



EPIPHANY SUNDAY

JANUARY 5, 2025

CHRIST THE KING
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Sunday, January 5, 2025 • Epiphany Sunday

The feast of Epiphany ("manifestation") concludes the Christmas season with a celebration of God's glory revealed in the person of Jesus Christ. In Isaiah and Ephesians, that glory is proclaimed for all nations and people. 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. We are sent out to be beacons of the light of Christ, sharing the good news of God's love to all people.

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-with-us,

we confess that we have turned away those seeking shelter, claiming there is no room when we have plenty. We have made power and wealth our idols, while you show us true glory: a baby in a manger. We have overlooked the shepherds, expecting good news in prettier packaging. Too often, we have valued violence instead of your peace. Turn us from our ways to your ways. Grant us the grace to begin again. Free us from all that keeps us bound, and forgive our sin, through Jesus Christ, who gives himself for us. Amen.

Hear the good news and rejoice! You are God's chosen ones, holy and beloved, † forgiven in Christ, and freed to respond in joy.

Amen.

Silence is kept for reflection.

James Montgomery published this hymn on Christmas Eve, 1816, under the title "Nativity." It had five stanzas. Evangelical Lutheran Worship uses the first three and adds to them a doxology from the Salisbury Hymn Book (1857). Montgomery was known for speaking out against social injustices like the slave trade and child labor, and he supported foreign missions and the Bible Society. He wrote more than 400 hymns. The tune REGENT SQUARE was named for St. Philip's Regent Square Church, the "Presbyterian cathedral" of London and one of the churches that composer Henry T. Smart served as organist. It was first published in Psalms and Hymns for Divine Worship (London, 1867), a hymnal Smart and his pastor at Regent Square Church edited.

Angels from the Realms of Glory



1. An - gels from the realms of glo - ry, wing your flight o'er
 2. Shep - herds, in the fields a - bid - ing, watch - ing o'er your
 3. Sag - es, leave your con - tem - pla - tions, bright - er vi - sions
 4. All cre - a - tion, join in prais - ing God, the Fa - ther,



all the earth; once you sang cre - a - tion's sto - ry,
 flocks by night, God with us is now re - sid - ing;
 beam a - far; seek the great De - sire of Na - tions,
 Spir - it, Son, ev - er - more your voic - es rais - ing



now pro - claim Mes - si - ah's birth:
 yon - der shines the In - fant Light: Come and wor - ship,
 you have seen his na - tal star:
 to the e - ter - nal Three in One:



come and wor - ship, wor - ship Christ, the new - born King.

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.

CANTICLE OF PRAISE

Glory Be to God on High

1. Glo - ry be to God on high, to all peo - ple, peace on earth.
2. Je - sus Christ we now de - clare Lamb of God and Lord of Love.
3. Prais - es to the Ho - ly One, prais - es sing in high - est heaven;

An - gels, shep - herds draw - ing nigh, join to cel - e - brate his birth.
Grant us mer - cy, hear our prayer, give us grace from heaven a - bove.
to the Fa - ther and the Son, and the Ho - ly Spir - it given.

Glo - ri - a

in ex - cel - sis De - o, Glo - ri - a

ri - a in ex - cel - sis De - o.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray.

*A brief silence is kept
before the prayer.*

O God, on this day 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.

The assembly is seated.

Word

READING

ISAIAH 60:1-6

A reading from the prophet Isaiah, the sixtieth chapter.

*Jerusalem is assured
that nations will make
a pilgrimage to her
because the light of God's
presence is in her midst.
The bountiful food of
the sea and the profits
of international trade
will come streaming to
Jerusalem and thereby
declare God's praise.*

Arise, shine, for your light has come, and the glory of the Lord has risen upon you. For darkness shall cover the earth and thick darkness the peoples, but the Lord will arise upon you, and his glory will appear over you. Nations shall come to your light and kings to the brightness of your dawn. Lift up your eyes and look around; they all gather together; they come to you; your sons shall come from far away, and your daughters shall be carried in their nurses' arms. Then you shall see and be radiant; your heart shall thrill and rejoice, because the abundance of the sea shall be brought to you; the wealth of the nations shall come to you. A multitude of camels shall cover you, the young camels of Midian and Ephah; all those from Sheba shall come. They shall bring gold and frankincense and shall proclaim the praise of the Lord.

Word of God. Word of life.

Thanks be to God.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

PSALM 72:1-7, 10-14

A reading from Psalm 72.

Give the king your justice, O God, and your righteousness to a king's son. May he judge your people with righteousness and your poor with justice.

May the mountains yield prosperity for the people, and the hills, in righteousness.

May he defend the cause of the poor of the people, give deliverance to the needy, and crush the oppressor.

May he live while the sun endures and as long as the moon, throughout all generations.

May he be like rain that falls on the mown grass, like showers that water the earth.

In his days may righteousness flourish and peace abound, until the moon is no more.

May the kings of Tarshish and of the isles render him tribute; may the kings of Sheba and Seba bring gifts.

May all kings fall down before him, all nations give him service.

For he delivers the needy when they call, the poor and those who have no helper. He has pity on the weak and the needy and saves the lives of the needy.

From oppression and violence he redeems their life, and precious is their blood in his sight.

What had been hidden from previous generations is now made known through the gospel ministry of Paul and others. In Christ both Jews and Gentiles participate in the richness of God's promised salvation.

READING

EPHESIANS 3:1-12

A reading from the letter of Paul to the Ephesians.

This is the reason that I, Paul, am a prisoner for Christ Jesus for the sake of you gentiles, for surely you have already heard of the commission of God's grace that was given me for you and how the mystery was made known to me by revelation, as I wrote above in a few words, a reading of which will enable you to perceive my understanding of the mystery of Christ. In former generations this mystery was not made known to humankind, as it has now been revealed to his holy apostles and prophets by the Spirit: that is, the gentiles have become fellow heirs, members of the same body, and sharers in the promise in Christ Jesus through the gospel.

Of this gospel I have become a servant according to the gift of God's grace that was given me by the working of his power. Although I am the very least of all the saints, this grace was given to me to bring to the gentiles the news of the boundless riches of Christ and to make everyone see what is the plan of the mystery hidden for ages in God, who created all things, so that through the church the wisdom of God in its rich variety might now be made known to the rulers and authorities in the heavenly places. This was in accordance with the eternal purpose that he has carried out in Christ Jesus our Lord, in whom we have access in boldness and confidence through faith in him.

Word of God. Word of life.

Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

The assembly stands to greet the Holy Gospel.

Refrain

Cantor: Al - le - lu - ia! *All:* Al - le - lu - ia!

Cantor: Al - le - lu - ia! *All:* Al - le - lu - ia!

Cantor: Al - le - lu - ia! *All:* Al - le - lu - ia!

CANTOR We have observed his star at its rising, and have come to worship him.

ALL **Refrain**

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.

El Santo Evangelio según Mateo, capítulo dos.

The Holy Gospel according to Matthew, the second chapter.

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

In the time of King Herod, after Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea, magi from the east came to Jerusalem, asking, "Where is the child who has been born king of the Jews? For we observed his star in the east 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 magi 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 in the east, 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.

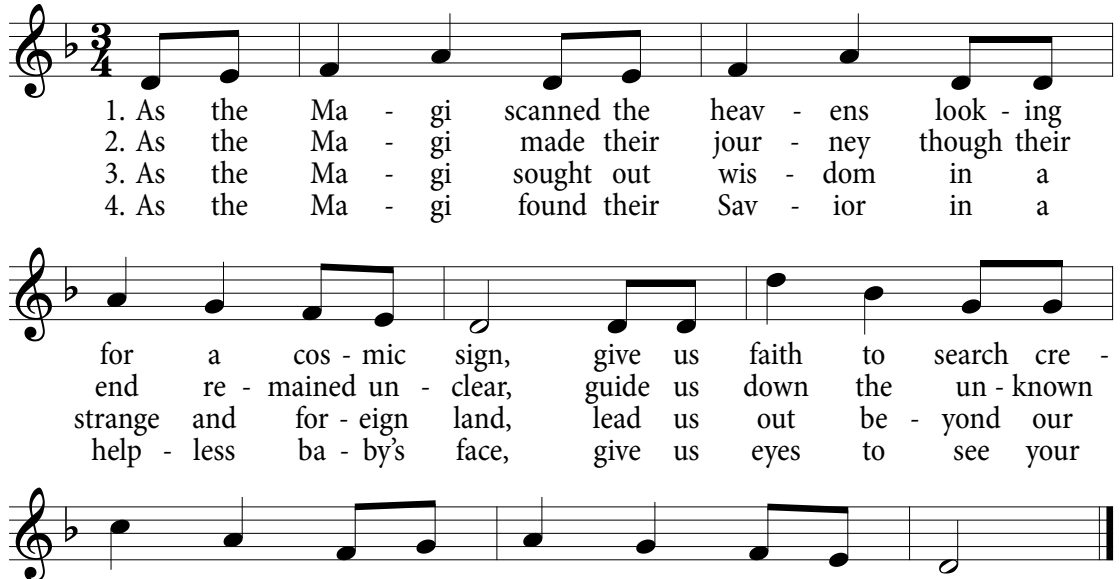
The Gospel of the Savior.

And also with you. (Y también contigo.)

The assembly is seated.

HYMN OF THE DAY

As the Magi Scanned the Heavens



1. As the Ma - gi scanned the heav - ens look - ing
2. As the Ma - gi made their jour - ney though their
3. As the Ma - gi sought out wis - dom in a
4. As the Ma - gi found their Sav - ior in a

for a cos - mic sign, give us faith to search cre -
end re - mained un - clear, guide us down the un - known
strange and for - eign land, lead us out be - yond our
help - less ba - by's face, give us eyes to see your

a - tion for a glimpse of truth di - vine.
high - ways, choos - ing won - der o - ver fear.
com - fort in our quest to un - der - stand.
glo - ry in the most un - like - ly place.

The assembly stands.

Hymnwriter David Bjorlin wrote of his text: As I prepared to preach on the story of the Magi on Epiphany Sunday (2021), I was struck by the way the Magi were willing to risk this unknown journey because of their curiosity and wonder. How much better would our world be if we were driven more by curiosity and wonder than anxiety and fear? Bjorlin is a pastor of worship at Resurrection Covenant Church (Chicago) and adjunct lecturer in worship at North Park Theological Seminary. He is currently working on his Ph.D. in liturgical studies at Boston University where he focuses on hymnody, the connection between liturgy and ethics, and children in worship. KAS DZIEDAJA is a Latvian melody.

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

Filled with good news of great joy, let us offer our prayers for the church, the earth, and all people.

Your glory fills the earth. Bless the work of all who engage in dialogue with people of other traditions and faiths. Bridge our differences with a shared mission of revealing your boundless love to the world. God of grace,

Receive our prayer.

Restore the glory of creation. Send rain to water-parched lands. Revive ecosystems and habitats threatened by a changing climate, and protect the peoples and creatures who live in them. God of grace,

Receive our prayer.

The lay assistant offers the prayers.

A brief silence.

Give the rulers your justice and reveal your righteousness to those who govern. Frustrate the plans of tyrants and oppressors. Encourage the work of community organizers and activists who speak out against injustice. God of grace,
Receive our prayer.

Help those who have no helper. Draw near to those who have no one to advocate for them or those who feel forgotten. Deliver those who call to you, especially Betty, Don, Gaynelle, Gene and Pam, Jonathan, Del and Suzanne, Jean, Amy, Myrna and Jerry, and Sandy. Precious are they in your sight. God of grace,
Receive our prayer.

Liberate this congregation from a yearning for the past that forgets the future. Fuel in us a passion for discovery. Give us the boldness to dream and to imagine our ministries in new and different ways. God of grace,
Receive our prayer.

*Here other intercessions
may be offered.*

For what else do the people of God pray?

We give thanks for your holy ones who now rest in your radiant glory. Make us, with them, sharers in the boundless riches of Christ, our hope and promise. God of grace,
Receive our prayer.

*The presiding minister
concludes the prayers.*

We commend these prayers to you, O God, trusting your grace made known to all, through the Word made flesh, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.
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.

William Chatterton Dix (1837-1898) wrote a longer Christmas poem, "The Manger Throne," from which this hymn is derived. It appeared in this form with the tune GREENSLEEVES in Christmas Carols New and Old (1871). The old English tune has been traced to 1580. William Shakespeare mentioned the tune GREENSLEEVES in his play The Merry Wives of Windsor. There Shakespeare joked that it could not be used as a tune for singing Psalm 100. However, from its earliest reference in history, it has been used with both sacred and secular words.

What Child Is This



1. What Child is this, who, laid to rest, on
2. Why lies he in such mean es - tate where
3. So bring him in - cense, gold, and myrrh, come



Mar - y's lap is sleep - ing? Whom an - gels greet with
ox and ass are feed - ing? Good Chris - tian, fear; for
peas - ant, king, to own him; The King of kings sal -



an - thems sweet, while shep - herds watch are keep - ing?
sin - ners here the si - lent Word is plead - ing.
va - tion brings, let lov - ing hearts en - throne him.



This, this is Christ the King, whom shep-herds guard and an - gels sing:
Nails, spear shall pierce him through, the cross be borne for me, for you;
Raise, raise the song on high, the moth - er sings her lul - la - by;



Haste, haste to bring him laud, the Babe, the son of Mar - y.
Hail, hail the Word made flesh, the Babe, the son of Mar - y.
Joy, joy, for Christ is born, the Babe, the son of Mar - y.

OFFERING PRAYER

Let us pray.

God of heaven and earth, from the beginning, you have called forth life, in which you take delight. The trees, the fields, and the seas sing for joy. Bless now these gifts, received from your bounty, that we may join the chorus of creation to tell of your salvation from day to day. Amen.

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

PROPER PREFACE

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

Holy, 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.

EUCCHARISTIC 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:


Memorial Acclamation



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

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.

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

A child has been born for us, a Son given to us. Come, receive the gift of Jesus.

COMMUNION BLESSING

May the body and blood of our Lord and Savior, Jesus the Christ, strengthen you and keep you to life everlasting.

Amen.

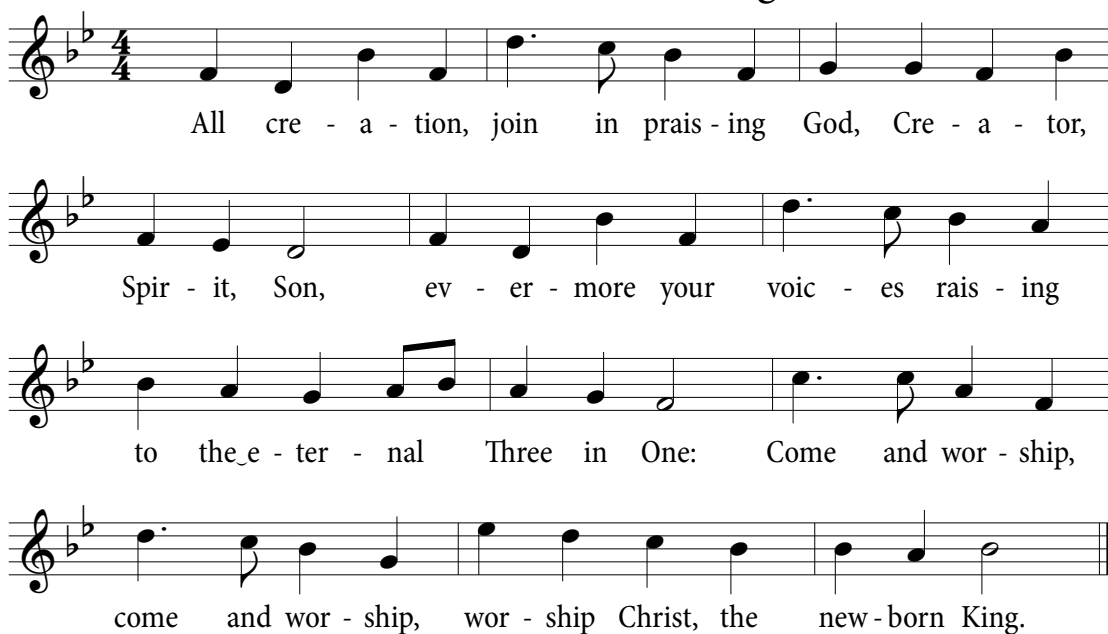
All are welcome at this meal.

The assembly stands.

James Montgomery, English journalist, raised a strong voice against injustice in his newspaper *Sheffield Iris*, in which this hymn was first printed on December 24, 1816. The hymn, titled "Angels from the Realms of Glory," comprises four verses. We sing here the final verse, a doxology. The tune is named for Regent Square Church in London, today a congregation of the United Reformed Church in England and Wales.

POST-COMMUNION CANTICLE

All Creation, Join in Praising God



All cre - a - tion, join in prais - ing God, Cre - a - tor,
 Spir - it, Son, ev - er - more your voic - es rais - ing
 to the e - ter - nal Three in One: Come and wor - ship,
 come and wor - ship, wor - ship Christ, the new - born King.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Let us pray.

Merciful God, we thank you for Jesus, who is our heavenly food. Strengthened by this goodness, send us forth to announce your peace, comfort the afflicted, and share the good news of great joy. Amen.

SENDING BLESSING

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

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

Songs of Thankfulness and Praise



1. Songs of thank-ful-ness and praise, Je - sus, Lord, to thee we raise;
 2. Man - i - fest at Jor - dan's stream, proph - et, priest, and king su - preme;
 3. Man - i - fest in mak - ing whole weak - ened bod - y, faint - ing soul;
 4. Grant us grace to see thee, Lord, pres - ent in thy ho - ly word;



man - i - fest - ed by the star to the sa - ges from a - far,
 and at Ca - na wed - ding guest in thy God - head man - i - fest;
 man - i - fest in val - iant fight, quell - ing all the dev - il's might;
 grace to im - i - tate thee now and be pure, as pure art thou;



branch of roy - al Da - vid's stem in thy birth at Beth - le - hem:
 man - i - fest in power di - vine, chang - ing wa - ter in - to wine;
 man - i - fest in gra - cious will, ev - er bring - ing good from ill:
 that we might be - come like thee at thy great e - piph - a - ny,



an - thems be to thee ad - dressed,
 an - thems be to thee ad - dressed, God in flesh made man - i - fest.
 an - thems be to thee ad - dressed,
 and may praise thee, ev - er blest,

DISMISSAL

Go in peace. The Word of God dwells in you richly.

Thanks be to God.

Christopher Wordsworth (1807-1885) explains his text as "a recapitulation of the successive manifestations of Christ which have been already presented in the services of the former weeks throughout the season of Epiphany." Here we have birth, baptism, the wedding at Cana, healing, and conquering evil in the first three stanzas. The fourth stanza in Evangelical Lutheran Worship turns toward our response and, like other hymnals in our period, keeps what Wordsworth called "anticipation of that future great and glorious Epiphany." The tune SALZBURG was named in the 19th century by the editors of Hymns Ancient and Modern (1861), but it comes from two centuries earlier—the 19th edition of Johann Crüger's Praxis Pietatis Melica (Berlin, 1678). The harmonization for SALZBURG is based on one by Johann Sebastian Bach.

THE LIFE OF THE CHURCH



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ANNOUNCEMENTS AND WEEKLY eNEWS

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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**

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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.

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.



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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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