

# **ASCENSION SUNDAY**

JUNE 1, 2025



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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 www.tigardlutherans.com/connect

### Sunday, June 1, 2025 • Ascension Sunday

In today's readings the risen Christ ascends into heaven and his followers are assured that the Spirit will empower them to be witnesses throughout the earth. The disciples are told to not gaze up into heaven to look for Jesus (Acts 1:11); we find his presence among us as we proclaim the word and share the Easter feast. We too long for the Spirit to enliven our faith and invigorate our mission.

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**

#### THANKSGIVING FOR BAPTISM

Alleluia! Christ is risen.

#### Christ is risen, indeed. Alleluia!

In the name of  $\oplus$  the One who was, who is, and who is to come.

#### Amen.

Baptized into Christ's death and resurrection, and called to live the baptized life, let us give thanks for the gifts of baptism.

Holy God, we give you thanks for the waters of baptism, waters that make a people your own, that restore to wholeness, and empower us to be witnesses in your name. Baptized into you, O Living One,

#### make us one as you are one.

We give you thanks for the waters of baptism, waters that strengthen believers and give new life to beloved servants of your church; waters that extend your boundless love and cross barriers of our own making. Baptized into you, O Living One,

#### make us one as you are one.

We give you thanks for the waters of baptism, waters that open the hearts of believers and give a voice in the night to those in captivity; waters that set your people on a new path, rejoicing in the Spirit's power. Baptized into you, O Living One, **make us one as you are one.** 

Grant us grace, love, and life, O Living One, that our every day is shaped by these waters that give us our very lives in you. We ask this in the name of Jesus, the Crucified and Risen One.

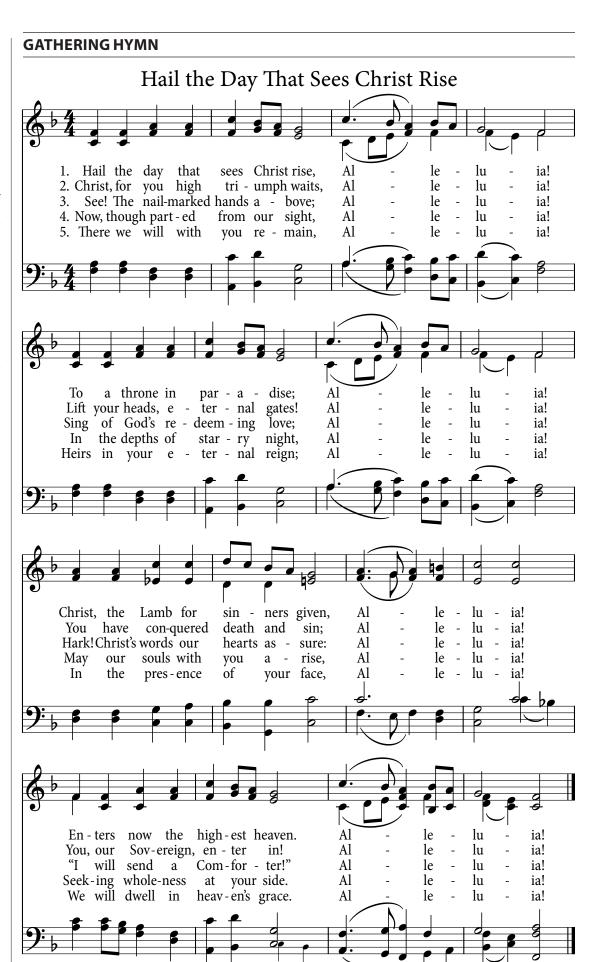
Amen.

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

Water may be poured into the font as the presiding minister continues.

The assembly stands.

Charles Wesley's original 10-stanza text was written for Ascension Day 1739 and had no alleluias; these were added in 1852 by a hymnbook editor, G.C. White. Robert Williams is believed to be the composer of this Welsh tune, called LLANFAIR for the village where Williams was born. Williams was a blind Welsh musician who lived his entire life on the island of Anglesey in North Wales. He worked as a basket weaver but more importantly preserved many folk tunes from his native country. Williams was able to write down a tune after hearing it only once.



#### **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.

#### **CANTICLE OF PRAISE**



#### PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray.

A brief silence is kept before the prayer.

Almighty God, your only Son was taken into the heavens and in your presence intercedes for us. Receive us and our prayers for all the world, and in the end bring everything into your glory, through Jesus Christ, our Sovereign and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

The assembly is seated.

## **WORD**

**READING** ACTS 1:1-11

A reading from Acts, the first chapter.

Before he is lifted into heaven, Jesus promises that the missionary work of the disciples will spread out from Jerusalem to all the world. His words provide an outline of the book of Acts.

[Luke writes:] In the first book, Theophilus, I wrote about all that Jesus began to do and teach until the day when he was taken up to heaven, after giving instructions through the Holy Spirit to the apostles whom he had chosen. After his suffering he presented himself alive to them by many convincing proofs, appearing to them during forty days and speaking about the kingdom of God. While staying with them, he ordered them not to leave Jerusalem but to wait there for the promise of the Father. "This," he said, "is what you have heard from me; for John baptized with water, but you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit not many days from now."

So when they had come together, they asked him, "Lord, is this the time when you will restore the kingdom to Israel?" He replied, "It is not for you to know the times or periods that the Father has set by his own authority. But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you, and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth." When he had said this, as they were watching, he was lifted up, and a cloud took him out of their sight. While he was going and they were gazing up toward heaven, suddenly two men in white robes stood by them. They said, "Men of Galilee, why do you stand looking up toward heaven? This Jesus, who has been taken up from you into heaven, will come in the same way as you saw him go into heaven."

Word of God. Word of life.

Thanks be to God.

The Lord reigns and has put on splendid apparel; the Lord is robed in splendor and girded with strength.

The Lord has made the whole world so sure that it cannot be moved.

Ever since the world began, your throne has been established; you are from everlasting.

The waters have lifted up, O Lord, the waters have lifted up their voice; the waters have lifted up their pounding waves.

Mightier than the sound of many waters, mightier than the breakers of the sea, mightier is the Lord who dwells on high.

Your testimonies are very sure, and holiness adorns your house, O Lord, forever and forevermore.

**READING** EPHESIANS 1:15-23

A reading from the letter of Paul to the Ephesians, the first chapter.

I have heard of your faith in the Lord Jesus and your love toward all the saints, and for this reason I do not cease to give thanks for you as I remember you in my prayers, that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give you a spirit of wisdom and revelation as you come to know him, so that, with the eyes of your heart enlightened, you may perceive what is the hope to which he has called you, what are the riches of his glorious inheritance among the saints, and what is the immeasurable greatness of his power for us who believe, according to the working of his great power. God put this power to work in Christ when he raised him from the dead and seated him at his right hand in the heavenly places, far above all rule and authority and power and dominion and above every name that is named, not only in this age but also in the age to come. And he has put all things under his feet and has made him the head over all things for the church, which is his body, the fullness of him who fills all in all.

Word of God. Word of life.

Thanks be to God.

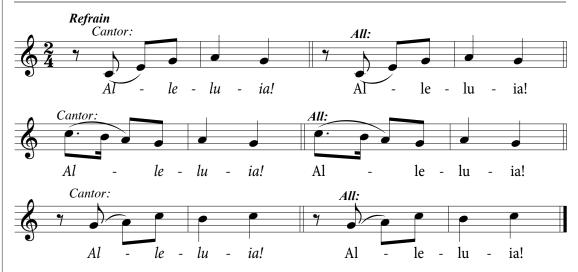
CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

**PASTOR ANNE** 

The risen and exalted Christ reigns over the entire universe. The author of Ephesians prays that we are given the wisdom to know the power of the risen Christ and the empowering hope that the knowledge of this inheritance provides.

The assembly stands to greet the Holy Gospel.

#### **GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**



Cantor: Go and make disciples of all nations, says the Lord; I am with you always, to the end of the age.

All: **Refrain** 

**HOLY GOSPEL** LUKE 24:44-53

The Holy Gospel according to Luke, the twenty-fourth chapter. **Glory to you, O Lord.** 

[Jesus said to the eleven and those with them,] "These are my words that I spoke to you while I was still with you—that everything written about me in the law of Moses, the prophets, and the psalms must be fulfilled."Then he opened their minds to understand the scriptures, and he said to them, "Thus it is written, that the Messiah is to suffer and to rise from the dead on the third day and that repentance and forgiveness of sins is to be proclaimed in his name to all nations, beginning from Jerusalem. You are witnesses of these things. And see, I am sending upon you what my Father promised, so stay here in the city until you have been clothed with power from on high."

Then he led them out as far as Bethany, and, lifting up his hands, he blessed them. While he was blessing them, he withdrew from them and was carried up into heaven. And they worshiped him and returned to Jerusalem with great joy, and they were continually in the temple blessing God.

The Gospel of the Savior.

Praise to you, O Christ.

The assembly is seated.

On the day of his ascension,

Jesus leaves his disciples with

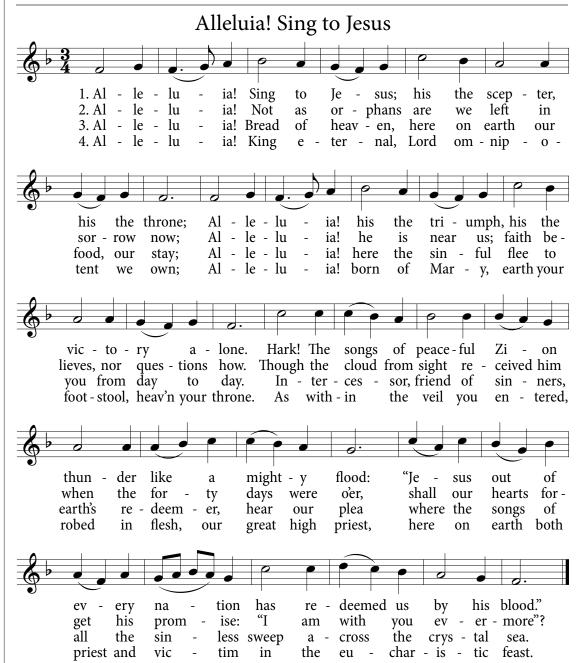
a commission, a blessing, and a promise of the Holy Spirit.

**THE HOMILY** PASTOR ANNE

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The assembly stands.

William Chatterton Dix called this poem "Redemption by the Precious Blood" and intended it to fill the need for communion hymns in the Anglican Church. It is rich in scriptural allusions and is commonly used on Ascension Day. Rowland Hugh Prichard composed HYFRYDOL before the age of 20. It came into use with English hymns when it appeared with this text 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. **HYMN OF THE DAY** ELW 392



#### **NICENE CREED**

With the whole church, let us confess our faith.

We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father; through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven, was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the virgin Mary and became truly human. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets. We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.

#### **PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION**

The lay assistant offers the prayers.

God of resurrection and new life, we come before you in prayer for the church, the world, and all who are in need.

A brief silence.

God of beauty, you have blessed the church with art, poetry, and music. Inspire leaders and congregations to seek more ways to be your creative hands and feet on earth. Hear us, O God.

#### Your mercy is great.

God of abundance, your love can be seen in each plant, each creature, and every landscape. Nurture crops as they develop. Protect new animal life. Restore habitats destroyed by natural disaster or human neglect. Hear us, O God.

#### Your mercy is great.

God of the nations, you are enthroned above all. Bring an end to divisions that break down the human family. Enable cooperation between governments and international organizations to pursue peace and equity. Hear us, O God.

#### Your mercy is great.

God of compassion, you console all who are hurting. Help us recognize the hurts of grief, loneliness, broken relationships, and trauma. Guide us to care for one another, especially Travis, Gaynelle, Kole, Del, Jean, Sandy, Don, Betty, and Myrna. Hear us, O God.

#### Your mercy is great.

God of change, you promised to be with your disciples as they faced an unknown future. Amid all life's transitions, especially graducations, commencements, and weddings, sustain your people with your presence and love. Hear us, O God.

#### Your mercy is great.

Here other intercessions may be offered.

For what else do the people of God pray?

God of life, we give you thanks for the lives and examples of our beloved siblings in Christ. Nourish and deepen our shared faith in your promises. Hear us, O God.

#### Your mercy is great.

The presiding minister concludes the prayers.

We commend these and all our prayers to you, O God, trusting that you are always with us; in the name of Jesus Christ, our risen Savior.

#### Amen.

#### **PASSING THE PEACE**

The peace of the Lord be with you always.

#### And also with you.

The assembly is seated.

#### **WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

## MEAL

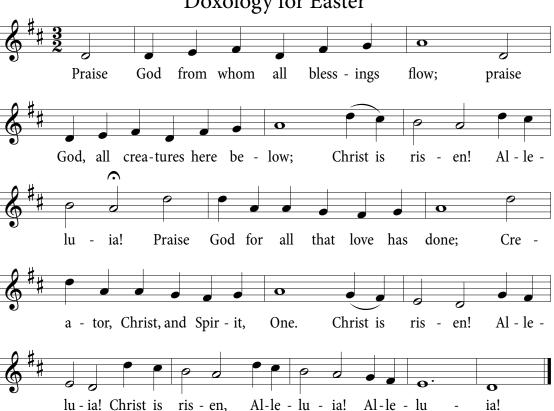
**OFFERTORY HYMN** 

#### PREPARE OUR TITHES AND OFFERINGS AND OUR TABLES

#### The assembly stands.

This is a paraphrase of a text written by Thomas Ken in 1674. He wrote many hymns, but is best known for his morning, evening, and midnight hymns, each ending with this doxology. He was a man of conscience and independent mind who did not shirk from confrontations with royalty. In 1688, he refused to read King James II's Declaration of Indulgence in the churches, which granted greater religious freedom in England, and was briefly imprisoned in the Tower of London. Ken's doxology text is set here to the tune LASST UNS ERFREUEN, with alleluias and resurrection proclamations added. Like many other hymn tunes, LASST UNS ERFREUEN is believed to have its roots in a folk song.

## Doxology for Easter



#### **OFFERING PRAYER**

Let us pray.

Risen One, you have gathered us around your table of grace along with these gifts we bring. Come among us again, breathe your life into us, and enliven us with this meal, that we may live as your risen body in the world. Amen.

#### THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

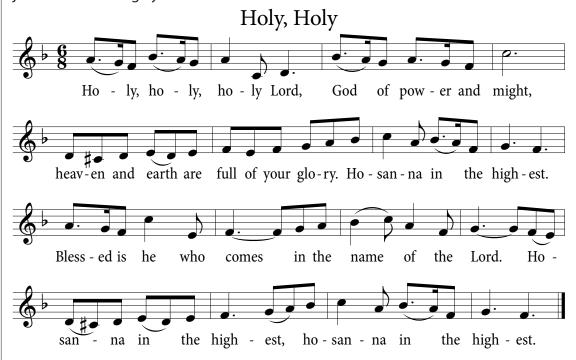
We lift them to the Lord.

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, that we should at all times and in all places give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God, for the glorious resurrection of our Savior Jesus Christ; who, enthroned forever at your right hand, intercedes for us as our great high priest. And so, with Mary Magdalene and Peter and all the witnesses of the resurrection, with earth and sea and all their creatures, and with angels and archangels, cherubim and seraphim, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:



#### **EUCHARISTIC PRAYER**

Blessed are you, O God of the universe. Your mercy is everlasting and your faithfulness endures from age to age.

Praise to you for creating the heavens and the earth. Praise to you for saving the earth from the waters of the flood. Praise to you for bringing the Israelites safely through the sea. Praise to you for leading your people through the wilderness to the land of milk and honey. Praise to you for the words and deeds of Jesus, your anointed one. Praise to you for the death and resurrection of Christ. Praise to you for your Spirit poured out on all nations.

In the night in which he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks; broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying: Take and eat; this is my body, given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me.

Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink, saying: This cup is the new covenant in my blood, shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin. Do this for the remembrance of me.

With this bread and cup we remember our Lord's passover from death to life as we proclaim the mystery of faith:

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

O God of resurrection and new life: Pour out your Holy Spirit on us and on these gifts of bread and wine. Bless this feast. Grace our table with your presence.

#### Come, Holy Spirit.

Reveal yourself to us in the breaking of the bread. Raise us up as the body of Christ for the world. Breathe new life into us. Send us forth, burning with justice, peace, and love.

#### Come, Holy Spirit.

With your holy ones of all times and places, with the earth and all its creatures, with sun and moon and stars, we praise you, O God, blessed and holy Trinity, 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.

Come to the table of grace. Receive the gift of new life.

#### **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.

John of Damascus, an 8th-century monk and poet, wrote the "Golden Canon for Easter," from which this hymn is derived. John Mason Neale translated the entire canon, but the present hymn is only a portion of it, from Ode I. In Greek churches, the hymn traditionally is sung at a midnight service on Easter Eve as worshipers light candles. Henry Thomas Smart composed the tune LANCASHIRE in 1836. It is named for the English county in which Smart served as organist.

#### **POST-COMMUNION CANTICLE**

## The Day of Resurrection



- 1. The day of res ur rec tion! Earth, tell it out a broad;
- 2. Now let the heavens be joy ful! Let earth the song be gin!



the Pass - o - ver of glad - ness, the Pass - o - ver of God. The world re-sound in tri - umph, and all that is there - in;



From death to life e - ter - nal, from sin's do-min-ion free, let all things seen and un - seen their notes of glad-ness blend,



#### PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Let us pray.

Living One, in this feast you have made yourself known to us. Send us now to tell of your wonders, sing of your glory, and proclaim your risen life to a wounded and weary world. Amen.

#### **SENDING BLESSING**

Almighty God, Creator, 

→ Redeemer, and Holy Wisdom, bless you now and forever. **Amen.** 

SENDING HYMN ELW 804

Bianco da Siena (d. 1434) lived in Venice, where he was a member of a reliaious order following the rules of St. Augustine. He wrote these words as part of a 60-line poem that began "Discendi, amor santi" in the people's Latin of the 13th century. Ralph Vaughan Williams wrote the tune DOWN AMPNEY in 1906 for The English Hymnal. The title refers to the composer's birthplace in Gloucestershire, England. It has been praised as "perhaps the most beautiful tune composed since OLD HUNDREDTH."



#### **DISMISSAL**

Alleluia! Christ is risen.

#### Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia!

Go in peace. In Christ you are made new. Alleluia! Alleluia!

Thanks be to God. Alleluia! Alleluia!

#### THE LIFE OF THE CHURCH





#### 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.

## 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

#### **THIS WEEK**

**Thank you to Pastor Anne Miller** who is filling in for Pastor Dorothy today. Pastor Anne comes from the Presbyterian Church (USA) tradition. ELCA and PC(USA) are in full communion partnership. That means we are allowed to exchange pulpits and preside at the table for each other. Please welcome Pastor Anne warmly. And, be sure to ask her about the significance of her vestments.

**Do you or anyone you know** desire to become a member of Christ the King? Please contact Pastor Dorothy. Newmember reception is rescheduled for a Sunday later in June to accommodate travel schedules. There is nothing magical about membership, just the joy of being in community with others who love Jesus.

We continue to collect change and loose bills for the laundry ministry of Just Compassion. Just drop a couple dollars in the plastic "washing machine" on the table in the entry. Or send along an extra amount with your regular gift and mark it clearly for "laundry."

**Grab another blue BottleDrop bag** for your personal use and benefit Christ the King/Cristo Rey. To date you have deposited more the \$500 worth of cans and bottles. Keep up the good work for the environment and for our ministries here. Simply return the filled bag to any BottleDrop location and scan the barcode.

#### **COMMUNITY EDUCATION**

Community Education: (aka Bible Study) continues on Wednesdays at 7 p.m. on Zoom. The focus this week is "What are the objectives of democracy in the United States?" That's a big topic for just one hour. We will work to discern the goals of an evolving constitutional democracy and what role our faith plays in the way we exercise our civic freedoms. The materials are free and posted on the church website along with the Zoom link. Or, contact the office if you'd like a copy mailed to you. Invite a friend! They don't have to be Christ the King members.

#### **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 tigardlutherans.com and clicking on the Donate tab.
- Scan the QR code (right) with your mobile device to go directly to our giving page.

#### CRITICAL NEED FOR BLOOD DONORS

- Every 2 seconds someone in the U.S. needs blood and or platelets.
- Approximately 29,000 units of red blood cells are needed every day in the U.S.
- Nearly 5,000 units of platelets and 6.500 units of plasma are needed daily in the U.S.
- The average red blood cell transfusion is approximately 3 units.
- One donation can help save more than one life.

Please consider donating blood at the Red Cross Blood Drive held here every Friday. Schedule an appointment at redcrossblood.org. Use the find-a-drive code **1TRTiga** to see the schedule here at CTK.



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#### 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, recibios 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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