



# THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT

DECEMBER 15, 2024

**CHRIST THE KING**  
LUTHERAN CHURCH  

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## **Sunday, December 15, 2024 • Third Sunday of Advent**

*Christ's presence in our midst in the wonder of the holy supper is cause for singing. The nearness of the God in prayer, in every circumstance, is cause for rejoicing. The coming of one "more powerful" than John, even with a winnowing fork in hand, is good news—and cause for exultation—for us who are being saved. Great joy is the tone for the third Sunday of Advent.*

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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*

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### **INVOCATION**

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

In the name of God, Creator, † Redeemer, and Holy Wisdom.

**Amen.**

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### **CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS**

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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.**

*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.*

Ruth C. Duck translated Psalm 98 from the original Hebrew for a class in which she was learning that ancient biblical language; she later adapted the psalm in a metrical paraphrase. The text spoke to her of hope in God's justice. Ruth Duck is an ordained minister of the United Church of Christ, and she served on the hymnal committee for the Disciples of Christ's Chalice Hymnal (1995). Thomas Haweis wrote the tune RICHMOND in 1792. It was named for a friend, Leigh Richmond, who was rector at Bedfordshire Chapel in Bath, England. Haweis served as chaplain to Selina, Countess of Huntingdon, who owned the chapel. Haweis served churches in Oxford and Aldwinkle, Northamptonshire, England, before becoming manager of Countess Selina's chapels.

## GATHERING HYMN

### To God Compose a Song of Joy

1. To God com- pose a song of joy; to God make  
 2. Be - fore the na - tions God re - veals a just and  
 3. In ev - ery cor - ner of the earth, God comes to  
 4. With trum - pet, with the sound of horns, with strings, yes,  
 5. Let seas in all their full - ness roar; sing, peo - ple  
 6. The God of jus - tice comes to save; let earth make

mel - o - dy, whose arm of strength does  
 righ - teous will, re - mem - ber - ing in  
 save and free; break forth with shouts of  
 with the lyre, with voic - es praise the  
 of all lands; let moun - tains join and  
 mel - o - dy; for God will judge with

won - drous things, whose hand brings vic - to - ry!  
 faith - ful love the house of Is - ra - el.  
 ho - ly joy; all lands, make mel - o - dy.  
 sov - ereign God, a lust - y, joy - ous choir.  
 sing for joy; let riv - ers clap their hands.  
 righ - teous - ness and rule with eq - ui - ty.

## APOSTOLIC GREETING

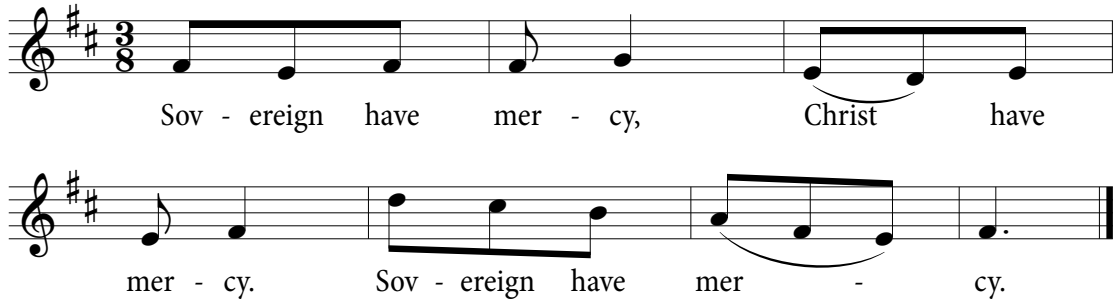
The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.  
**And also with you.**

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## KYRIE

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CANTOR, THEN ALL



Sov - ereign have mer - cy, Christ have  
mer - cy. Sov - ereign have mer - cy.

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## PRAYER OF THE DAY

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Let us pray.

Stir up the wills of your faithful people, Lord God, and open our ears to the preaching of John, that, rejoicing in your salvation, we may bring forth the fruits of repentance; through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**Amen.**

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## LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT WREATH

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Blessed are you, God of might and majesty, for you promise to make the desert rejoice and blossom, to watch over the strangers, and to set the prisoners free.

As we light these candles, satisfy our hunger with your good gifts, open our eyes to the great things you have done for us, and fill us with patience until the coming of the Lord Jesus.

O ransomed people of the Lord, come,

**let us travel on God's holy way and enter into Zion with singing. Amen.**

## Word

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## READING

ZEPHANIAH 3:14-20

A reading from the prophet Zephaniah, the third chapter.

Sing aloud, O daughter Zion; shout, O Israel! Rejoice and exult with all your heart, O daughter Jerusalem! The Lord has taken away the judgments against you; he has turned away your enemies. The king of Israel, the Lord, is in your midst; you shall fear disaster no more.

On that day it shall be said to Jerusalem: "Do not fear, O Zion; do not let your hands grow weak. The Lord, your God, is in your midst, a warrior who gives victory; he will rejoice over you with gladness; he will renew you in his love; he will exult over you with loud singing as on a day of festival."

I will remove disaster from you, so that you will not bear reproach for it. I will deal with all your oppressors at that time. And I will save the lame and gather the outcast,

*A brief silence is kept before the prayer.*

*The Advent wreath reminds 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.*

*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.*

and I will change their shame into praise and renown in all the earth. At that time I will bring you home, at the time when I gather you; for I will make you renowned and praised among all the peoples of the earth, when I restore your fortunes before your eyes, says the Lord.

Word of God. Word of life.

**Thanks be to God.**

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### CANTICLE NINE

ISAIAH 12:2-6

A response to Zephaniah from the prophet Isaiah, the twelfth chapter.

Surely God is my salvation; I will trust and will not be afraid, for the Lord is my strength and my might; he has become my salvation."

**With joy you will draw water from the wells of salvation. And you will say on that day: "Give thanks to the Lord; call on his name; make known his deeds among the nations; proclaim that his name is exalted.**

Sing praises to the Lord, for he has done gloriously; let this be known in all the earth.

**Shout aloud and sing for joy, O royal Zion, for great in your midst is the Holy One of Israel."**

Word of God. Word of life.

**Thanks be to God.**

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### READING

PHILIPPIANS 4:4-7

A reading from the letter of Paul to the Philippians, the fourth chapter.

Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, Rejoice. Let your gentleness be known to everyone. The Lord is near. Do not be anxious about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.

Word of God. Word of life.

**Thanks be to God.**

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### GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

CANTOR, THEN ALL

*Refrain*



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



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

CANTOR The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because he has anointed me to bring glad tidings to the poor. Alleluia.

ALL *Refrain*

*Despite being in prison, Paul is remarkably upbeat as he writes this letter. Here, he urges his friends in Philippi to trust God with all their worries and concerns with the hope that they will experience God's joy and peace.*

*The assembly stands to greet the Holy Gospel.*

*John the Baptist heralds the mighty one who is coming. John teaches that preparation for God's reign is not a matter of identity but of bearing fruits of merciful justice, radical generosity, and vocational integrity.*

*El Santo Evangelio según Lucas, capítulo tres.*

The Holy Gospel according to Luke, the third chapter.

**Gloria to you, O Lord. (¡Gloria a ti, oh Señor!)**

John said to the crowds coming out to be baptized by him, "You brood of vipers! Who warned you to flee from the coming wrath? Therefore, bear fruits worthy of repentance, and do not begin to say to yourselves, 'We have Abraham as our ancestor,' for I tell you, God is able from these stones to raise up children to Abraham. Even now the ax is lying at the root of the trees; therefore every tree that does not bear good fruit will be cut down and thrown into the fire."

And the crowds asked him, "What, then, should we do?" In reply he said to them, "Whoever has two coats must share with anyone who has none, and whoever has food must do likewise." Even tax collectors came to be baptized, and they asked him, "Teacher, what should we do?" He said to them, "Collect no more than the amount prescribed for you." Soldiers also asked him, "And we, what should we do?" He said to them, "Do not extort money from anyone by threats or false accusation, and be satisfied with your wages."

As the people were filled with expectation and all were questioning in their hearts concerning John, whether he might be the Messiah, John answered all of them by saying, "I baptize you with water, but one who is more powerful than I is coming; I am not worthy to untie the strap of his sandals. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire. His winnowing fork is in his hand to clear his threshing floor and to gather the wheat into his granary, but the chaff he will burn with unquenchable fire."

So with many other exhortations he proclaimed the good news to the people.

*El Evangelio del Salvador.*

The Gospel of the Savior.

**And also with you. (Y también contigo.)**

*The assembly is seated.*

HYMN OF THE DAY

The Baptist Shouts on Jordan's Shore

The assembly stands.

Charles Coffin wrote this text in Latin for the Paris Breviary, published in 1736. All six of the original stanzas are provided here in a new translation. Coffin served as rector at the University of Paris and later as principal of the College at Beauvais. He is one of only a few French poets and Roman Catholic clerics whose hymns have been used in English Protestant churches. This is perhaps the most widely sung of his more than 100 hymns. The tune PUER NOBIS NASCITUR was adapted to this form by Michael Praetorius in a 1609 collection of Protestant choral music.

1. The Bap - tist shouts on Jor - dan's shore, the earth shakes  
 2. The earth and sky and sea now feel that which their  
 3. Clean up your hearts, lay down the way, for God ap -  
 4. Through you, O Je - sus, you a - lone sal - va - tion,  
 5. Your hands ex - tend, our pain em - brace, lift up the  
 6. O One who comes to set us free, O Child, to

with the might - y roar, a - wake, let laz - y  
 Au - thor will re - veal: the Child now leap - ing  
 proach - es day by day; pre - pare for such a  
 sol - ace, strength are known; with - out your love we  
 pros - trate, show your face; though we in part your  
 you our song shall be, with Fa - ther, Spir - it

sleep now flee: be - hold, the voice of proh - e - cy!  
 in the womb as God does hu - man form as - sume.  
 wor - thy heir, for such a guest your house pre - pare.  
 fade like grass, like wilt - ed flowers our lives will pass.  
 beau - ty know, O blos - som forth, your splen - dor show.  
 moth - er - ing, to you shall praise for - ev - er ring!

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## APOSTLES' CREED

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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.**

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## PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

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*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.*

God who reforms, fill your church with courage to do your will. Empower your people in taking risks that bear fruit. Raise up leaders who will proclaim the good news.

Lord, in your mercy,

**Receive our prayer.**

God who creates, you hold in balance diverse ecosystems. Encourage efforts to protect wild lands from devastation. Care for animals and people in the path of destructive fires, storms, and other disasters. Lord, in your mercy,

**Receive our prayer.**

God who leads, this world cries out for true justice. Guide legislatures, judges, and lawyers in actions steeped in love and restoration. Increase the desire to advocate for all who are confronted with discrimination and oppression based on race, gender, sexuality, class, or age. Lord, in your mercy,

**Receive our prayer.**

God who embraces, help us notice the places where your people are hurting or sick. We pray especially for Jonathan, Del and Suzanne, Jean, Amy, Myrna and Jerry, Sandy, Betty, Don, Gaynelle, and Gene and Pam. Show your compassion and remember your people in love. Lord, in your mercy,

**Receive our prayer.**

God who abides, you dwell among the people of this congregation. Deepen our relationships with one another, and make us aware of the diverse talents and gifts present here. Lord, in your mercy,

**Receive our prayer.**

*Here other intercessions may be offered.*

For what else do the people of God pray?

God who consoles, we thank you for the time we have had with loved ones who have died. Comfort us with the promise of everlasting life in you. Lord, in your mercy,

**Receive our prayer.**

*The presiding minister concludes the prayers.*

Savior of the nations, come. Receive these prayers and the pleas of our hearts, in the name of Jesus Christ.

**Amen.**



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## PASSING THE PEACE

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*La paz del Señor sea siempre con ustedes.*

The peace of the Lord be with you always.

**And also with you. (Y también contigo.)**

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*The assembly is seated.*

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## WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

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### Meal

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## PREPARE OUR TITHES AND OFFERINGS AND OUR TABLES

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## OFFERTORY HYMN

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### God Almighty, We Are Waiting



1. God Al - might - y, we are wait - ing for a sav - ior  
2. God In - car - nate, we are wait - ing for the feast day



to ap - pear. Meet us in our des - ert jour - ney;  
of your birth. Look - ing back and look - ing for - ward



give a sign that you are near: burn - ing bush - es,  
to the Christ's re - turn to earth. Help us to pro -



part - ed wa - ters, food a - plen - ty in the wild.  
claim the gos - pel, till the world is rec - on - ciled.



As we look for signs and won - ders, help us see you in a child.  
Help each one of us, your peo - ple, to re - ceive you like a child.

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## OFFERING PRAYER

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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 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. 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 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, Holy

Ho - ly, Ho - ly,  
Ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might. Heav - en and  
earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na. Ho -  
san - na in the high - est. Blest is he,  
blest is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho -  
san - na. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

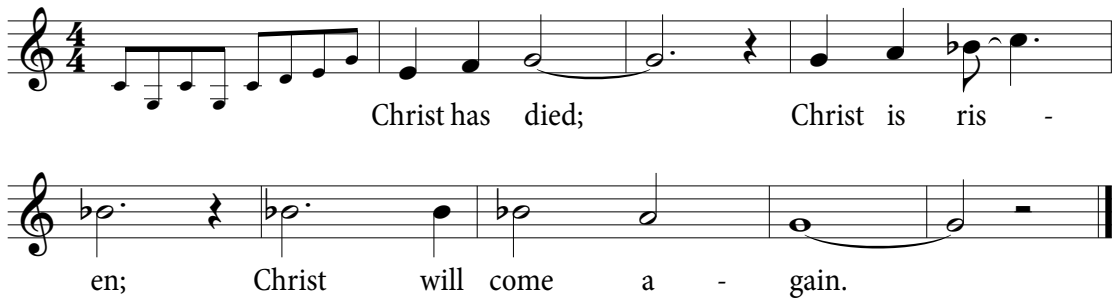
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## EUCHARISTIC PRAYER

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

### Memorial Acclamation



Christ has died; Christ is ris -  
en; Christ will come a - gain.

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.

### Great Amen



A - men, A - men,  
A - - - - men.

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## THE LORD'S PRAYER

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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.**

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## INVITATION TO HOLY COMMUNION

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

*All are welcome at this meal.*

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## COMMUNION BLESSING

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*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.**

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## POST-COMMUNION CANTICLE

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### All Earth Is Hopeful



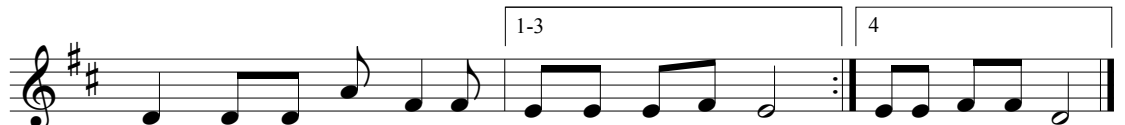
1. All earth is hope-ful, the Sav - ior comes at last!
2. God's ho - ly peo - ple, you heard the proph - et tell:
3. Moun - tains and val - leys will have to be made plain;
4. We first saw Je - sus a ba - by in a crib.



Fur - rows lie o - pen for God's cre - a - tive task: this, the  
"A vir - gin moth - er will bear Em - man - u - el": she con -  
o - pen new high - ways, new high - ways for our God, who is  
This same Lord Je - sus to - day has come to live in our



la - bor of peo - ple who strug - gle to see how  
ceived him, "God with us," our broth - er, whose birth re -  
now com - ing clo - ser, so come all and see, and  
world; he is pres - ent, in neigh - bors we see our



God's truth and jus - tice set ev - ery - bod - y free.  
stores hope and cour - age to chil - dren of this earth.  
o - pen the door - ways as wide as wide can be.  
Je - sus is with us, and ev - er sets us free.

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## PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

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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.**

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## SENDING BLESSING

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*Dios todopoderoso, Creador, † Redentor, y Sabaduría Santo, los bendiga ahora y siempre. Amén.*

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

Marty Haugen used the imagery of various chapters from the books of Isaiah and Matthew for this Advent hymn, written in 1983. Haugen wanted to provide these traditional texts for the Advent season in a format that was easy for church congregations to sing. He composed this tune for his own text, calling it REJOICE, REJOICE, from the opening words of the last stanza.

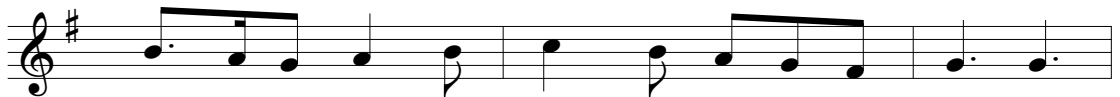
## Awake! Awake, and Greet the New Morn



1. A - wake! A - wake, and greet the new morn, for  
 2. To us, to all in sor - row and fear, Em -  
 3. In dark - est night his com - ing shall be, when  
 4. Re - joice, re - joice, take heart in the night, though



an - gels her - ald its dawn - ing. Sing out your joy, for  
 man - u - el comes a - sing - ing, his hum - ble song is  
 all the world is de - spair - ing, as morn - ing light so  
 dark the win - ter and cheer - less, the ris - ing sun shall



soon he is born, be - hold! the Child of our long - ing.  
 qui - et and near, yet fills the earth with its ring - ing;  
 qui - et and free, so warm and gen - tle and car - ing.  
 crown you with light, be strong and lov - ing and fear - less;



Come as a ba - by weak and poor, to bring all hearts to -  
 mu - sic to heal the bro - ken soul and hymns of lov - ing -  
 Then shall the mute break forth in song, the lame shall leap in  
 Love be our song and love our prayer and love our end - less



geth - er, he o pens wide the heav'n - ly door, and  
 kind - ness, the thun - der of his an - thems roll to  
 won - der, the weak be raised a - bove the strong, and  
 sto - ry; may God fill ev - 'ry day we share, and



lives now in - side us for ev - er.  
 shat - ter all ha - tred and blind - ness.  
 weap - ons are bro - ken a - sun - der.  
 bring us at last in - to glo - ry.

## 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.

### 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 third-party giving platform, Vanco, by visiting our website [tigardlutherans.com](http://tigardlutherans.com) and clicking on the **Donate** tab.
- Scan the QR code (right) with your mobile device to go directly to our giving page.



# Christmas Services

## SERVICIOS DE NAVIDAD

**Christmas Eve**

5 p.m.

English

**Nochebuena**

7 p.m.

en español

**Christmas Day**

10:30 a.m.

English

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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

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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.

Creando 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.

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