

THIRD SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY

JANUARY 26, 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

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God's glory is revealed in the reading of scripture. People stand at attention. People weep. People prostrate themselves in prayer. The unity of the church is another reflection of God's glory. Most gloriously, the promises of God are fulfilled in the person of Jesus Christ. Gather round. Listen up. Glimpse the glory of God.

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

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

In the name of God, Creator,

⊕ Redeemer, and Holy Wisdom.

Amen.

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

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

Trusting that God receives our words and the meditations of our hearts, let us confess our sin.

Silence is kept for reflection.

Merciful God,

you speak blessing and compassion into the world. Forgive us for the ways we act with judgment, cruelty, or indifference. We ignore the needs of our neighbors; we resist your call to oppose injustice; we give in to scarcity and fear; we assume the worst about one another. Cleanse us from our faults and release us from their grasp. Show us your lovingkindness. Restore our hearts and repair your world, that we may live in Christ's ways. Amen.

God proclaims these words of assurance: "Do not fear, for I have redeemed you. I have called you by name. You are mine." In + Christ, you are forgiven. In the Spirit, you are made free. Refreshed by the waters of mercy, live anew as beloved children of God.

Amen.

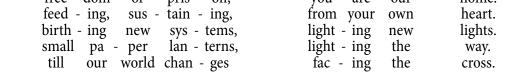
The main impetus that transformed Shirley Erena Murray over the years from an occasional writer of hymns into a prolific author with a distinctive voice was her desire to express Christian faith in a contemporary way from out of her distinctively New Zealand experience. In her words, "The reason why I began to write hymns is ... connected to the ethos of being a New Zealander. We have an attitude of 'do it yourself'—a kind of pioneer spirit which is not intimated by too much tradition and actually welcomes inventiveness ... Almost everythina I have written revolves, ultimately, round the concept of 'peace' in all its manifestations." In the end, Shirley's task, as she saw it, was to write hvmns that reflected everyday experience, locally, nationally, and globally. "I appreciate and relate to precise and clean language," she wrote, "as opposed to flowery and fudgy. I am, in knitting parlance, a plain rather than purl sort of writer. I like language that gives a jolt of reality." The tune was written by Tony Alonso, a Cuban-American Roman Catholic composer and scholar whose work responds to the diverse realities of contemporary culture. In 2020, he was nominated for a Latin Grammy for his groundbreaking album "Caminemos con Jesús."

GATHERING HYMN

Fresh As the Morning

- 1. God of the Bi ble, God in the Gos-pel, hope seen in Je sus,
- 2. God in our strug-gles, God in our hun-ger, suf fer ing with us,
- 3. Those with out sta tus, those who are noth-ing, you have made roy al,
- 4. Not by your fin-ger, not by your an-ger will our world or der
- 5. Hope we must car ry, shin-ing and cer-tain through all our tur moil,







Fresh as the morn-ing, sure as the sun - rise, God al-ways faith-ful,



you do not change. Fresh as the morn-ing, sure as the sun - rise,



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

Glory to God

CANTOR: Glory to God, glory in the highest. Peace to God's people, peace on earth.



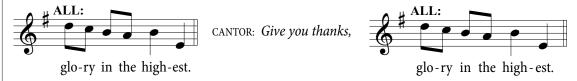
Glo-ry to God, glo-ry in the high-est. Peace to God's peo-ple, peace on earth.

CANTOR: Lord God, heavenly King, almighty God and Father.



Glo-ry to God, glo-ry in the high-est. Peace to God's peo - ple, peace on earth.

CANTOR: We worship you,

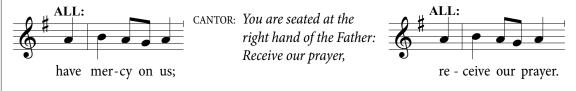


CANTOR: Praise you for your glory.



Glo-ry to God, glo-ry in the high-est. Peace to God's peo - ple, peace on earth.

CANTOR: Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, Lord God, Lamb of God, You take away the sin of the world: Have mercy on us;





Glo-ry to God, glo-ry in the high-est. Peace to God's peo - ple, peace on earth.

CANTOR: For you alone are the Holy One, you alone are the Lord, you alone are the Most High, *Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit, in the glory of God, the glory of God the Father.*



Glo-ry to God, glo-ry in the high-est. Peace to God's peo - ple, peace on earth.



PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray.

A brief silence is kept before the prayer.

Blessed Lord God, you have caused the holy scriptures to be written for the nourishment of your people. Grant that we may hear them, read, mark, learn, and inwardly digest them, that, comforted by your promises, we may embrace and forever hold fast to the hope of eternal life, through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

The assembly is seated.

Word

READING

NEHEMIAH 8:1-3, 5-6, 8-10

A reading from Nehemiah, the eighth chapter.

The exiles have returned and rebuilt Jerusalem. Now Ezra, the priest, reads the law of Moses to them in the public square. When they hear it, they weep for their sins and for the long years in exile, but Ezra reminds them that "the joy of the Lord is your strength."

All the people [of Israel] gathered together into the square before the Water Gate. They told Ezra the scribe to bring the book of the law of Moses, which the Lord had given to Israel. Accordingly, Ezra the priest brought the law before the assembly, both men and women and all who could hear with understanding. This was on the first day of the seventh month. He read from it facing the square before the Water Gate from early morning until midday, in the presence of the men and the women and those who could understand, and the ears of all the people were attentive to the book of the law. And Ezra opened the book in the sight of all the people, for he was standing above all the people, and when he opened it, all the people stood up. Then Ezra blessed the Lord, the great God, and all the people answered, "Amen, Amen," lifting up their hands. Then they bowed their heads and worshiped the Lord with their faces to the ground. So they read from the book, from the law of God, with interpretation. They gave the sense, so that the people understood the reading.

And Nehemiah, who was the governor, and Ezra the priest and scribe, and the Levites who taught the people said to all the people, "This day is holy to the Lord your God; do not mourn or weep." For all the people wept when they heard the words of the law. Then he said to them, "Go your way, eat the fat and drink sweet wine and send portions of them to those for whom nothing is prepared, for this day is holy to our Lord, and do not be grieved, for the joy of the Lord is your strength."

Word of God. Word of life.

Thanks be to God.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

PSALM 19

A reading of Psalm 19.

The heavens declare the glory of God, and the sky proclaims its maker's handiwork.

One day tells its tale to another, and one night imparts knowledge to another.

Although they have no words or language, and their voices are not heard, their sound has gone out into all lands, and their message to the ends of the world, where God has pitched a tent for the sun.

It comes forth like a bridegroom out of his chamber; it rejoices like a champion to run its course.

It goes forth from the uttermost edge of the heavens and runs about to the end of it again; nothing is hidden from its burning heat.

The teaching of the Lord is perfect and revives the soul; the testimony of the Lord is sure and gives wisdom to the simple.

The statutes of the Lord are just and rejoice the heart; the commandment of the Lord is clear and gives light to the eyes.

The fear of the Lord is clean and endures forever; the judgments of the Lord are true and righteous altogether.

More to be desired are they than gold, more than much fine gold, sweeter far than honey, than honey in the comb.

By them also is your servant enlightened, and in keeping them there is great reward.

Who can detect one's own offenses? Cleanse me from my secret faults. Above all, keep your servant from presumptuous sins; let them not get dominion over me; then shall I be whole and sound, and innocent of a great offense.

Let the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart be acceptable in your sight, O Lord, my strength and my redeemer.

READING

1 CORINTHIANS 12:12-31A

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

For just as the body is one and has many members, and all the members of the body, though many, are one body, so it is with Christ. For in the one Spirit we were all baptized into one body—Jews or Greeks, slaves or free—and we were all made to drink of one Spirit.

Indeed, the body does not consist of one member but of many. If the foot would say, "Because I am not a hand, I do not belong to the body," that would not make it any less a part of the body. And if the ear would say, "Because I am not an eye, I do not belong to the body," that would not make it any less a part of the body. If the whole body were an eye, where would the hearing be? If the whole body were hearing, where would the sense of smell be? But as it is, God arranged the members in the body, each one of them, as he chose. If all were a single member, where would the body be? As it is, there are many members yet one body. The eye cannot say to the hand, "I have no need of you," nor again the head to the feet, "I have no need of you." On the contrary, the members of the body that seem to be weaker are indispensable, and those members of the body that we think less honorable we clothe with greater honor, and our less respectable members are treated with greater respect, whereas our more respectable members do not need this. But God has so arranged the body, giving the greater honor to the inferior member, that there may be no dissension within the body, but the members may have the same care for one another. If one member suffers, all suffer together with it; if one member is honored, all rejoice together with it.

The apostle and pastor Paul uses the metaphor of the human body to describe how intimately connected we are in the church. For this struggling congregation in Corinth, Paul delivers a vital message of unity that is a mark of the church today.

Now you are the body of Christ and individually members of it. And God has appointed in the church first apostles, second prophets, third teachers, then deeds of power, then gifts of healing, forms of assistance, forms of leadership, various kinds of tongues. Are all apostles? Are all prophets? Are all teachers? Do all work powerful deeds? Do all possess gifts of healing? Do all speak in tongues? Do all interpret? But strive for the greater gifts.

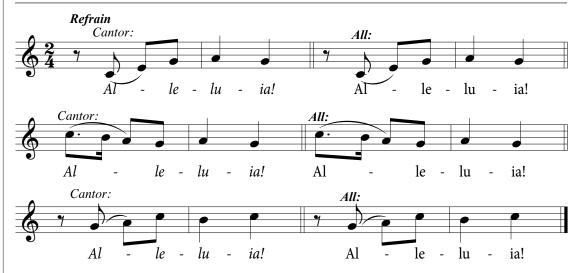
Word of God. Word of life.

Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

The assembly stands to greet the Holy Gospel.

The assembly is seated.



The Spirit of the Lord has anointed me to bring good news to the poor, and to proclaim release to the captives.

ALL **Refrain**

HOLY GOSPEL LUKE 4:14-21

El Santo Evangelio según Lucas, capítulo quatro.

The Holy Gospel according to Luke, the fourth chapter.

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

Then Jesus, in the power of the Spirit, returned to Galilee, and a report about him spread through all the surrounding region. He began to teach in their synagogues and was praised by everyone.

When he came to Nazareth, where he had been brought up, he went to the synagogue on the Sabbath day, as was his custom. He stood up to read, and the scroll of the prophet Isaiah was given to him. He unrolled the scroll and found the place where it was written:

"The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because he has anointed me to bring good news to the poor. He has sent me to proclaim release to the captives and recovery of sight to the blind, to set free those who are oppressed, to proclaim the year of the Lord's favor."

Near the beginning of Jesus' public ministry, he visits his hometown of Nazareth. In the words of Isaiah, he states and claims his identity, purpose, and mission. And he rolled up the scroll, gave it back to the attendant, and sat down. The eyes of all in the synagogue were fixed on him. Then he began to say to them, "Today this scripture has been fulfilled in your hearing."

PASTOR DOROTHY

El Evangelio del Salvador.

The Gospel of the Savior.

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

THE HOMILY

HYMN OF THE DAY

John Bell and Graham Maule, members of the Iona Community in Scotland, have created hymn texts that use language and images that expand our ways of singing about God, and challenge the church to deeper concern for those who are forgotten. The first three stanzas of this hymn address each of the three persons of the Trinity in strikingly fresh contemporary language. The final stanza gives praise to the "one God in community," expressing in sung poetry the message we hear in today's reading from 1 Corinthians. John Goss composed LAUDA ANIMA, Latin for "Praise my soul," in 1869 for H.F. Lyte's hymn beginning with those English words. Goss, the son of an organist, became one of the greatest organists to serve at St. Paul's Cathedral, London, England, in the 19th century. Goss was knighted in 1872.

The assembly stands.



THE 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.

With the Spirit of Christ shining upon us, let us boldly pray for the church, the world, and all of creation.

A brief silence.

As your word is opened in our midst, we give thanks for all who share scripture: for parents, grandparents, and godparents; teachers and mentors; deacons, pastors, bishops, and scholars. Inspire passion for the stories of faith. God of grace, **Receive our prayer.**

As the heavens declare your glory and the sky proclaims your work, we lift our voices in awe of quarks and atoms, vast stars and solar systems. Inspire us to publicly praise your handiwork. God of grace,

Receive our prayer.

As Jesus proclaimed life and freedom in his community, energize communities and nations to eliminate poverty, engage in prison ministry and transformative justice, and envision new ways of working in unity for your promised reign. God of grace, **Receive our prayer.**

As your word and presence revive the soul, accompany all experiencing depression, anxiety, or eating disorders; be a source of strength for all affected by memory loss and their caregivers; draw near to all who are ill, especially Andrea, Myrna and Jerry, Sandy, Betty, Don, Gaynelle, Gene and Pam, Jonathan, Jean, and Amy. God of grace, **Receive our prayer.**

As we are made one body in baptism, strengthen all who serve. Renew and inspire all who use their gifts in this congregation, community, and the world. God of grace, **Receive our prayer.**

Here other intercessions may be offered.

For what else do the people of God pray?

As our faith is strengthened by saints who have gone before us, we remember leaders of the early church, especially Timothy, Titus, Silas, Lydia, Dorcas, and Phoebe, and beloved friends and family who have died. God of grace,

Receive our prayer.

The presiding minister concludes the prayers.

We entrust our prayers to you, O God, in the sure and certain hope that your promise is revealed among the people.

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

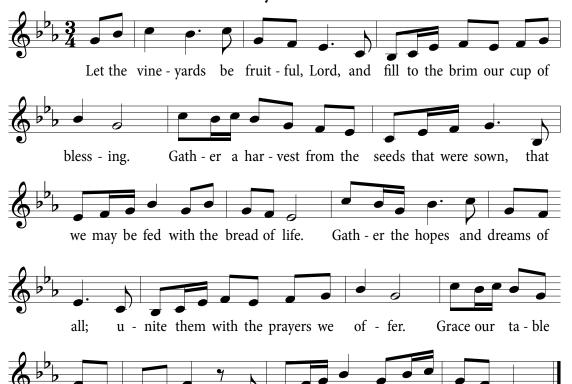
Meal

PREPARE OUR TITHES AND OFFERINGS AND OUR TABLES

OFFERTORY HYMN

The assembly stands.

Let the Vineyards Be Fruitful



OFFERING PRAYER

with your pres - ence,

Let us pray.

God of grace, your love reaches to the heavens, and your abundance to the depths of the seas. Bless what we offer to your service: our gifts, our abilities, and our hearts. Let us overflow with gratitude and generosity, now and always. Amen.

and give us a fore - taste of the feast to come.

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

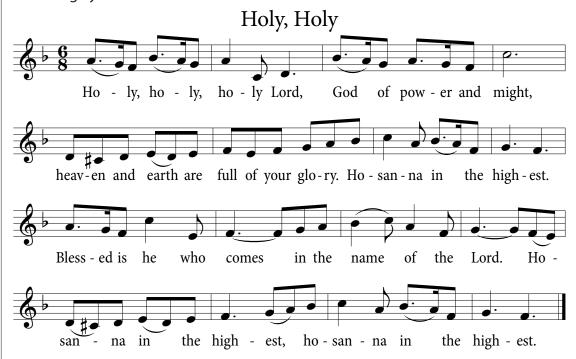
We lift them to the Lord.

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:

Memorial Acclamation



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

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.

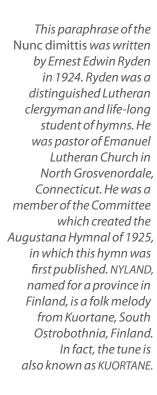
The joy of the Lord is our strength. Come, eat this meal of gladness.

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.







1. O Lord, now let your ser-vant de - part in heaven-ly peace, 2. Then grant that I may fol - low your gleam, O glo - rious Light,



for I have seen the glo - ry of your re - deem - ing grace: till earth - ly shad - ows scat - ter, and faith is changed to sight;





PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Let us pray.

Nourishing God, at this table you have refreshed us with holy gifts of food and drink. Strengthen us for service, and send us out to embody your good news of liberation and healing for the sake of the world. In the name of Christ we pray, Amen.

SENDING BLESSING

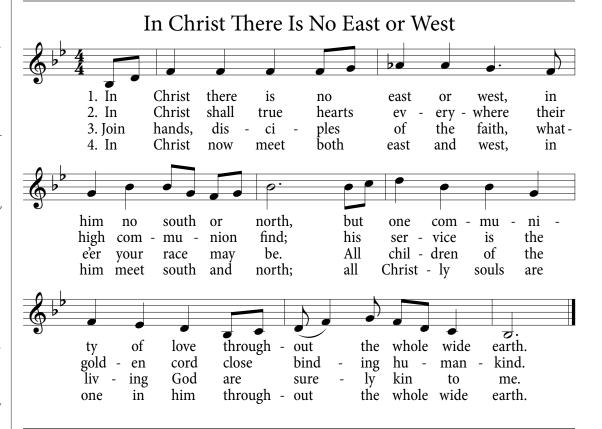
Dios todopoderoso, Creador, + Redentor, y Sabadurío Santo, los bendiga ahora y siempre.

Almighty God, Creator,

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

SENDING HYMN ELW 650

John Oxenham was the pen name of British business professional William J. Dunkerly (1852-1941), who took up writing to occupy his mind during extensive business travels. Scholars believe that he wrote this text as a response to wellknown lines by Rudyard Kipling,"Oh, East is East, and West is West, and never the twain shall meet" from "The Ballad of East and West." This hymn celebrates the universality of God's family that transcends any human constructs. Harry T. Burleigh adapted this tune from a spiritual, "I Know the Angel's Done Changed My Name." It is named McKEE for the minister of St. George's Protestant Episcopal Church in New York City. Burleigh, grandson of a Maryland slave, was baritone soloist at this church for 52 years.



DISMISSAL

Go in peace. The Word of God dwells in you richly. **Thanks be to God.**

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 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.

ANNUAL MEETING

The Annual Meeting of Christ the King/Cristo Rey is February 2 after worship. This is a hybrid meeting (much like Sunday morning worship). Join us just before noon on the 2nd of February for this online/in-person meeting. The Zoom link is the same as Sunday morning worship.

WILDFIRE RELIEF

If you would like to financially assist those affected by the devastating Los Angeles wildfires you can donate through Lutheran World Relief by visiting lwr.org, or through any number of charities of your choosing. Pray for Los Angeles.

BOOK OF FAITH BIBLE STUDY

This study of the Acts of the Apostles meets Wednesday evenings at 7 p.m. on Zoom.

Phone-in # 1-253-215-8782

Meeting ID **817 3971 264** Password **797928**

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 our thirdparty 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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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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