



FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT

DECEMBER 22, 2024

CHRIST THE KING
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Sunday, December 22, 2024 • Fourth Sunday of Advent

Cradle and cross are inextricably connected on the fourth Sunday of Advent. Between a lovely tribute to the little town of Bethlehem and Mary's magnificent song of praise, the letter to the Hebrews reminds us in no uncertain terms that Christ's advent is for "the offering of the body of Jesus Christ once for all." It is the kind of tension in which the church always lives as when in holy communion—with high delight—"we proclaim the Lord's death."

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

*The assembly stands.
All may make the sign of
the cross, the sign that is
marked at baptism, as the
presiding minister begins.*

INVOCATION

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.

Silence is kept for reflection.

Jane Parker Huber wrote this thought-provoking text in 1986. Huber emphasized peacemaking, justice, and inclusiveness in her ministry and her hymn texts. She was an active Presbyterian and served on several committees and councils of the Presbyterian Church (USA), including the General Assembly Council and the Committee for a New Hymnbook. This traditional English melody was expanded and arranged by Arthur S. Sullivan for use with the Christmas hymn "It Came upon the Midnight Clear." The tune NOEL is still the primary one sung with that text in England. Sullivan is better remembered for the operas he created in collaboration with W.S. Gilbert, although he did compose a number of hymn tunes and edited The Hymnary (1872) and Church Hymns with Tunes (1874).

GATHERING HYMN

For Ages Women Hoped and Prayed



1. For ag - es wom - en hoped and prayed to bear the a - noint - ed One,
 2. Young Ma - ry did not think to hope for mir - a - cles of birth,
 3. Our hearts re - joice as Ma - ry's song be - comes our hymn of praise.



both Is - rael's Sav - ior and the world's, the new day's shin - ing sun.
 and God chose her to be the one to make Christ's home on earth.
 For Christ has come, Em - man - u - el, to claim our years and days.



Did they not know? Did they not guess what pain would then be theirs,
 So Ma - ry sang her heart - felt praise of God who sets things straight;
 Both pres - ent now and com - ing still, ac - com - plished fact and dream,



if God's a - noint - ed graced their home in an - swer to their prayers?
 the might - y fall, the weak are raised, the hun - gry fill their plate.
 we join the song that Ma - ry sings, an earth - ly, heaven - ly theme.

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.

KYRIE

CANTOR, THEN ALL



Sov - ereign have mer - cy, Christ have



mer - cy. Sov - ereign have mer - cy.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray.

Stir up your power, Lord Christ, and come. With your abundant grace and might, free us from the sin that binds us, that we may receive you in joy and serve you always, for you live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT WREATH

Blessed are you, God of hosts, for you promised to send a son, Emmanuel, who brought your presence among us; and you promise through your Son Jesus to save us from our sin.

As we light these candles, turn again to us in mercy; strengthen our faith in the word spoken by your prophets; restore us and give us life that we may be saved.

O house of David, come,

let us rejoice, for the Son of God, Emmanuel, comes to be with us. Amen.

Word

READING

LUKE 1:26-38

A reading from Luke: the birth of Jesus foretold.

In the sixth month the angel Gabriel was sent by God to a town in Galilee called Nazareth, to a virgin engaged to a man whose name was Joseph, of the house of David. The virgin's name was Mary. And he came to her and said, "Greetings, favored one! The Lord is with you." But she was much perplexed by his words and pondered what sort of greeting this might be. The angel said to her, "Do not be afraid, Mary, for you have found favor with God. And now, you will conceive in your womb and bear a son, and you will name him Jesus. He will be great and will be called the Son of the Most High, and the Lord God will give to him the throne of his ancestor David. He will reign over the house of Jacob forever, and of his kingdom there will be no end." Mary said to the angel, "How can this be, since I am a virgin?" The angel said to her, "The Holy Spirit will come upon you, and the power of the Most High will overshadow you; therefore the child to be born will be holy; he will be called Son of God. And now, your relative Elizabeth in her old age has also conceived a son, and this is the sixth month for her who was said to be barren. For nothing will be impossible with God." Then Mary said, "Here am I, the servant of the Lord; let it be with me according to your word." Then the angel departed from her.

Here ends the reading.

*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.

*In this annunciation, Luke
makes clear that God
comes with good news for
ordinary people from little
known places. This king
will not be born to royalty
in a palace, but to common
folk in a stall. Here Luke
highlights the role of the
Spirit, a special emphasis
in this gospel.*

Elizabeth, John's mother, and Mary, the mother of Jesus, are two women filled with the Holy Spirit and with faith. In Elizabeth's inspired greeting we hear joy and wonder at these miraculous pregnancies.

A reading from Luke: Mary visits Elizabeth.

In those days Mary set out and went with haste to a Judean town in the hill country, where she entered the house of Zechariah and greeted Elizabeth. When Elizabeth heard Mary's greeting, the child leaped in her womb. And Elizabeth was filled with the Holy Spirit and exclaimed with a loud cry, "Blessed are you among women, and blessed is the fruit of your womb. And why has this happened to me, that the mother of my Lord comes to me? For as soon as I heard the sound of your greeting, the child in my womb leaped for joy. And blessed is she who believed that there would be a fulfillment of what was spoken to her by the Lord."

Here ends the reading.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

The assembly stands to greet the Holy Gospel.

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 Behold, I am the handmaid, I am the handmaid of the Lord. May it be done to me according to your word. Alleluia.

ALL **Refrain**

HOLY GOSPEL

In Mary's song of praise we hear of a saving God who remembers, scatters, lifts up, and fulfills all things.

El Santo Evangelio según Lucas, la canción de María.

The Holy Gospel according to Luke: Mary's song.

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

And Mary said, "My soul magnifies the Lord, and my spirit rejoices in God my Savior, for he has looked with favor on the lowly state of his servant. Surely from now on all generations will call me blessed, for the Mighty One has done great things for me, and holy is his name; indeed, his mercy is for those who fear him from generation to generation. He has shown strength with his arm; he has scattered the proud in the imagination of their hearts. He has brought down the powerful from their thrones and lifted up the lowly; he has filled the hungry with good things and sent the rich away empty. He has come to the aid of his child Israel, in remembrance of his mercy, according to the promise he made to our ancestors, to Abraham and to his descendants forever."

And Mary remained with her about three months and then returned to her home.

El Evangelio del Salvador.

The Gospel of the Savior.

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

The assembly is seated.

HYMN OF THE DAY

ELW 258

The assembly stands.

"Unexpected and Mysterious" was written by Jeannette M. Lindholm in 1996. She wrote this about it: The hymn emphasizes God's love, compassion, and grace made known in incarnation—God's becoming human, Mary's bearing the Christ, Elizabeth's embodying God's compassion in her affirmation of Gabriel's words to Mary, and our living out our own call to embody God's compassion and healing. The hymn also reflects my desire to write hymns that include women and use non-patriarchal language and imagery for God. This tune by Calvin Hampton flows in a most "unexpected and mysterious" way, as if it had been written for this text. Actually the reverse is true. The author of this text wrote it for the tune, which was originally used with "There's a Wideness in God's Mercy" in The Calvin Hampton Hymnary (1980). Hampton was an immensely talented organist and composer. After teaching organ at Salem College School for the Arts in Winston-Salem, North Carolina, in 1963 he went to New York City as director of music at Calvary Church.

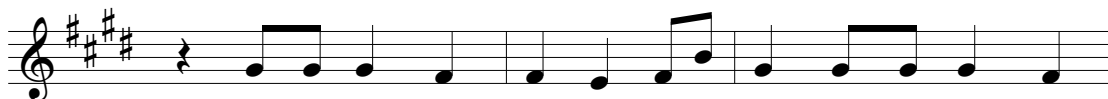
Unexpected and Mysterious



1. Un - ex - pect - ed
2. In a mo - men -
3. We are called to



and mys - te - ri - ous is the gen - tle word of grace.
tar - y meet - ing of e - ter - ni - ty and time,
pon - der mys - tery and a - wait the com - ing Christ,



Ev - er - lov - ing and sus - tain - ing is the peace of
Mar - y learned that she would car - ry both the mor - tal
to em - bod - y God's com - pas - sion for each frag - ile



God's em - brace. If we fal - ter in our cour - age
and di - vine. Then she learned of God's com - pas - sion,
hu - man life. God is with us in our long - ing



and we doubt what we have known. God is faith - ful
of E - liz - a - beth's great joy, and she ran to
to bring heal - ing to the earth, while we watch with



to con - sole us as a moth - er tends her own.
greet the wom - an who would rec - og - nize her boy.
joy and won - der for the prom - ised Sav - ior's birth.

APOSTLES' CREED

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.

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 our uniter, increase communication and cooperation in our relationships with those of other traditions and religions. Root your church in the radical message of your incarnation, and enable us to pursue your justice in the world. Lord, in your mercy,

Receive our prayer.

God our creator, we praise you for the beauty that surrounds us. Awaken in us a renewed sense of care for the wildlife in our communities. Form us into faithful stewards of what you have made. Lord, in your mercy,

Receive our prayer.

God our sovereign, Mary proclaims a new way of life that lifts up the lowly and fills the hungry with good things. Nurture in local governments and municipalities a desire to care for all who are overlooked and ignored. Lord, in your mercy,

Receive our prayer.

God our beacon, as the northern hemisphere begins its slow turn toward more daylight, remind us that even in the deepest nights, you are there. Comfort the lonely and bereaved. Hold closely the frightened, anxious, depressed, and ill, especially Gene and Pam, Jonathan, Del and Suzanne, Jean, Amy, Myrna and Jerry, Sandy, Betty, Don, and Gaynelle. Lord, in your mercy,

Receive our prayer.

God our guide, shepherd the leadership of this congregation. Bless the council and staff in discerning future ministry and open their hearts to the voices of the community. Lord, in your mercy,

Receive our prayer.

Here other intercessions may be offered.

For what else do the people of God pray?

God our life, you remember the promises you have made to your people. In gratitude for those who have died, we praise you for your faithfulness throughout history. 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.

The assembly is seated.

PASSING THE PEACE

La paz del Señor sea siempre con ustedes.

The peace of the Lord be with you always.

And also with you. (Y también contigo.)

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Meal

PREPARE OUR TITHES AND OFFERINGS AND OUR TABLES

OFFERTORY HYMN

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.

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 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:

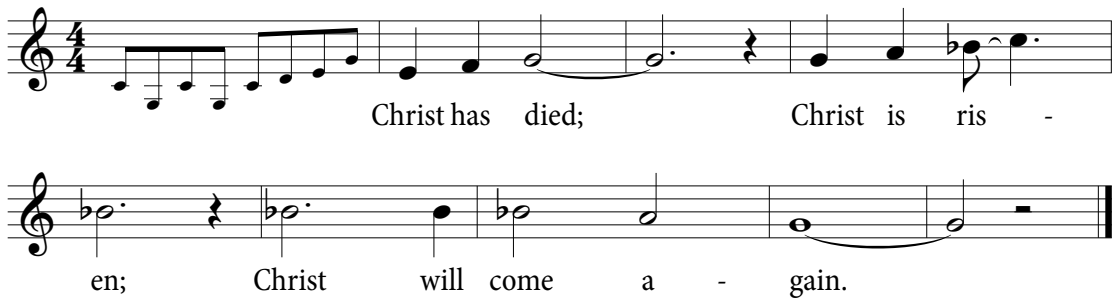
Holy, Holy

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.

EUCHARISTIC PRAYER

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.

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

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

All are welcome at this meal.

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.

All Earth Is Hopeful



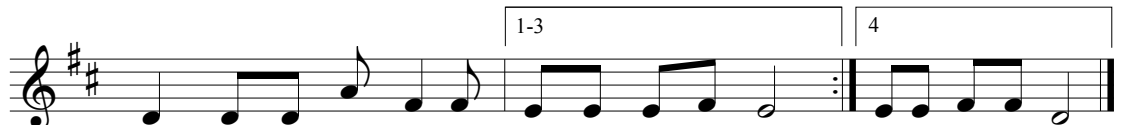
1. All earth is hope-ful, the Sav-ior comes at last!
2. God's ho-ly peo-ple, you heard the proph-et tell:
3. Moun-tains and val-leys will have to be made plain;
4. We first saw Je-sus a ba-by in a crib.



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.

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 Sabaduría Santo, los bendiga ahora y siempre. Amén.

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

This paraphrase of the Magnificat by Rory Cooney has a wild flair about it that cries out the radical nature of this canticle. "Let the king beware," for justice will ultimately bring down every tyrant. Cooney says he "simply wanted to write a setting of the canticle that attempted to capture the revolutionary spirit of the gospel, of a God who 'pulls down the mighty from their thrones and raises up the lowly.'" Rory Cooney has been Director of Liturgy and Music Ministries at St. Anne Catholic Community in Barrington, Illinois, since 1994. His published compositions span a career of songwriting that began in the early 1970s. This tune, called STAR OF COUNTY DOWN, is the Irish version of KINGSFOLD. Here is what Cooney says about his choice of this tune: As a Catholic musician, I wanted to have the music be accessible to assembly singing and ensemble playing. Irish folk music, with its narrative milieu of longing for freedom and a sort of "bloom where you're planted" *joie de vivre* in the midst of penury and oppression, seemed to me to be a natural fit. STAR OF COUNTY DOWN, as far as I know, is a quasi-nationalistic song whose lyrics are about a plot to win over a beautiful girl. The tune is rhythmic and well-known, though, and sung by crowds at rugby matches and the like, so fit the bill for my needs.

Canticle of the Turning



1. My soul cries out with a joy - ful shout that the
 2. Though I am small, my God, my all, you
 3. From the halls of power to the for - tress tower, not a
 4. Though the na - tions rage from age to age, we re -



God of my heart is great, And my spir - it sings of the
 work great things in me, And your mer - cy will last from the
 stone will be left on stone. Let the king be - ware for your
 mem - ber who holds us fast: God's mer - cy must de -



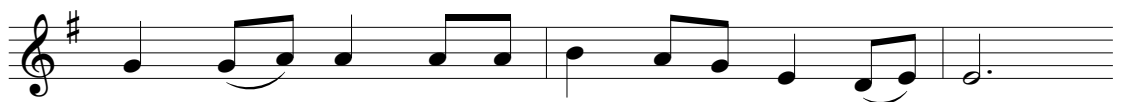
won - drous things that you bring to the ones who wait.
 depths of the past to the end of the age to be.
 jus - tice tears ev - 'ry ty - rant from his throne.
 liv - er us from the con - quer-or's crush - ing grasp.



You fixed your sight on your ser - vant's plight, and my
 Your ver - y name puts the proud to shame, and to
 The hun - gry poor shall weep no more, for the
 This sav - ing word that our fore - bears heard is the



weak - ness you did not spurn, So from east to west shall my
 those who would for you yearn, You will show your might, put the
 food they can nev - er earn; There are ta - bles spread, ev - 'ry
 prom - ise which holds us bound, 'Til the spear and rod can be



name be blest. Could the world be a - bout to turn?
 strong to flight, for the world is a - bout to turn.
 mouth be fed, for the world is a - bout to turn.
 crushed by God, who is turn - ing the world a - round.



My heart shall sing of the day you bring. Let the fires of your jus-tice burn.



Wipe a - way all tears, for the dawn draws near, and the world is a - bout to turn!

DISMISSAL

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

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 concludes Sunday, December 22, 10:30 a.m. English; 5 p.m. español.

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 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

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.

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.

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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