

SEVENTH SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY

FEBRUARY 23, 2025



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Welcome to Christ the King Lutheran Church/Cristo Rey Iglesia Luterana. Whether you are worshiping in person or online, we're glad you are here! Please fill out a Connection Card and drop it in the offering plate or complete it online at www.tigardlutherans.com/connect

Sunday, February 23, 2025 • Seventh Sunday after Epiphany

Mercy. Mercy. Joseph lives it in Egypt. Jesus preaches it in the gospel. The Spirit guides us into merciful lives with the power of forgiveness to reconcile what is fractured and divided. Such merciful living is the baptismal blessing of having put on Christ. It is the gift of the life-giving Spirit. It is a reflection of God's glory revealed in Christ.

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

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 \oplus 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.

Since it was first published in 1992, New Zealander Shirley Erena Murray's popular "Come and Find the Ouiet Center" has become a touchstone of peace and spiritual calm for many faith communities. The text of the hymn has found its way into informational pamphlets about labyrinth walks and prayer gardens, chapel dedications, personal devotional materials, and many worship services. Murray was a prolific hymn writer with texts appearing in more than 100 collections worldwide. Her hymns and carols speak to a wide spectrum of themes including human rights, women's concerns, justice, peace, the integrity of creation, and the unity of the church. The tune BEACH SPRING may have been written or adapted by Benjamin Franklin White. It was first found in a tunebook called The Sacred Harp (1844). which White edited with Elisha James King. This book contained tunes collected from the southern United States.

GATHERING HYMN

Come and Find the Quiet Center



- 1. Come and find the qui et cen ter in the crowd ed life we lead,
- 2. Si lence is a friend who claims us, cools the heat and slows the pace,
- 3. In the Spir it let us tray el, o pen to each oth-er's pain,



find the room for hope to en - ter, find the frame where we are freed: God it is who speaks and names us, knows our be - ing, touch-es base, let our loves and fears un - rav - el, cel - e - brate the space we gain:



clear the cha - os and the clut - ter, clear our eyes, that we can see mak-ing space with - in our think-ing, lift - ing shades to show the sun, there's a place for deep-est dream-ing, there's a time for heart to care,



all the things that real-ly mat - ter, be at peace, and sim-ply be. rais-ing cour - age when we're shrink-ing, find-ing scope for faith be - gun. in the Spir - it's live - ly schem-ing there is al - ways room to spare!

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.



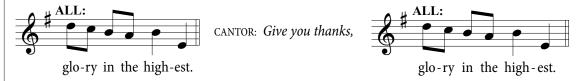
Glo-ry to God, glo-ry in the high-est. Peace to God's peo-ple, peace on earth.

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,

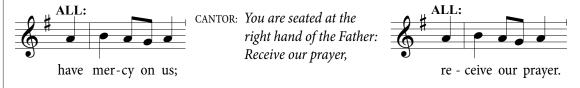


CANTOR: Praise you for your glory.



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.

O Lord Jesus, make us instruments of your peace, that where there is hatred, we may sow love, where there is injury, pardon, and where there is despair, hope. Grant, O divine master, that we may seek to console, to understand, and to love in your name, for you live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

The assembly is seated.

Word

READING GENESIS 45:3-11, 15

A reading from Genesis, the forty-fifth chapter.

Joseph said to his brothers, "I am Joseph. Is my father still alive?" But his brothers could not answer him, so dismayed were they at his presence.

Then Joseph said to his brothers, "Come closer to me." And they came closer. He said, "I am your brother, Joseph, whom you sold into Egypt. And now do not be distressed or angry with yourselves because you sold me here, for God sent me before you to preserve life. For the famine has been in the land these two years, and there are five more years in which there will be neither plowing nor harvest. God sent me before you to preserve for you a remnant on earth and to keep alive for you many survivors. So it was not you who sent me here but God; he has made me a father to Pharaoh and lord of all his house and ruler over all the land of Egypt. Hurry and go up to my father and say to him, 'Thus says your son Joseph, God has made me lord of all Egypt; come down to me; do not delay. You shall settle in the land of Goshen, and you shall be near me, you and your children and your children, as well as your flocks, your herds, and all that you have. I will provide for you there, since there are five more years of famine to come, so that you and your household and all that you have will not come to poverty."

And he kissed all his brothers and wept upon them, and after that his brothers talked with him.

Word of God. Word of life.

Thanks be to God.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

PSALM 37:1-11, 39-40

A reading from Psalm 37.

Do not fret because of the wicked; do not be envious of wrongdoers, for they will soon fade like the grass and wither like the green herb.

Trust in the Lord and do good; live in the land and enjoy security.

Take delight in the Lord, and he will give you the desires of your heart.

Commit your way to the Lord; trust in him, and he will act.

Many years after being sold into slavery by his jealous brothers, Joseph reveals himself to them. Now the second-in-command in Egypt, Joseph reassures his brothers that God has used their evil intentions for good to preserve life during a devastating famine, and Joseph forgives them.

He will make your vindication shine like the light and the justice of your cause like the noonday.

Be still before the Lord, and wait patiently for him; do not fret over those who prosper in their way, over those who carry out evil devices. Refrain from anger and forsake wrath.

Do not fret—it leads only to evil. For the wicked shall be cut off, but those who wait for the Lord shall inherit the land. Yet a little while, and the wicked will be no more; though you look diligently for their place, they will not be there.

But the meek shall inherit the land and delight themselves in abundant prosperity.

The salvation of the righteous is from the Lord; he is their refuge in the time of trouble.

The Lord helps them and rescues them; he rescues them from the wicked and saves them because they take refuge in him.

READING

1 CORINTHIANS 15:35-38, 42-50

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

But someone will ask, "How are the dead raised? With what kind of body do they come?" Fool! What you sow does not come to life unless it dies. And as for what you sow, you do not sow the body that is to be but a bare seed, perhaps of wheat or of some other grain. But God gives it a body as he has chosen and to each kind of seed its own body.

So it is with the resurrection of the dead. What is sown is perishable; what is raised is imperishable. It is sown in dishonor; it is raised in glory. It is sown in weakness; it is raised in power. It is sown a physical body; it is raised a spiritual body. If there is a physical body, there is also a spiritual body. Thus it is written, "The first man, Adam, became a living being"; the last Adam became a life-giving spirit. But it is not the spiritual that is first but the physical and then the spiritual. The first man was from the earth, made of dust; the second man is from heaven. As one of dust, so are those who are of the dust, and as one of heaven, so are those who are of heaven. Just as we have borne the image of the one of dust, we will also bear the image of the one of heaven.

What I am saying, brothers and sisters, is this: flesh and blood cannot inherit the kingdom of God, nor does the perishable inherit the imperishable.

Word of God. Word of life.

Thanks be to God.

In the Apostles' Creed, we speak of the "resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting." Using the metaphor of a planted seed and the story of Adam, Paul preaches passionately about the mystery of following Christ's perfect life into eternity. The assembly stands to greet the Holy Gospel.

Jesus continues to address a crowd of his disciples.

He invites his followers to shower radical love,

blessing, forgiveness,

generosity, and trust

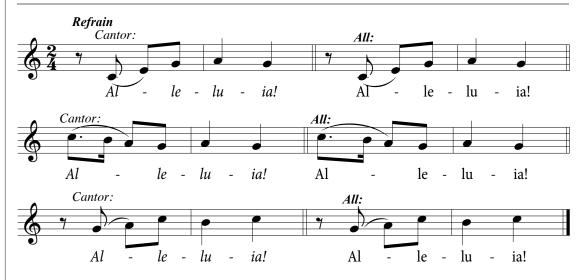
even on enemies and

outsiders. Living in

harmony with God's intent brings the reward of

overflowing blessing.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



CANTOR Love your enemies, and you will be children of the Most High; forgive, and you will be forgiven.

ALL **Refrain**

HOLY GOSPEL LUKE 6:27-38

The Holy Gospel according to Luke, the sixth chapter.

Glory to you, O Lord.

[Jesus said:] "But I say to you who are listening: Love your enemies; do good to those who hate you; bless those who curse you; pray for those who mistreat you. If anyone strikes you on the cheek, offer the other also, and from anyone who takes away your coat do not withhold even your shirt. Give to everyone who asks of you, and if anyone takes away what is yours, do not ask for it back again. Do to others as you would have them do to you.

"If you love those who love you, what credit is that to you? For even sinners love those who love them. If you do good to those who do good to you, what credit is that to you? For even sinners do the same. If you lend to those from whom you expect to receive payment, what credit is that to you? Even sinners lend to sinners, to receive as much again. Instead, love your enemies, do good, and lend, expecting nothing in return. Your reward will be great, and you will be children of the Most High, for he himself is kind to the ungrateful and the wicked. Be merciful, just as your Father is merciful.

"Do not judge, and you will not be judged; do not condemn, and you will not be condemned. Forgive, and you will be forgiven; give, and it will be given to you. A good measure, pressed down, shaken together, running over, will be put into your lap, for the measure you give will be the measure you get back."

The Gospel of the Savior.

Praise to you, O Christ.

The assembly is seated.

THE HOMILY REV. JOEL SCHMITZ

The assembly stands.

Frederick Herman Kaan wrote this hvmn on acceptance in 1974 after reading a Bible-study article written by Jacki Mattonen, a member of the executive committee of the World Alliance of Reformed Churches, Fred Kaan, born in the Netherlands, was drawn to England by a long correspondence with a pen pal in London and an article on congregationalism. Although he first considered becoming a painter, he began his study of theology in 1949 and was ordained in 1955 by the Congregational Union of England and Wales. Samuel Sebastian Wesley wrote this music for a translation of a Latin text that began "Jerusalem the Golden." The tune name AURELIA was supplied by Wesley's wife. It derived from the Latin word for golden, aureus, from which the chemical symbol for gold, Au, also comes. Wesley was known for his adventuresome spirit in seeking reform of church music in 19th century England. He was a professor of organ at the Royal Academy of Music in England.

HYMN OF THE DAY Help Us Accept Each Other 1. Help ac - cept each oth - er as Christ ac - cept - ed us 2. Teach God, your les - sons, as in our dai - ly us, 0 your 3. Let ac - cep - tance change us, so that we may be to - day's en - coun - ters with 4. God, for all who are



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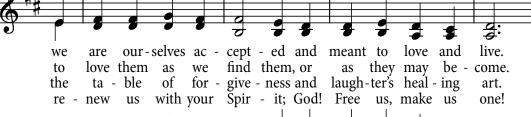
need,

teach sis - ter, broth - er, each per - son to em - brace. us as we strug-gle be hu - man and search for hope and faith. in liv - ing sit - u a - tions to do the truth in love; hun - ger for ac - cep - tance, for righ - teous - ness and bread,



Be pres - ent, God, a - mong us, and bring be - lieve us to all, not just Teach to care for peo - ple, for some, prac - tice your ac - cep - tance, un - til we know by heart to see - ing, new bring new eyes for hands for hold - ing on;







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.

Surprising God, you call us to love our enemies and to show kindness in the face of cruelty. Let our actions be a shining witness of your overwhelming grace for all. God of grace,

Receive our prayer.

As animals hibernate and fields lay dormant, let them be a reminder that life and faith are not static but always changing and growing. May we, with all creation, trust that the ending of one thing promises life in a new way. God of grace,

Receive our prayer.

We pray for leaders and policymakers who work to reduce violence in our nations, cities, and towns. Give your wisdom and discernment amid heated arguments and differing viewpoints. God of grace,

Receive our prayer.

We pray for the victims of abuse and violence. Provide safe shelter and new beginnings to those experiencing domestic violence and dangerous situations. Enfold with love all who seek your healing care, especially Jean, Amy, Myrna and Jerry, Sandy, Betty, Don, Gaynelle, Gene and Pam, and Del. God of grace,

Receive our prayer.

Empower our faith communities to be signs of your gracious love. Bless the local food pantry ministries and ministries that provide shelter, that they will be a voice for those in need in our communities. 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 the enduring witness of those who have died before us. May their lives in you provide a witness of your everlasting grace. 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

The peace of the Lord be with you always.

And also with you.

The assembly is seated.

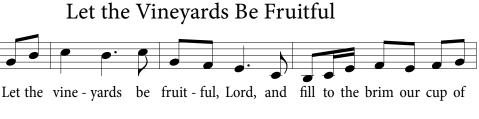
WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Meal

PREPARE OUR TITHES AND OFFERINGS AND OUR TABLES

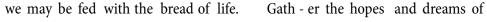
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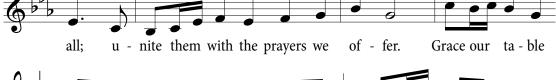
The assembly stands.

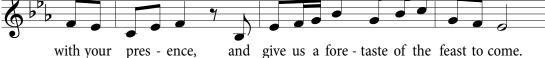












OFFERING PRAYER

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.

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

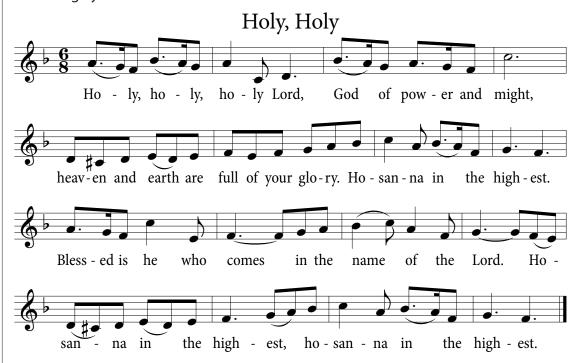
We lift them to the Lord.

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

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

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

COMMUNION BLESSING

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

O Lord, Now Let Your Servant

Amen.

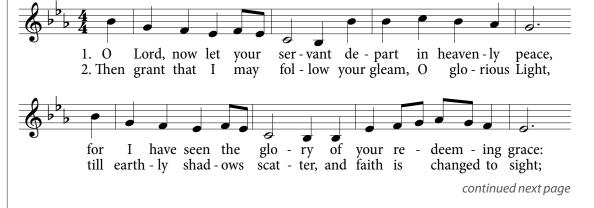
All are welcome at this meal.

The assembly stands.

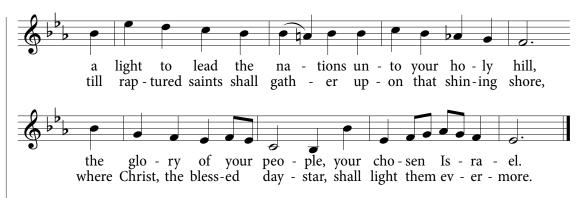
This paraphrase of the Nunc dimittis was written by Ernest Edwin Ryden in 1924. Ryden was a distinguished Lutheran clergyman and life-long student of hymns. He was pastor of Emanuel Lutheran Church in North Grosvenordale. Connecticut. He was a member of the Committee which created the Augustana Hymnal of 1925, in which this hymn was first published. (continued next page)

POST-COMMUNION CANTICLE

ELW 313



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.

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

Almighty God, Creator,

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

SENDING HYMN





Brian Wren wrote this text for a 1978 New Year's Day service at Holy Family Church, Blackbird Leys, Oxford, England. Originally the text was a series of questions and answers, beginning "Is this a day of new beginnings?" Wren later revised the text in this form for the United Methodist hymnal revision committee. Carlton Young composed the tune BEGINNINGS for this text in 1987. As the text was originally a series of questions and answers, the music reflected this format. The harmonies are in the style of a 1930s Broadway ballad. Young is an ordained elder in the United Methodist Church and has served that denomination as director of music for local churches in Massachusetts, Ohio, Texas, and Georgia.

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

Pastor Dorothy is on a short trip to celebrate the 21st birthday of a granddaughter. Pray for their safe travels. She will return to lead worship on Transfiguration Sunday, March 2. Thank you Pastor Joel Schmitz for leading worship.

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 continues developing its policies and procedures for our lives, 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 www.nrg.number.of.charities.of 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**.

ASH WEDNESDAY SERVICE

Ash Wednesday is March 5. We will gather at noon (English) and 7 p.m (Spanish) in person only for a spoken service of confession and forgiveness, imposition of ashes, and Holy Communion.

BOOK OF FAITH BIBLE STUDY

Book of Faith Bible Study is on hiatus until after Easter. We will pick up a study developed by the ELCA titled "Civic Life and Faith." Materials are provided by the Churchwide offices of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America. The six-week study will begin Wednesday, May 7 and conclude June 11.

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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