

# SIXTH SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY

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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, February 16, 2025 • Sixth Sunday after Epiphany

Blessings and curses abound on the sixth Sunday after Epiphany. We would do well to listen closely to whom the "blessed ares" and the "woe tos" are directed and to find our place in the crowd among those who desire to touch Jesus. The risen Christ stands among us in the mystery of the holy supper with an invitation to live in him, and offers power to heal us all.

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.

James F. D. Martin, a minister of the United Church of Christ, wrote this text for a church anniversary. The pastor had been requested to provide a text based on Jeremiah 17. It was first sung on the opening Sunday of the church's celebration in January and then throughout the year of 1993. The tune BEACH SPRING was first found in a tunebook called The Sacred Harp (1844). It contained tunes collected from the southern United States.

#### **GATHERING HYMN**

# Like a Tree Beside the Waters



- 1. Like a tree be side the wa ters, nur-tured by your lov-ing care,
- 2. Like a tree be side the riv er, draw-ing life from ho ly streams,
- 3. We, be-side the liv-ing wa ters, drink from your e ter-nal life.



we, O God, your sons and daugh-ters, your en - dur-ing wit - ness bear. fill us with your love for - ev - er; re - cre - ate our hopes and dreams. Give to all, your sons and daugh-ters, faith that ris - es o - ver strife.



In each pass - ing gen - er - a - tion may your voice of love be heard. Through the storms of life sus - tain us by the wis - dom of your grace. Liv - ing God, Cre - a - tor glo-rious, strength - en us for life to - day.



Bless, we pray, this con-gre - ga - tion with your ho - ly, liv - ing Word. May the chang-ing of the sea - sons find us in your warm em-brace. By the hope of time-less prom-ise guide your church up - on the Way.

#### **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.



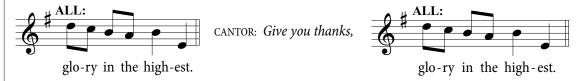
Glo-ry to God, glo-ry in the high-est. Peace to God's peo-ple, peace on earth.

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,

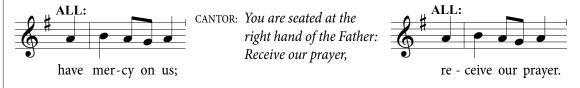


CANTOR: Praise you for your glory.



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.

Living God, in Christ you make all things new. Transform the poverty of our nature by the riches of your grace, and in the renewal of our lives make known your glory, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

The assembly is seated.

Amen.

# Word

**READING** JEREMIAH 17:5-10

A reading from the prophet Jeremiah, the seventeenth chapter.

Thus says the Lord: Cursed are those who trust in mere mortals and make mere flesh their strength, whose hearts turn away from the Lord. They shall be like a shrub in the desert and shall not see when relief comes. They shall live in the parched places of the wilderness, in an uninhabited salt land.

Blessed are those who trust in the Lord, whose trust is the Lord. They shall be like a tree planted by water, sending out its roots by the stream. It shall not fear when heat comes, and its leaves shall stay green; in the year of drought it is not anxious, and it does not cease to bear fruit.

The heart is devious above all else; it is perverse—who can understand it? I the Lord test the mind and search the heart, to give to all according to their ways, according to the fruit of their doings.

Word of God. Word of life.

Thanks be to God.

#### **RESPONSORIAL PSALM**

PSALM 1

A reading of Psalm 1.

Happy are they who have not walked in the counsel of the wicked, nor lingered in the way of sinners, nor sat in the seats of the scornful!

Their delight is in the law of the Lord, and they meditate on God's teaching day and night.

They are like trees planted by streams of water, bearing fruit in due season, with leaves that do not wither; everything they do shall prosper.

It is not so with the wicked; they are like chaff which the wind blows away.

Therefore the wicked shall not stand upright when judgment comes, nor the sinner in the council of the righteous.

For the Lord knows the way of the righteous, but the way of the wicked shall be destroyed.

These verses compose a poem that is part of a larger collection of wisdom sayings that contrast two ways of life. Life with God brings blessing; the power and vitality of God is active in our life. Life without God brings a curse, the power of death.

1 CORINTHIANS 15:12-20

#### **READING**

For Paul, the resurrection of Christ is the basis for Christian hope. Because Christ has been raised, those who are in Christ know that they too will be raised to a new life beyond death.

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

Now if Christ is proclaimed as raised from the dead, how can some of you say there is no resurrection of the dead? If there is no resurrection of the dead, then Christ has not been raised, and if Christ has not been raised, then our proclamation is in vain and your faith is in vain. We are even found to be misrepresenting God, because we testified of God that he raised Christ—whom he did not raise if it is true that the dead are not raised. For if the dead are not raised, then Christ has not been raised. If Christ has not been raised, your faith is futile, and you are still in your sins. Then those also who have died in Christ have perished. If for this life only we have hoped in Christ, we are of all people most to be pitied.

But in fact Christ has been raised from the dead, the first fruits of those who have died.

Word of God. Word of life.

Thanks be to God.

#### **GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**

Refrain Cantor: ΑT ΑŢ lu le ia! lu ia! Cantor: All: AlA1 le lи ia! le lu ia! Cantor: All: ia! Al Allи le ia!

CANTOR Rejoice, and leap for joy, for surely your reward is great in heaven.

ALL **Refrain** 

HOLY GOSPEL LUKE 6:17-26

El Santo Evangelio según Lucas, capítulo seis.

The Holy Gospel according to Luke, the sixth chapter.

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

[Jesus] came down with [the twelve] and stood on a level place with a great crowd of his disciples and a great multitude of people from all Judea, Jerusalem, and the coast of Tyre and Sidon. They had come to hear him and to be healed of their diseases, and those who were troubled with unclean spirits were cured. And everyone in the crowd was trying to touch him, for power came out from him and healed all of them.

The assembly stands to greet the Holy Gospel.

After choosing his twelve apostles, Jesus teaches a crowd of followers about the nature and demands of discipleship. He begins his great sermon with surprising statements about who is truly blessed in the eyes of God.

Then he looked up at his disciples and said:

"Blessed are you who are poor, for yours is the kingdom of God. "Blessed are you who are hungry now, for you will be filled. "Blessed are you who weep now, for you will laugh.

"Blessed are you when people hate you and when they exclude you, revile you, and defame you on account of the Son of Man. Rejoice on that day and leap for joy, for surely your reward is great in heaven, for that is how their ancestors treated the prophets.

"But woe to you who are rich,
for you have received your consolation.
"Woe to you who are full now,
for you will be hungry.
"Woe to you who are laughing now,
for you will mourn and weep.

"Woe to you when all speak well of you, for that is how their ancestors treated the false prophets."

El Evangelio del Salvador.

The Gospel of the Savior.

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

The assembly is seated.

**THE HOMILY** PASTOR DOROTHY

The assembly stands.

Rusty Edwards paraphrased this text from the Beatitudes, the familiar "blessings" delivered by Jesus on the Mount of Olives. Edwards was ordained to the Lutheran ministry in 1985 and has since served two Illinois churches, most recently as senior pastor at Gloria Dei Lutheran Church in Rockford, Jane Manton Marshall composed this tune in 1993 for Edwards' paraphrase. It is named ANNIKA'S DANCE in honor of lituraical dancer Annika Gustafson, who first interpreted the hymn through that art form. Jane Marshall is a well-known educator, composer, and conductor in the United Methodist Church. She contributed a great deal of liturgical music to The United Methodist Hymnal (1989).





#### THE APOSTLES' CREED

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With the whole church, let us confess our faith.

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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.

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#### PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

The lay assistant offers the prayers.

A brief silence.

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

Blessed is your church transformed by your Spirit. Give us courage to proclaim to all people the promises made true in the death and resurrection of Christ. God of grace, **Receive our prayer.** 

Blessed is creation. As earth experiences destruction from harmful practices and climate change, give us courage to help bring about its restoration. Encourage those who work in forestry to be a voice for the hidden places of creation and provide skills for its conservation. God of grace,

# Receive our prayer.

Blessed are the nations. We pray for presidents, prime ministers, and leaders of nations. Grant that their courage will not run dry in the face of challenge, but that they will delight in the fountain of your righteousness. God of grace,

# Receive our prayer.

Blessed are those in need. Give wise and caring doctors, nurses, and therapists to all facing illness. Draw close to those who feel far from you or who are suffering in any way. Today we pray especially for Jean, Pat, Amy, Andrea, Myrna and Jerry, Sandy, Betty, Don, Gaynelle, Gene and Pam, Del, and Jonathan. Comfort Juan and family at the loss of Juan's mother, Epidia. Provide an extra measure of your grace and love. God of grace,

# Receive our prayer.

Blessed is this congregation. Like a tree planted by streams of water, we are nourished by faith in you. Provide courage in times that feel dry, trusting that you sustain us in many ways. God of grace,

# Receive our prayer.

Here other intercessions may be offered.

For what else do the people of God pray?

Blessed are those saints who now rest in your peace, especially Epidia. Through lives of both sorrow and joy, challenge and triumph, they provide witness of faith in all times. May their lives be a witness to the living. 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.

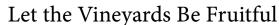
#### **WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

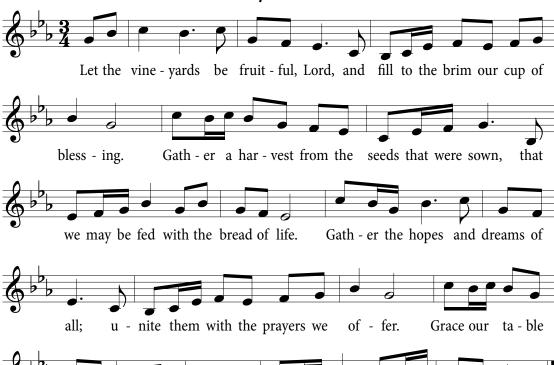
# Meal

**OFFERTORY HYMN** 

# PREPARE OUR TITHES AND OFFERINGS AND OUR TABLES

The assembly stands.





#### **OFFERING PRAYER**

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.

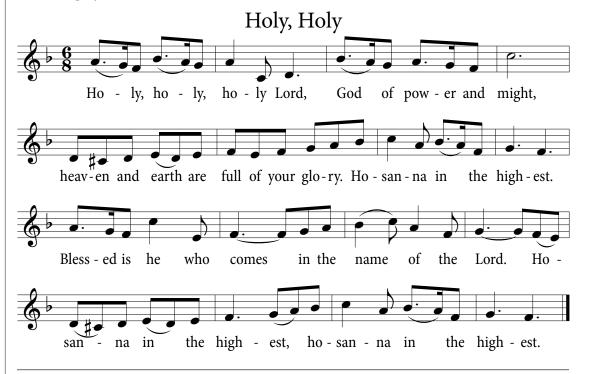
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

with your pres - ence,

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

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

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

Amen.

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# **POST-COMMUNION CANTICLE**

**ELW 313** 









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.

This hymn is an interesting

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 625** 



was to be remembered

for his preaching.

#### **DISMISSAL**

Go in peace. Live in hope.

Thanks be to God.

# **ALL ARE WELCOME**



IN THIS PLACE

# 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

#### **THIS WEEK**

**King's Kindness Food Pantry** continues to serve our neighbors in need. The basket has been empty these days. With the gospel emphasis on the hungry these past weeks, let's remember to help fill the basket. For the rest of February and March we will gather canned soup. You can put your gifts in the basket in the Sanctuary or in the bin outside the offices (under the covered entry).

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 Reports** are available in the Narthex or in the office in English and en español.

As the new United States President's administration takes over, pray for compassion, understanding, and unity. If you have any questions or need a safe place to voice your hopes and your fears, Pastor Dorothy's "door" is always open for conversation and prayer.

#### WINTER STORMS AND 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 <a href="https://www.nrg.number.of.charities.of">www.nrg.number.of.charities.of</a> your choosing.

As dangerous snow and ice continue to sweep across the country, and Southern California contends with the aftermath of devasting wildfires, Red Cross blood drive cancellations have grown into the hundreds, straining the blood supply. Please consider donating blood at the Red Cross Blood Drive held here every Friday. Use the find-adrive code **1TRTig** at **redcrossblood.org**.

#### **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 6264 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, 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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