate or complete it online at tigardlutherans.com/connect.

Sunday, December 3, 2023 • First Sunday of Advent

Stir up your power, and come! The psalmist's plea in Psalm 80:2 has become familiar to us in the Advent prayers. Isaiah wants God to rip the heavens open. Both cry out for an apparently distant, angry God to show up, to save, to restore. When we hear Jesus describing the coming of the Son of Man with stars falling from heaven, it can sound dire and horrible, not like anything we would ever hope for. But when we really look at the suffering of people God loves, we can share the hope that God would tear open the heavens and come.

This worship service is being recorded and will be available on Facebook, YouTube, and the church website.

When indicated, please stand as you are able.

The assembly reads the **bold print.**

Gathering

INVOCATION

The assembly stands. All may make the sign of the cross as the presiding minister begins. Bendita sea Dios, Creador, 🕂 Redentor, y Sabadurio Santo.

Blessed be God, the one who forms us, 🕂 Jesus who bears the cross, the Spirit who makes our joy complete.

Amen.

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

God is patient and merciful, desiring all to come to repentance. Trusting this promise of grace, let us confess our sin.

Silence is kept for reflection. Everlasting God,

you love justice and you hate wrongdoing. We confess the fear, greed, and self-centeredness that make us reluctant to work against oppression. We are complicit in systems of exploitation. We choose comfort over courage. We are careless with creation's bounty. Look upon us with mercy. Turn our hearts again to you. Make us glad to do your will and to walk in your ways for the sake of our waiting world.

Hear these words of assurance: God clothes you with garments of salvation and covers you with robes of righteousness. In the tender compassion of + Jesus Christ, your sins are forgiven. God's covenant is eternal, and God's blessing rests upon us all. **Amen.**

GATHERING HYMN

The assembly stands.

This hymn by pastor, professor, and poet David Bjorlin offers a fresh, even startling, expression of Advent lament and hope prominent themes in the Scriptures for the First Sunday of Advent. Bjorlin said this about his hymn: "[Episcopal priest and author] Flemin Rutledge begins one of her Advent sermons with the stark reminder, 'Advent begins in the dark.' This phrase was a key that helped me unlock this season in the church year as well as my own 'Advent spirituality' that seemed to often reside in the shadows of faith. A few years later, I tried to distill the lessons I had learned into a hymn text, and I posted the results on Facebook with the not-sogreat recommendation that it be sung to SLANE. Luckily, Ben Brody saw the post and offered to write an original tune, which perfectly encapsulates the hope and lament of the text. He also graciously named the tune after **Resurrection Covenant** (ResCov), the church I serve in Chicago."

Advent Begins in the Darkness of Night 1. Ad - vent be - gins in the dark - ness of night, wait - ing and 2. Ad - vent be - gins with our dreams yet de - ferred. Love sounds ri-3. Ad - vent be - gins in op - pres - sion's do - main, marked by the 4. Ad - vent goes on till the prom - ised dawn breaks, ty - rants are watch-ing for signs of a light, walk-ing in faith that a path will ap dic - u - lous; prayer seems ab-surd. But in the midst of life's cen-ter-less cries of con - fu - sion and pain. Yet hope is kin-dled where jus-tice is top - pled, and God's dream a-wakes. Hope is per-fect - ed and faith is made dar - ing fol - low spite of our fear. pear, to in we lift to - geth - er our pro - test of praise. maze,

APOSTOLIC GREETING

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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.**

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KYRIE ELEISON



PRAYER OF THE DAY

A brief silence is kept before the prayer.

Let us pray.

Stir up your power, Lord Christ, and come. By your merciful protection awaken us to the threatening dangers of our sins, and keep us blameless until the coming of your new day, for you live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

The assembly is seated.

The first candle of the

Advent wreath is lighted.

LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT WREATH

Praise to you, O God, our salvation who is near. You hold us in our waiting and keep us awake to the world. You show up in our lives at unexpected times. Bless us as we light this candle to keep vigil for your arrival. We trust that even though we do not know the day or the hour, you hurry to gather all people to your peace. **Amen**

Word

READING

ISAIAH 64:1-9

This lament comes from a people who have had their hopes shattered. The visions of a rebuilt Jerusalem and a renewed people of God, spoken of in Isaiah 40-55, have not been realized. Instead, the people experience ruin, conflict, and famine. This lament calls God to account—to be the God who has brought deliverance in the past. A reading from Isaiah, the sixty-fourth chapter.

O that you would tear open the heavens and come down, so that the mountains would quake at your presence— as when fire kindles brushwood and the fire causes water to boil— to make your name known to your adversaries, so that the nations might tremble at your presence! When you did awesome deeds that we did not expect, you came down, the mountains quaked at your presence. From ages past no one has heard, no ear has perceived, no eye has seen any God besides you, who works for those who wait for him. You meet those who gladly do right, those who remember you in your ways. But you were angry, and we sinned; because you hid yourself we transgressed.

We have all become like one who is unclean, and all our righteous deeds are like a filthy cloth. We all fade like a leaf, and our iniquities, like the wind, take us away. There is no one who calls on your name, or attempts to take hold of you; for you have hidden your face from us, and have delivered us into the hand of our iniquity. Yet, O Lord, you are our Father; we are the clay, and you are our potter; we are all the work of your hand. Do not be exceedingly angry, O Lord, and do not remember iniquity forever. Now consider, we are all your people.

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

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

A reading from Psalm 80.

Give ear, O Shepherd of Israel, you who lead Joseph like a flock! You who are enthroned upon the cherubim, shine forth before Ephraim and Benjamin and Manasseh. Stir up your might, and come to save us!

Restore us, O God; let your face shine, that we may be saved.

O Lord God of hosts, how long will you be angry with your people's prayers? You have fed them with the bread of tears, and given them tears to drink in full measure. You make us the scorn of our neighbors; our enemies laugh among themselves.

Restore us, O God of hosts; let your face shine, that we may be saved.

But let your hand be upon the one at your right hand, the one whom you made strong for yourself. Then we will never turn back from you; give us life, and we will call on your name.

Restore us, O Lord God of hosts; let your face shine, that we may be saved.

READING 1 CORINTHIANS 1:3-9

A reading from Paul's letter to the Corinthians, the first chapter.

Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ. I give thanks to my God always for you because of the grace of God that has been given you in Christ Jesus, for in every way you have been enriched in him, in speech and knowledge of every kind— just as the testimony of Christ has been strengthened among you— so that you are not lacking in any spiritual gift as you wait for the revealing of our Lord Jesus Christ. He will also strengthen you to the end, so that you may be blameless on the day of our Lord Jesus Christ. God is faithful; by him you were called into the fellowship of his Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

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

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



CANTOR Show us, Lord, your love; show us, Lord, your love; and grant us your salvation. Alleluia.

ALL **Refrain**

As the Christians in Corinth await the advent of Jesus, Paul reminds them how the Lord has already enriched them through spiritual gifts and will continue to strengthen them until the coming day of the Lord.

The assembly stands to greet the Holy Gospel.

HOLY GOSPEL

Jesus encourages his followers to look forward to the day when he returns in power and glory to end all suffering. El Santo Evangelio según Marcos, capítulo trece.

The Holy Gospel according to Mark, the thirteenth chapter. **Glory to you, O Lord.** (*¡Gloria a ti, oh Señor!*)

[Jesus said:] "In those days, after that suffering, the sun will be darkened, and the moon will not give its light, and the stars will be falling from heaven, and the powers in the heavens will be shaken. Then they will see 'the Son of Man coming in clouds' with great power and glory. Then he will send out the angels, and gather his elect from the four winds, from the ends of the earth to the ends of heaven.

"From the fig tree learn its lesson: as soon as its branch becomes tender and puts forth its leaves, you know that summer is near. So also, when you see these things taking place, you know that he is near, at the very gates. Truly I tell you, this generation will not pass away until all these things have taken place. Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will not pass away.

"But about that day or hour no one knows, neither the angels in heaven, nor the Son, but only the Father. Beware, keep alert; for you do not know when the time will come. It is like a man going on a journey, when he leaves home and puts his slaves in charge, each with his work, and commands the doorkeeper to be on the watch. Therefore, keep awake—for you do not know when the master of the house will come, in the evening, or at midnight, or at cockcrow, or at dawn, or else he may find you asleep when he comes suddenly. And what I say to you I say to all: Keep awake."

The Gospel of the Savior.

Praise to you, O Christ. (¡Alabanza a ti, oh Cristo!)

PASTOR DOROTHY

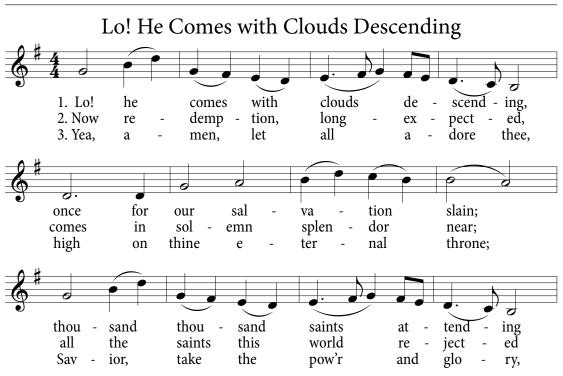
HYMN OF THE DAY

THE HOMILY

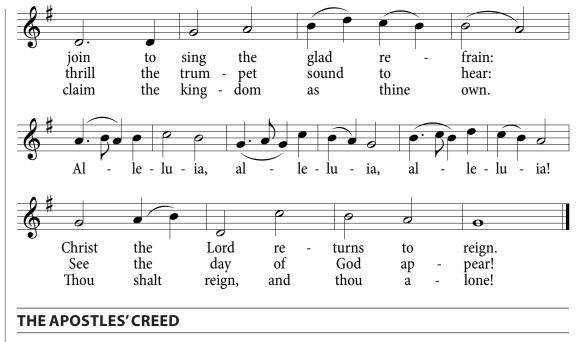
ELW 435

The assembly stands.

Charles Wesley wrote this hymn in 1758. He wrote primarily positive and uplifting hymns, usually expressing his own strong faith. The author of some 6,500 hymns, he was 10 times more prolific than Isaac Watts, who was also one of the greatest hymnwriters of the English language. John Wesley attributed the tune HELMSLEY to Thomas Olivers in Wesley's 1765 Sacred Melodies with his brother's text of "Lo! He Comes with Clouds Descending." However, Olivers is said to have heard the tune whistled on the street somewhere.



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With the whole church, let us confess our faith.

I believe in God, the Father almighty,

creator of heaven and earth.

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. 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.

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

The lay assistant
offers the prayers.With hope and expectation, we offer our prayers for the church, the world, and all
who await God's day of restoration.A brief silence.Call your church into holy fellowship as we await the restoration of all things.
Reenergize your faithful people to live with hope and compassion, especially those
who serve as missionaries near and far. Center us on your promise to come among
us and make all things new. Merciful God,
Receive our prayer.

	All creation signals your presence, O God: the vastness of the cosmos, the turn of the seasons, and living things that both rest and flourish. Rekindle our commitment to care for the earth. Merciful God, Receive our prayer.
	Let the nations tremble at your holy presence, that justice and liberation prevail in all corners of the earth. Restore peace to nations in conflict, teach righteousness to corrupt leaders and systems, and bring stability to areas facing uncertain futures. Merciful God, Receive our prayer.
	Enrich the spirits of all who feel hopeless, fearful, or despairing. Stay close to those who await healing or relief, especially Gene and Pam, Del and Suzanne, Jean, Myrna and Jerry, Betty, Don, Hal, and Gaynelle. Deliver all in any need. Merciful God, Receive our prayer.
	Be with those who keep awake at night: nurses working overnight shifts, caregivers of newborns and aging adults, stargazers, those who are anxious, or those who are traveling. Reveal to all that the dark can be a place of calm and comfort filled with your presence. Merciful God, Receive our prayer.
Here other intercessions may be offered.	For what else do the people of God pray?
	You have sent out your angels and gathered your faithful people from every time and place, calling them into one fellowship of saints. Bless the witness of those who dwell in your eternal presence. Merciful God, Receive our prayer.
The presiding minister concludes the prayers.	Listen to these and all our prayers, O God of hosts, and restore us with your great and everlasting mercy. Amen.
	PASSING THE PEACE
	La paz del Señor sea siempre con ustedes.
	The peace of the Lord be with you always. And also with you. (<i>Y también contigo.</i>)
The assembly is seated.	
	WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS
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Meal

PREPARE OUR TITHES AND OFFERINGS AND OUR TABLES

OFFERTORY HYMN

The assembly stands. Author Ann Bell Worley writes: "God Almighty, We Are Waiting" was my first hymn. It started with the first line in my head during the season of Advent. At the time, I was on staff at Wilshire Baptist Church in Dallas, and a fellow minister, who was also a gifted musician, played "Brethren, We Have Met to Worship" on banjo, which struck a deep chord with me and fostered my love of the tune, HOLY MANNA. I remember writing down the first line of "God Almiahtv," and keeping a notebook by my bedside that evening, tossing and turning, and writing a line at a time. In the morning, I had a full hymn." She continues: "My undergraduate degree is in music, and I grew up in a liturgical tradition. Both of those factors highly influenced my experience in and contributions to the Baptist churches I served. I loved teaching the significance of the Christian year in a denomination that traditionally didn't follow it, because it had tremendous impact on people who were intentionally living their faith and hadn't been exposed to Christian seasons outside of Christmas and Easter. The season of Advent holds special importance to me as the anticipation of a new beginning, so I suppose it's no accident my first hymn would be an Advent hymn!"



OFFERING PRAYER

Let us pray.

God our provider, by your merciful hand abundance springs up from the earth. Receive and bless these gifts of your own bounty. Let them be a sign of your steadfast love and faithfulness for all people, through Jesus Christ our Savior. Amen.

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

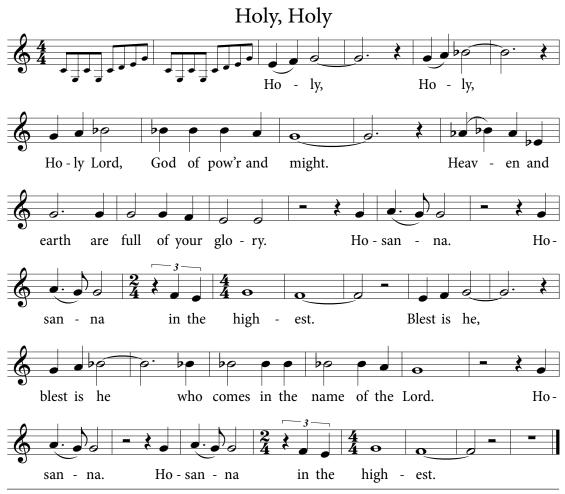
The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts. **We lift them to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. It is right to give our thanks and praise.

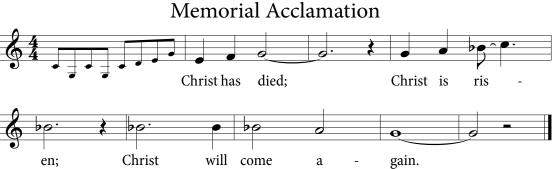
PROPER PREFACE

It is indeed right ... we praise your name and join their unending hymn:



EUCHARISTIC PRAYER

Holy One, the beginning and the end, the giver of life.... Let us proclaim the mystery of faith:



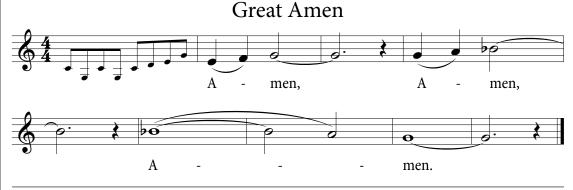
With this bread and cup we remember your Word dwelling among us, full of grace and truth. We remember our new birth in his death and resurrection. We look with hope for his coming.

Come, Lord Jesus.

Holy God, we long for your Spirit. Come among us. Bless this meal. May your Word take flesh in us. Awaken your people. Fill us with your light. Bring the gift of peace on earth.

Come, Holy Spirit.

All praise and glory are yours, Holy One of Israel, Word of God incarnate, Power of the Most High, one God, now and forever.



THE LORD'S PRAYER

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

Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name,

your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread.

Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us. Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours, now and forever. Amen.

INVITATION TO HOLY COMMUNION

All are welcome at this meal.

In this meal, righteousness and peace meet together. Come, take your place at the table.

COMMUNION BLESSING

The assembly stands.

May the body and blood of our Lord and Savior, Jesus the Christ, strengthen you and keep you to life everlasting. **Amen.**

POST-COMMUNION CANTICLE

Alberto Viñas Taulé wrote this text for the season of Advent, utilizing images of promise from the Hebrew Scriptures and those of fulfillment through Christ's birth from the New Testament. Taulé, a Roman Catholic priest, has served a small parish in Barcelona, Spain, and worked for the national offices on lituraical issues related to music. He composed this tune for his own text, and it was named TAULE in U.S. hymnals to honor him.



PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Let us pray.

Generous God, in bread and cup you have revealed your glory for all people to see together. Nourished by this meal, send us out to proclaim your good news of liberation and release, brought to birth in Jesus Christ our Savior. Amen.

SENDING BLESSING

Dios todopoderoso, Creador, 🕂 Redentor, Sabiduría Santo, los bendiga ahora y siempre. Amén.

Almighty God, Creator, 🕂 Redeemer, Holy Wisdom, bless you now and forever. **Amen.**

SENDING HYMN

Many African American spirituals are based on themes from the Hebrew Scriptures. The text of this spiritual incorporates stanzas from another, better-known spiritual, "Jacob's Ladder," which add to the sense of anticipation and hope for future rewards in God's realm. It is possibly one of the code songs in which to keep one's lamp "trimmed and burning" could have meant keeping a lookout for a conductor of the underground railroad, such as Harriet Tubman.



DISMISSAL

In-person and online worshipers are invited to spend a few moments greeting one another on the Zoom balcony. Go in peace. Keep awake. **Thanks be to God.**

ALL ARE WELCOME



IN THIS PLACE

THE LIFE OF THE CHURCH

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WEEKLY NEWS

This is an abbreviated list of announcements. Be sure to read the weekly eNews for complete coverage of this week's news. Follow the link or QR code in the blue box above to subscribe.

WORSHIP IN PERSON AND ON ZOOM SUNDAY AT 10:30 A.M.

Zoom "doors" open at 10 a.m. at the following link:

https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86517107296?pwd=aVZp WFV0b0QzbFF6ZFVPTDFsL0FZQT09

Phone-in # 1-253-215-8782

Meeting ID 865 1710 7296 Password 299944

CRISTO REY

Hermanos y hermanas, ven a celebrar la misa bilingüe el segundo y el cuarto domingo de cada mes a las 5 p.m. Gracias a Dios!

Brothers and sisters, worship at bilingual mass the second and fourth Sundays of every month at 5 p.m. You don't have to speak Spanish. The service is printed in both languages.

ADVENT 2023

Waiting, listening, watching, and singing! Sundays at 10:30 a.m. in person and on Zoom.

We wait! Advent 1, December 3, tests our patience. How long must we wait for the Son of man to return?

We listen! Advent 2, December 10, we hear the voice of one crying in the wilderness: prepare the way!

We watch! Advent 3, December 17, we hear that voice even louder, testifying to the "light of the world."

We sing! Advent 4, December 24, we sing with Mary, the mother of Jesus, rejoicing in God's goodness.

Finally, we rejoice! With angels and shepherds we adore the child! **Christmas Eve, December 24,** 7 p.m. Bilingual.

Happy Birthday, Jesus! Christmas Day, Monday, December 25, 10:30 a.m. English only.

GETTING INVOLVED

Your continued financial support of this faith community makes so many ministries possible. In addition to financial support, you are invited participate in any of the ministry teams of Christ the King. We pray you will find a place at the table that is a perfect fit for you. Prayerfully consider how you will answer if a nominating team member calls to invite you into service.

END-OF-YEAR GIFTS

Be sure to have your 2023 financial contributions in by Sunday, December 31, to be included on your 2023 giving statements.

ADULT EDUCATION

Women of the Bible continues the Advent series on Wednesday evenings at 7 p.m. on Zoom. If this is the first time you will be joining us, contact Tim (503-639-2789, ext. 101) or Pastor Dorothy (503-639-2789 ext. 102) for study guide and materials.

PRAYER REQUESTS

When you have a prayer request, there are several ways you can communicate that with us. Please call the church office (503-639-2789), send an email to **ctkoffice@ tigardlutherans.com**, call Pastor Dorothy's cell phone (503-849-6383), or visit **tigardlutherans.com** and click on the Communication tab.

GIVING

There are several ways to share your tithes and offerings:

- Place your offering in the plate on Sunday morning.
 - Mail a check to the church office (11305 SW Bull Mountain Rd., Tigard, OR 97224).
 - Use your bank's online bill-pay service.
 - Set up a recurring or single payment through Vanco by visiting our website and clicking on the Donate tab.
 - Scan the QR code (right) with your mobile device to go directly to our giving page.





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God's work. Our hands.

Welcome one another, therefore, just as Christ has welcomed you, for the glory of God. Romans 15:7

Christ the King Lutheran Church/Cristo Rey Iglesia Luterana is a community of children of God who are seeking to know God by following the teachings of Jesus Christ, who welcomed all.

This community of faith is enriched and strengthened by diversity. We welcome all to share in the life and ministries of worship, sacraments, responsibilities, leadership, and blessings of participation in this congregation. We are committed to the work of racial equity.

Believing that God's unbounded love and grace are offered to all and meant to be shared and celebrated by all, we embrace differences of age, race, ethnicity, language, gender identity and expression, sexual orientation, physical and mental abilities, appearance, economic status, marital status, and family situation.

No matter what your life experience is or has been, you are a child of God and you are welcome here.

Por lo tanto, recibíos los unos a los otros, como también Cristo nos recibió, para gloria de Dios. Romanos 15:7

Christ the King Lutheran Church/Cristo Rey Iglesia Luterana es una comunidad de hijos e hijas de Dios que buscan conocer a Dios siguiendo las enseñanzas de Jesucristo, quien ampara a todos.

Esta comunidad de fe se enriquece y fortalece con la diversidad. Damos la bienvenida a todos a compartir la vida y los ministerios de adoración, sacramentos, responsabilidades, liderazgo, y bendiciones de participación en esta congregación. Estamos comprometidos con el trabajo de la equidad racial.

Creyendo que el amor y la gracia ilimitados de Dios se ofrecen a todos y están destinados a ser compartidos y celebrados por todos, aceptamos las diferencias de edad, raza, etnia, idioma, identidad y expresión de género, orientación sexual, habilidades físicas y mentales, apariencia, estado económico, estado civil, y situación familiar.

No importa cuál sea o haya sido tu experiencia de vida, eres un hijo(a) de Dios y eres bienvenido(a) aquí.



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