

THE EPIPHANY AND THE BAPTISM OF OUR LORD JANUARY 7, 2024



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

God's promise shines bright in the night as magi follow a star to honor a new king. Strangers from a faraway land, they welcome the long-awaited messiah of Israel. **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, January 7, 2024 • The Epiphany and The Baptism of Our Lord

The feast of Epiphany ("manifestation") concludes the Christmas season with a celebration of God's glory revealed in the person of Jesus Christ. Like the light of the star that guided the magi to Jesus, the light of Christ reveals who we are: children of God who are claimed and washed in the waters of baptism. Our re-creation in baptism is an image of the Genesis creation, where the Spirit of God moved over the waters. Both Mark's gospel and the story in Acts make clear that it is the Spirit's movement that distinguishes Jesus' baptism from John's. The Spirit has come upon us as upon Jesus and the Ephesians, calling us God's beloved children and setting us on Jesus' mission to re-create the world in the image of God's vision of justice and peace.

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

Bendita sea Dios, Creador, 🕂 Redentor, y Sabadurío Santo.

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

Amen.

THE EPIPHANY GOSPEL

MATTHEW 2:1-12

El Santo Evangelio según Mateo, capítulo dos.

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

In the time of King Herod, after Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea, wise men from the East came to Jerusalem, asking, "Where is the child who has been born king of the Jews? For we observed his star at its rising, and have come to pay him homage." When King Herod heard this, he was frightened, and all Jerusalem with him; and calling together all the chief priests and scribes of the people, he inquired of them where the Messiah was to be born. They told him, "In Bethlehem of Judea; for so it has been written by the prophet: 'And you, Bethlehem, in the land of Judah, are by no means least among the rulers of Judah; for from you shall come a ruler who is to shepherd my people Israel." Then Herod secretly called for the wise men and learned from them the exact time when the star had appeared. Then he sent them to Bethlehem, saying,

"Go and search diligently for the child; and when you have found him, bring me word so that I may also go and pay him homage."

When they had heard the king, they set out; and there, ahead of them, went the star that they had seen at its rising, until it stopped over the place where the child was. When they saw that the star had stopped, they were overwhelmed with joy. On entering the house, they saw the child with Mary his mother; and they knelt down and paid him homage. Then, opening their treasure chests, they offered him gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh. And having been warned in a dream not to return to Herod, they left for their own country by another road.

El Evangelio del Salvador.

The Gospel of the Savior. **Praise to you, O Christ.** (¡Alabanza a ti, oh Cristo!)

THANKSGIVING FOR BAPTISM

Blessed be the holy Trinity, + one God, the fountain of living water, the rock who gave us birth, our light and our salvation. **Amen.**

Joined to Christ in the waters of baptism, we are clothed with God's mercy and forgiveness. Let us give thanks for the gift of baptism.

We give you thanks, O God, for in the beginning your Spirit moved over the waters and by your Word you created the world, calling forth life in which you took delight.

Through the waters of the flood you delivered Noah and his family. Through the sea you led your people Israel from slavery into freedom. At the river your Son was baptized by John and anointed with the Holy Spirit. By water and your Word you claim us as daughters and sons, making us heirs of your promise and servants of all.

We praise you for the gift of water that sustains life, and above all we praise you for the gift of new life in Jesus Christ. Shower us with your Spirit, and renew our lives with your forgiveness, grace, and love.

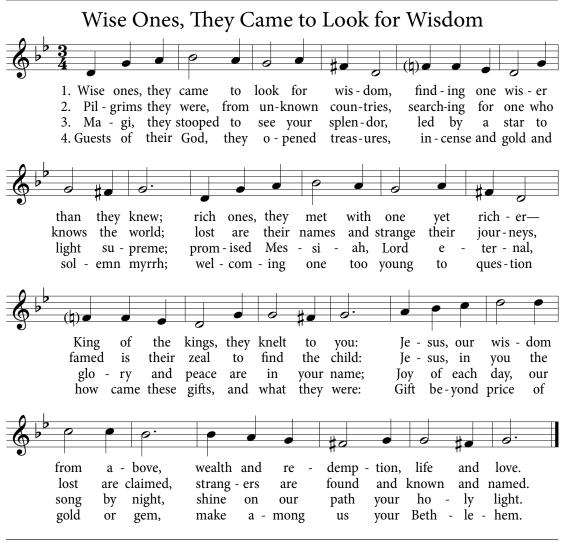
To you be given honor and praise through Jesus Christ our Lord in the unity of the Holy Spirit, now and forever. Amen.

Water is poured into the font as the presiding minister gives thanks.

GATHERING HYMN

The assembly turns toward the altar to sing the gathering hymn.

This hymn text, based on Matthew 2, was written in 1982 by Christopher Idle, a Church of England priest. Idle has written several hymn texts and is active in the Hymn Society of Great Britain and Ireland. He also writes and broadcasts on aspects of church life and witness. The tune was written by Georg Neumark in 1657 for his own hymn, "If thou but suffer God to quide thee." He had been robbed by highwaymen as a student and left almost destitute with no prospect of earning a living. At last, unexpectedly, he received an appointment as tutor in the family of a judge in Kiel, which led to the writing of the hymn and tune.



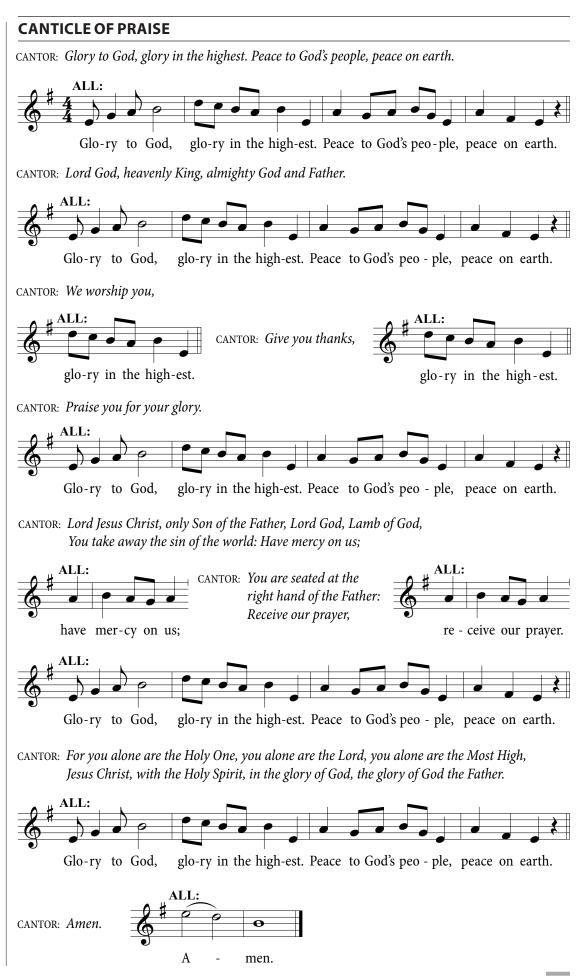
APOSTOLIC GREETING

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 ELEISON





PRAYER OF THE DAY

A brief silence is kept before the prayer.

The assembly is seated.

O God, you revealed your Son to the nations by the leading of a star. Lead us now by faith to know your presence in our lives, and bring us at last to the full vision of your glory, through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

Word

Let us pray.

READING

GENESIS 1:1-5

PSALM 29

A reading from Genesis, the first chapter.

In the beginning when God created the heavens and the earth, the earth was a formless void and darkness covered the face of the deep, while a wind from God swept over the face of the waters.

Then God said, "Let there be light"; and there was light. And God saw that the light was good; and God separated the light from the darkness. God called the light Day, and the darkness he called Night. And there was evening and there was morning, the first day.

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

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

A reading of Psalm 29.

Ascribe to the Lord, O heavenly beings, ascribe to the Lord glory and strength.

Ascribe to the Lord the glory of his name; worship the Lord in holy splendor.

The voice of the Lord is over the waters; the God of glory thunders, the Lord, over mighty waters. The voice of the Lord is powerful; the voice of the Lord is full of majesty.

The voice of the Lord breaks the cedars; the Lord breaks the cedars of Lebanon. He makes Lebanon skip like a calf, and Sirion like a young wild ox.

The voice of the Lord flashes forth flames of fire. The voice of the Lord shakes the wilderness; the Lord shakes the wilderness of Kadesh.

The voice of the Lord causes the oaks to whirl, and strips the forest bare; and in his temple all say, "Glory!"

The Lord sits enthroned over the flood; the Lord sits enthroned as king forever.

May the Lord give strength to his people! May the Lord bless his people with peace!

Out of chaos, God brings order. Out of the formless void, God brings light. This familiar story was good news for the Israelites, who experienced much chaos in their history. It remains good news for us. God created and continues to create new life.

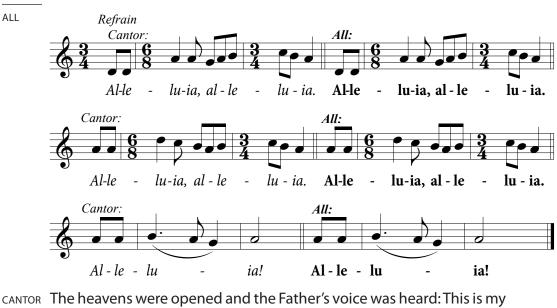
READING

In Ephesus, Paul encounters people who had received John's baptism of repentance but had never heard of the Holy Spirit or of baptism in the name of Jesus. After Paul baptizes them, the Holy Spirit comes upon them and empowers them with gifts of the Spirit. A reading from Acts, the nineteenth chapter.

While Apollos was in Corinth, Paul passed through the interior regions and came to Ephesus, where he found some disciples. He said to them, "Did you receive the Holy Spirit when you became believers?" They replied, "No, we have not even heard that there is a Holy Spirit." Then he said, "Into what then were you baptized?" They answered, "Into John's baptism." Paul said, "John baptized with the baptism of repentance, telling the people to believe in the one who was to come after him, that is, in Jesus." On hearing this, they were baptized in the name of the Lord Jesus. When Paul had laid his hands on them, the Holy Spirit came upon them, and they spoke in tongues and prophesied—altogether there were about twelve of them.

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

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



beloved Son, hear him.

ALL **Refrain**

BAPTISM GOSPEL

MARK 1:4-11

El Santo Evangelio según Marcos, capítulo uno.

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

John the baptizer appeared in the wilderness, proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins. And people from the whole Judean countryside and all the people of Jerusalem were going out to him, and were baptized by him in the river Jordan, confessing their sins. Now John was clothed with camel's hair, with a leather belt around his waist, and he ate locusts and wild honey. He proclaimed, "The one who is more powerful than I is coming after me; I am not worthy to stoop down and untie the thong of his sandals. I have baptized you with water; but he will baptize you with the Holy Spirit."

The assembly stands to greet the Holy Gospel.

Mark's gospel reports the story of Jesus' baptism with some irony: the one on whom the Spirit descends is himself the one who will baptize others with the Holy Spirit. In those days Jesus came from Nazareth of Galilee and was baptized by John in the Jordan. And just as he was coming up out of the water, he saw the heavens torn apart and the Spirit descending like a dove on him. And a voice came from heaven, "You are my Son, the Beloved; with you I am well pleased."

El Evangelio del Salvador.

The Gospel of the Savior. Praise to you, O Christ. (¡Alabanza a ti, oh Cristo!)

The assembly is seated.

The assembly stands.

Mennonite hymn writer Adam M.L. Tice reflects on the way in which the Spirit guided Jesus in his

journey from the water to

the desert and how the

us. Robert Schumann

composer of this tune.

is credited as the

Spirit that we received in

baptism continues to quide

PASTOR DOROTHY

HYMN OF THE DAY

THE HOMILY

The Strong and Gentle Voice 1. The strong and gen - tle voice, swift, de - scend - ing Dove, the 2. The Three were found as One by Jor - dan's rug - ged shore 3. And the Dove con - tent Ior - dan was by to re main? three-fold test 4. He faced а that no one else could bear. mo - ment's bliss will 5. Bap - tis - mal wa - ters dry, a fade, 20 0. Je - sus, ris - ing from the stream, met joy - ful - ly in love. and where John the Bap - tist preached the way of jus - tice for the poor. She guid-ed Je - sus on know temp - ta - tion, thirst, and pain. to des - ert beasts re-mained with The him and an-gels gave him care. but with the Dove lead need not be a - fraid. to us on we

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.

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	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.
The lay assistant offers the prayers.	As we celebrate Christ embodied in human form, we pray for God's blessing on the church, the world, and all of creation.
A brief silence.	Inspire wisdom and a spirit of proclamation in your church, God of forgiveness. Uplift leaders to share the truth of your word in community. Encourage us to live into the promises of baptism, working for justice and peace in all the world. God of grace, receive our prayer.
	Renew your creation, God of thunder and mighty waters. Restore the rivers in which your children are baptized. May fields flourish and grow. Summon the stewards and caretakers of the land to cherish your good works. God of grace, receive our prayer.
	Give strength to your leaders, God who is present in every country and community. Raise up leaders committed to equity and healing. Grant them discernment and compassion as they lead in love. God of grace, receive our prayer.
	Protect and cherish the most vulnerable among us, God of strength. Accompany those separated from family or hurting from broken relationships. Shelter our unhoused neighbors and any experiencing poverty. Protect those incarcerated in prisons and detention centers. Care for the sick and suffering, especially Myrna and Jerry, Betty, Don, Hal, Gaynelle, Gene and Pam, Del and Suzanne, and Jean. God of grace, receive our prayer.
	Encourage this congregation, God who calls and sends disciples. Guide us in accompanying, learning from, and serving our neighbors on the margins, following the example of Jesus. God of grace, receive our prayer.

For what else do the people of God pray? *Here other intercessions* may be offered. Trusting the assurance of the Holy Spirit, we remember all who have died and rest in God's care. Give hope to those who grieve even as we rest in your eternal promise of resurrection. God of grace, receive our prayer. Knowing the Holy Spirit intercedes for us, we offer these prayers and the silent The presiding minister concludes the prayers. prayers of our hearts in the name of our Savior, 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. (Y también contigo.) The assembly is seated. WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS Meal PREPARE OUR TITHES AND OFFERINGS AND OUR TABLES **OFFERTORY HYMN** ELW 296 The assembly stands. What Child Is This William Chatterton Dix (1837-1898) wrote a longer Christmas poem, "The Manger Throne," from 1. What Child is this, who, laid on Mar-y's lap is sleep-ing? to rest, which this hymn is derived. such mean es-tate where ox and ass 2. Why lies he in are feed - ing? It appeared in this form 3. So bring him in - cense, gold, and myrrh, come peas-ant, king, to own him; with the tune GREENSLEEVES in Christmas Carols New and Old (1871). The old English tune has been Whom an - gels greet with an-thems sweet, while shep-herds watch are keep - ing? traced to 1580. William Good Chris-tian, fear; for sin - ners here the si - lent Word is plead - ing. Shakespeare mentioned King of kings sal - va - tion brings, let lov - ing hearts en - throne him. The the tune GREENSLEEVES *in his play* The Merry Wives of Windsor. There Shakespeare joked that it could not be used as a is Christ the King, whom shep - herds guard and an - gels sing: this This, tune for singing Psalm 100. be borne for me, for you; Nails, spear shall pierce him through, the cross However, from its earliest Raise, raise the song on high, the moth - er sings her lul - la - by; reference in history, it has been used with both sacred and secular words. Haste, haste to bring him laud, the Babe, the son of Mar - y. Babe, the Hail, hail the Word made flesh, the son of Mar - y. Joy, joy, for Christ is born, the Babe, the son Mar - y.

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OFFERING PRAYER

Let us pray.

Blessed are you, Holy One, for all good things come from you. In bread and cup you open heaven to us. Meet us at this table, that we receive what we seek and follow your Son, Jesus, in whose name we pray. Amen.

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

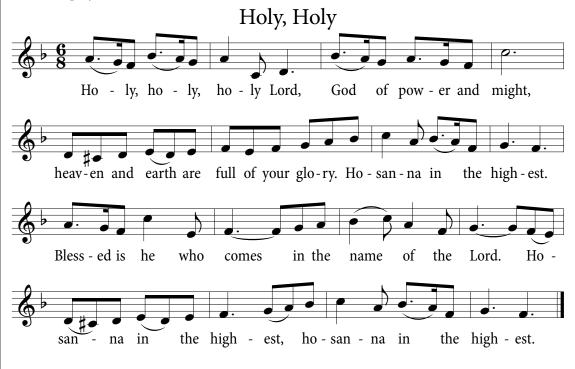
Lift up your hearts.

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:



EUCHARISTIC PRAYER

Holy God, you alone are holy, you alone are God.

The universe declares your praise: beyond the stars; beneath the sea; within each cell; with every breath.

We praise you, O God.

Generations bless your faithfulness: through the water; by night and day; across the wilderness; out of exile; into the future. **We bless you, O God.** We give you thanks for your dear Son: at the heart of human life; near to those who suffer; beside the sinner; among the poor; with us now. **We thank you, O God.**

In the night in which he was betrayed...

Remembering his love for us on the way, at the table, and to the end, we proclaim the mystery of faith:



We pray for the gift of your Spirit ... Blessing, praise, and thanks to you, holy God, through Christ Jesus, by your Spirit, in your church, without end.



THE LORD'S PRAYER

And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to pray:

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.

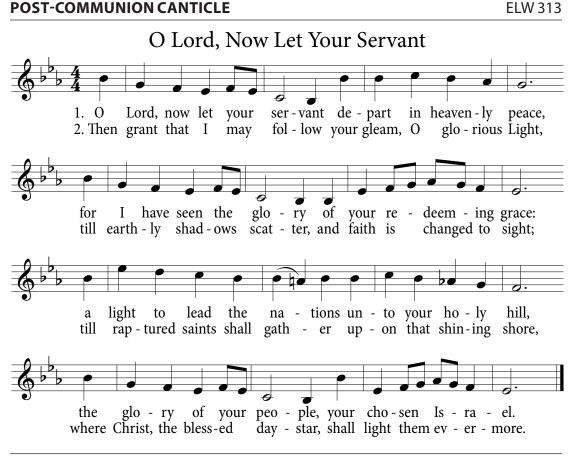
At Jesus' table, heaven and earth are joined as one. Come and see.

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.**

This paraphrase of the Nunc dimittis was written by Ernest Edwin Ryden in 1924. Ryden was a distinguished Lutheran clergyman and life-long student of hymns. He was pastor of Emanuel Lutheran Church in North Grosvenordale, Connecticut. He was a member of the Committee which created the Augustana Hymnal of 1925, in which this hymn was first published. NYLAND, named for a province in Finland, is a folk melody from Kuortane, South Ostrobothnia, Finland. In fact, the tune is also known as KUORTANE.



PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Let us pray.

Giver of every gift, Christ's body is our food, and we are Christ's body. Raise us to life by your power for the benefit of all and to your glory, now and forever. Amen.

SENDING BLESSING

God, who gives life to all things and frees us from despair, bless you with light and hope.

Dios todopoderoso, Padre, 🕂 Hijo, e Espíritu Santo los bendiga ahora y siempre. Amén.

Almighty God, Father, + Son, and Holy Spirit, bless you now and forever. **Amen.**

SENDING HYMN

This hymn was first published by the Ecumenical Women's Center of Chicago in the 1974 collection of hymn adaptations, Because We Are One People. Ruth Duck later included it in her own collection, Dancing in the Universe. William Henry Walter composed the tune FESTAL SONG in 1862. Walter taught music in public schools, and was organist associated with Trinity Church, Manhattan, and its chapels. He composed at least 43 hymn tunes.

> In-person and online worshipers are invited to spend a few moments greeting one another on the Zoom balcony.



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DISMISSAL

Go in peace. You are God's beloved. **Thanks be to God.**

THE LIFE OF THE CHURCH

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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 green box above to subscribe.

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

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

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

Phone-in # 1-253-215-8782

Meeting ID 865 1710 7296 Password 299944

CRISTO REY

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

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

PRAYER REQUESTS

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

ADULT EDUCATION

Women of the Bible resumes January 17 at 7 p.m. on Zoom. We meet Women Prophets and Witches. If you are new to the Bible Study, contact the office for help in getting the study books. This four-week session will include some lesser-known women: Deborah, Huldah, The Witch of Endor, and Samson's Wife (and other women in Samson's life).

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Phone-in # **1-253-215-8782** Meeting ID **81614483579** Password **683675**

ANNUAL MEETING

The annual meeting is February 4 following worship. Mark your calendar!

GIVING

There are several ways to share your tithes and offerings:

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





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Evangelical Lutheran Church in America

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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