

SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

DECEMBER 8, 2024



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ALTAR CARE Gloria Barnum **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 www.tigardlutherans.com/connect

Sunday, December 1, 2024 • Second Sunday of Advent

Forerunners and messengers advance the advent of our God. While John the baptizer's voice in the wilderness may be the principal focus of the day, Malachi's prophecy could as easily herald the coming Christ as forerunner of the Lord of hosts. Finally all the baptized are called to participate in the sharing of the gospel. In so doing we prepare the way for the coming of Jesus and assist all people in capturing a vision of the "salvation of God."

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, the sign that is marked at baptism, as the presiding minister begins.

Silence is kept for reflection.

En el nombre de Dios, Creador, Redentor y Sabiduría Santa. Amén.

In the name of God, Creator, + Redeemer, and Holy Wisdom. **Amen.**

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

God of mercy,

we confess that we have sinned. We trust earthly powers and human authority alone. We grow fearful. We cling to false comforts.

God of might,

we confess that we have sinned. We have turned away from our neighbors. We have trusted false promises.

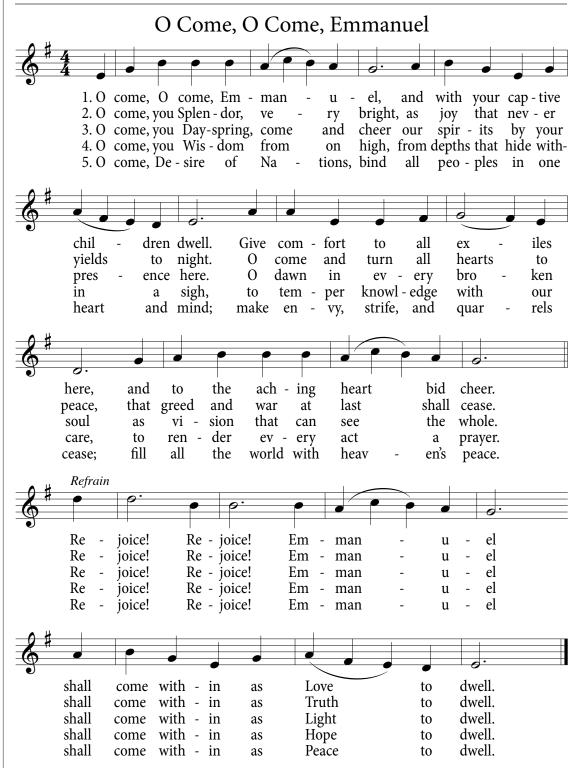
God in our midst,

we confess that we have sinned. We plead: come to us. Bring your mercy to birth in us.

A righteous branch springs forth: it is Christ the Lord, our Savior, in whom we have forgiveness, life, and mercy. By the power of the Holy Spirit, receive the grace and forgiveness of God through + Christ Jesus, whose day draws near. **Amen.**

HYMN OF ADVENT

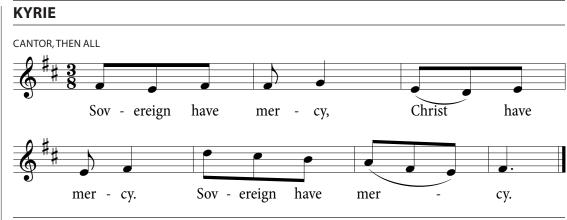
The Latin hvmn mav date to the ninth century or earlier. John Mason Neale (1818-1866), a noted hvmnoloaist who rendered many early Christian hymns into English, created an English version from seven great antiphons saluting the Messiah with many symbolic names. This version has been extensively recast in order to emphasize the hymn's mystical imagery. Thomas Helmore (1811-1890), musical editor of The Hymnal Noted, 1854, provided this tune for Neale's translation of the Latin hymn. The plainsong source is a 15th-century Franciscan processional.



APOSTOLIC 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.



PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray.

A brief silence is kept before the prayer.

Stir up our hearts, Lord God, to prepare the way of your only Son. By his coming give to all the people of the world knowledge of your salvation; through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT WREATH

Blessed are you, God of hope, for you promise to bring forth a shoot from the stump of Jesse who will bring justice to the poor, who will deliver the needy and crush the oppressor, who will stand as a signal of hope for all people.

As we light these candles, turn our wills to bear the fruit of repentance, transform our hearts to live in justice and harmony with one another, and fix our eyes on the root of Jesse, Jesus Christ, the hope of all nations.

O people of hope, come, let us rejoice in the faithfulness of the Lord. Amen.

Word

READING

BARUCH 5:1-9

A poem of hope from the school of the prophet Jeremiah speaks of the return of scattered Israel from Babylon, but also looks beyond that to the time when God's kingdom will be established. A reading from the prophet Baruch, the fifth chapter.

Take off the garment of your sorrow and affliction, O Jerusalem, and put on forever the beauty of the glory from God. Put on the robe of the righteousness that comes from God; put on your head the diadem of the glory of the Everlasting, for God will show your splendor everywhere under heaven, for God will give you evermore the name, "Righteous Peace, Godly Glory."

Arise, O Jerusalem, stand upon the height; look toward the east, and see your children gathered from west and east at the word of the Holy One, rejoicing that God has remembered them. For they went out from you on foot, led away by their enemies, but God will bring them back to you, carried in glory, as on a royal throne.

us that Christ reaches into our time to lead us to the light of everlasting life. The four candles mark the progress of the four weeks of Advent and the growth of light.

The assembly is seated.

The Advent wreath reminds

For God has ordered that every high mountain and the everlasting hills be made low and the valleys filled up, to make level ground, so that the people may walk safely in the glory of God. The woods and every fragrant tree have shaded the people at God's command. For God will lead the people with joy, in the light of God's glory, with the mercy and righteousness that come from God.

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

CANTICLE OF ZECHARIAH

LUKE 1:67-80

Then [John's] father Zechariah was filled with the Holy Spirit and prophesied:

"Blessed be the Lord God of Israel, for he has looked favorably on his people and redeemed them. He has raised up a mighty savior for us in the house of his child David, as he spoke through the mouth of his holy prophets from of old, that we would be saved from our enemies and from the hand of all who hate us. Thus he has shown the mercy promised to our ancestors and has remembered his holy covenant, the oath that he swore to our ancestor Abraham, to grant us that we, being rescued from the hands of our enemies, might serve him without fear, in holiness and righteousness in his presence all our days.

"And you, child, will be called the prophet of the Most High, for you will go before the Lord to prepare his ways, to give his people knowledge of salvation by the forgiveness of their sins. Because of the tender mercy of our God, the dawn from on high will break upon us, to shine upon those who sit in darkness and in the shadow of death, to guide our feet into the way of peace."

The child grew and became strong in spirit, and he was in the wilderness until the day he appeared publicly to Israel.

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

READING

PHILIPPIANS 1:3-11

The apostle Paul was the pastor of many new churches. He writes in this letter about his joy to be in partnership with the Christians of Philippi. Listen to how tender-hearted Paul, sometimes a stern preacher, is with his friends as he encourages them to grow in love and knowledge. A reading from the letter of Paul to the Philippians, the first chapter.

I thank my God for every remembrance of you, always in every one of my prayers for all of you, praying with joy for your partnership in the gospel from the first day until now. I am confident of this, that the one who began a good work in you will continue to complete it until the day of Jesus Christ. It is right for me to think this way about all of you, because I hold you in my heart, for all of you are my partners in God's grace, both in my imprisonment and in the defense and confirmation of the gospel. For God is my witness, how I long for all of you with the tender affection of Christ Jesus. And this is my prayer, that your love may overflow more and more with knowledge and full insight to help you to determine what really matters, so that in the day of Christ you may be pure and blameless, having produced the harvest of righteousness that comes through Jesus Christ for the glory and praise of God.

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

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

The assembly stands to greet the Holy Gospel.

John the Baptist is a herald

prepared by "repentance"

careful record of human

of Jesus, whose way is

for the forgiveness of sins." As we hear the

leaders, we sense the

spectrum of political and religious authority

that will be challenged

by this coming Lord.



CANTOR Prepare the way of the Lord, make straight his paths; all flesh shall see the salvation, the salvation of God.

ALL **Refrain**

HOLY GOSPEL

LUKE 3:1-6

El Santo Evangelio según Lucas, capítulo tres.

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

In the fifteenth year of the reign of Tiberius Caesar, when Pontius Pilate was governor of Judea, and Herod was ruler of Galilee, and his brother Philip ruler of the region of Ituraea and Trachonitis, and Lysanias ruler of Abilene, during the high priesthood of Annas and Caiaphas, the word of God came to John son of Zechariah in the wilderness. He went into all the region around the Jordan, proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins, as it is written in the book of the words of the prophet Isaiah, "The voice of one crying out in the wilderness: 'Prepare the way of the Lord; make his paths straight. Every valley shall be filled, and every mountain and hill shall be made low, and the crooked shall be made straight, and the rough ways made smooth, and all flesh shall see the salvation of God.'"

El Evangelio del Salvador.

THE HOMILY

The Gospel of the Savior. And also with you. (Y también contigo.)

The assembly is seated.

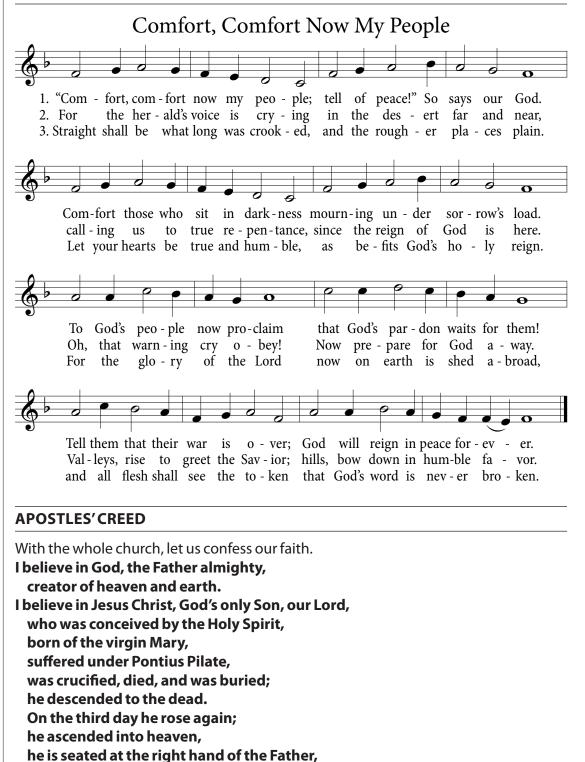
PASTOR DOROTHY

HYMN OF THE DAY

ELW 256

The assembly stands.

This text was written in 1671 for John the Baptist's Day by Johannes Olearius, a Lutheran pastor. The tune, perhaps adapted from a French folk song, was first printed in the Genevan Psalter of 1551 for a setting of Psalm 42. The Genevan Psalter was developed at the insistence of John Calvin, the Reformed theologian, who believed that only the psalms should be sung in worship. His great influence on the church kept Reformed churches singing only psalms for centuries.



the resurrection of the body,

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins,

and the life everlasting. Amen.

and he will come to judge the living and the dead.

	PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION
The lay assistant offers the prayers.	As we prepare for Emmanuel, God-with-us, let us pray for all people and places that long for God's presence.
A brief silence.	Refining God, move through your church. Root out practices that harm your people, and kindle a fire for sharing the gospel among bishops, pastors, deacons, and all the baptized. Lord, in your mercy, Receive our prayer.
	Renewing God, transform your creation. Steer us from habits that harm what you have made, and guide us in practices that preserve and restore creatures and habitats. Lord, in your mercy, Receive our prayer.
	Ruling God, teach the nations your ways. Strengthen organizations and communities that broker peace and care for refugees, immigrants, and all caught in the center of conflict. Lord, in your mercy, Receive our prayer.
	Rescuing God, restore your people who are in any need. Break the heart of the person or persons who are breaking the doors of this building. Restore them to gentleness. Heal all who are suffering, especially Del and Suzanne, Jean, Amy, Myrna and Jerry, Sandy, Betty, Don, Gaynelle, Gene and Pam, and Jonathan. Provide comfort and strength, and nurture sustained wholeness for the future. Lord, in your mercy, Receive our prayer.
	Reforming God, fill this congregation with your presence. Enrich our seasonal preparations. Bless our worship in the weeks ahead. Lord, in your mercy, Receive our prayer.
Here other intercessions may be offered.	For what else do the people of God pray?
	Reassuring God, we remember those who have died and rest in you. Fill us with deep gratitude for their lives, and allow us to learn from their faithful witness. Lord, in your mercy, Receive our prayer.
The presiding minister concludes the prayers. The assembly is seated.	Savior of the nations, come. Receive these prayers and the pleas of our hearts, in the name of Jesus Christ. 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>)
	WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Meal

PREPARE OUR TITHES AND OFFERINGS AND OUR TABLES

OFFERTORY HYMN

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. I remember writing down that first line 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!"

The assembly stands.



OFFERING PRAYER

Let us pray.

Creator God, you made the whole world, even the farthest stars, and you draw near to feed us. We praise you for these gifts of bread and wine. Strengthen us with this food that we may live in expectation for the advent of your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

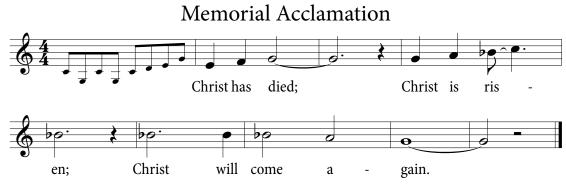
The Lord be with you. **And also with you.** Lift up your hearts. **We lift them to the Lord.** Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

PROPER PREFACE

It is indeed right, our duty and our joy ... we praise your name and join their unending hymn:



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.**

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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.



now and forever. Amen.

INVITATION TO HOLY COMMUNION

All are welcome at this meal.

God feeds us with tender mercy. Come to the table where all are welcome.

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 liturgical 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, we thank you for the gift of life, for the bread of salvation. We thank you for coming among us, for leading us into peace. We thank you for showering us with mercy, for sending us into the world. Come, Lord Jesus, and go with us as we feed the hungry in your name. Amen.

SENDING BLESSING

Dios todopoderoso, Creador, + Redentor, y Sabadurío Santo, los bendiga ahora y siempre. Amén.

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

SENDING HYMN

Charles Wesley first published this hymn in a 1747 pamphlet with the title "Hymns for those that seek and those that have Redemption in the Blood of Jesus Christ." Many believe his inspiration for these words stemmed from the poems of Dryden or Joseph Addison. Charles Wesley was born in Epworth, England, and was educated for the Anglican priesthood. He was ordained in 1735 and assisted his brother John in spreading the doctrines of the Oxford Methodists. Charles never renounced his Anglican ordination vows, however. Rowland Hugh Prichard composed HYFRYDOL before the age of 20. It came into use with English hymns when it appeared in The English Hymnal (1906). Prichard felt strongly about the music used during worship and often wrote tunes to replace those he viewed as inappropriate. His tunes were easy to sing but conveyed a sense of power and majesty. Most were first published in Welsh periodicals.



DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Prepare the way for Emmanuel. **Thanks be to God.**

ALL ARE WELCOME



IN THIS PLACE

THE LIFE OF THE CHURCH

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ANNOUNCEMENTS AND WEEKLY eNEWS

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 box above to subscribe and to read past issues.

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

Zoom "doors" open at 10 a.m.

Phone-in # **1-253-215-8782** Meeting ID **865 1710 7296** Password **299944**

KING'S KINDNESS AND JUST COMPASSION

King's Kindness Food Pantry continues to serve our hungry neighbors on Thursday afternoons. Shelf-stable foods and personal hygiene products are always needed. Leave them in the barrel in front of the office doors or in the shelves in the office hallway.

For **Just Compassion**, we continue to collect men's belts (any size) and new, packaged underwear. In addition, we collect quarters for their laundry days. Thank you for your generosity.

PRAYER REQUESTS

We continue to pray for one another. 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 Contact Us tab.

ADVENT AND CHRISTMAS WORSHIP

Advent worship every Sunday, 10:30 a.m. English; 5 p.m. español. Virgen de Guadalupe celebración, 15 de diciembre, 5 p.m.

Christmas Eve worship 5 p.m. English; 7 p.m. español

Christmas Day worship 10:30 a.m. English only

GIVING

A reminder: All charitable donations must be received in the church office by December 31 for inclusion in your 2024 giving statement. The church is blessed by your generosity so that we can continue to do ministry in the community.

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 our thirdparty giving platform, Vanco, by visiting our website tigardlutherans.com 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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