

FIRST SUNDAY IN LENT FEBRUARY 18, 2024



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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 18, 2024 • First Sunday in Lent

On Ash Wednesday the church began its journey toward baptismal immersion in the death and resurrection of Christ. This year, the Sundays in Lent lead us to focus on five covenants God makes in the Hebrew Scriptures and to use them as lenses through which to view baptism. First Peter connects the way God saved Noah's family in the flood with the way God saves us through the water of baptism. The baptismal covenant is made with us individually, but the new life we are given in baptism is for the sake of the whole world.

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

Blessed be God, Creator, \oplus Redeemer, and Holy Wisdom. **Amen.**

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid: cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you and worthily magnify your holy name, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

Holy God,

Held in God's mercy, let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

Silence is kept for reflection.

we confess that we are caught in snares of sin and cannot break free. We hoard resources while our neighbors are hungry and cold. We speak in ways that silence others. We are silent when we should speak up. We keep score in our hearts. We let hurts grow into hatred. For all these things and for sins only you know, forgive us, Lord. Amen.

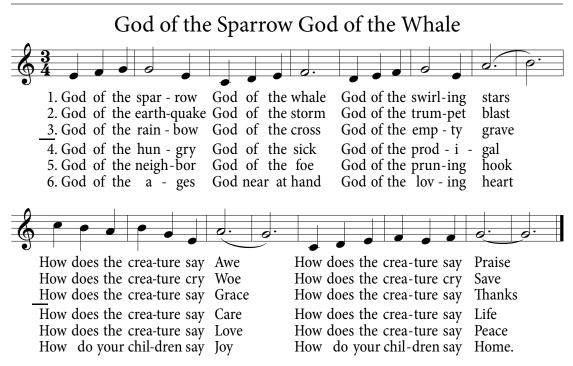
Here is abundant grace: Out of love for the whole world, God draws near to us, breaks every snare of sin, washes away our wrongs, and restores the promise of life through + Jesus Christ.

Amen.

The assembly stands. All may make the sign of the cross as the presiding minister begins.

GATHERING HYMN

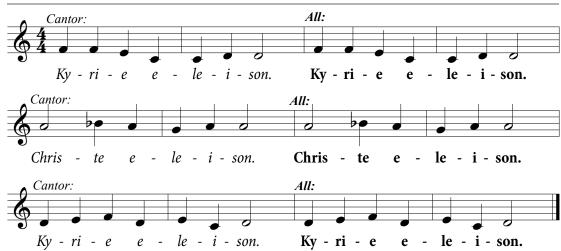
Jaroslav Vajda wrote this hymn in 1983 at the request of Concordia Lutheran Church in Kirkwood, Missouri, for its 110th anniversary celebration. Vajda wanted to provoke answers to how and why we serve God. By creating new poetic forms and adapting ageless ideas and expressions, he speaks in the language of his time. Carl Schalk collaborated with Vajda on many hymns, including this one. Schalk named the tune ROEDER for his wife's father. Paul Roeder, who was a minister of the Lutheran Church, Missouri synod. Schalk was a teacher and church musician in the Lutheran Church, serving in Wausau, Wisconsin, before becoming music director of "The International Lutheran Hour" and professor at Concordia Teachers College, River Forest, Illinois..



APOSTOLIC GREETING

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all. **And also with you.**

KYRIE ELEISON



PRAYER OF THE DAY

A brief silence is kept before the prayer.

The assembly is seated.

Today's reading is the conclusion to the flood story. Because of human sin, God destroys the earth by flood, saving only Noah, his family, and the animals on the ark. Yet divine destruction gives way to divine commitment. As in the first creation, God blesses humanity and establishes a covenant with all creatures.

Let us pray.

Holy God, heavenly Father, in the waters of the flood you saved the chosen, and in the wilderness of temptation you protected your Son from sin. Renew us in the gift of baptism. May your holy angels be with us, that the wicked foe may have no power over us, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

Word

READING

GENESIS 9:8-17

A reading from the Genesis, the ninth chapter.

God said to Noah and to his sons with him, "As for me, I am establishing my covenant with you and your descendants after you, and with every living creature that is with you, the birds, the domestic animals, and every animal of the earth with you, as many as came out of the ark. I establish my covenant with you, that never again shall all flesh be cut off by the waters of a flood, and never again shall there be a flood to destroy the earth."

God said, "This is the sign of the covenant that I make between me and you and every living creature that is with you, for all future generations: I have set my bow in the clouds, and it shall be a sign of the covenant between me and the earth. When I bring clouds over the earth and the bow is seen in the clouds, I will remember my covenant that is between me and you and every living creature of all flesh; and the waters shall never again become a flood to destroy all flesh. When the bow is in the clouds, I will see it and remember the everlasting covenant between God and every living creature of all flesh that is on the earth." God said to Noah, "This is the sign of the covenant that I have established between me and all flesh that is on the earth."

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

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

PSALM 25:1-10

A reading from Psalm 25.

To you, O Lord, I lift up my soul. O my God, in you I trust; do not let me be put to shame; do not let my enemies exult over me.

Do not let those who wait for you be put to shame; let them be ashamed who are wantonly treacherous.

Make me to know your ways, O Lord; teach me your paths. Lead me in your truth, and teach me, for you are the God of my salvation; for you I wait all day long.

Be mindful of your mercy, O Lord, and of your steadfast love, for they have been from of old.

Do not remember the sins of my youth or my transgressions; according to your steadfast love remember me, for your goodness' sake, O Lord!

Good and upright is the Lord; therefore he instructs sinners in the way.

He leads the humble in what is right, and teaches the humble his way.

All the paths of the Lord are steadfast love and faithfulness, for those who keep his covenant and his decrees.

READING

1 PETER 3:18-22

As God acted through Christ's suffering and death to bring us to God, so God acts through baptism to save us from a sinful existence. This spiritual cleansing marks our new life in Christ.

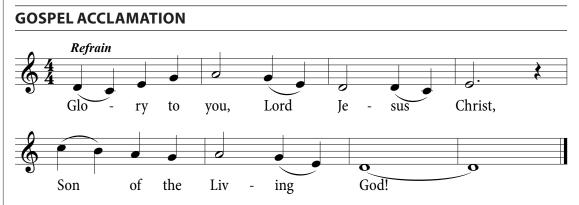
The assembly stands to greet the Holy Gospel.

The Spirit that comes upon Jesus at his baptism sustains him when he is tested by Satan so that he might proclaim the good news of God's reign. A reading from the first letter of Peter, the third chapter.

For Christ also suffered for sins once for all, the righteous for the unrighteous, in order to bring you to God. He was put to death in the flesh, but made alive in the spirit, in which also he went and made a proclamation to the spirits in prison, who in former times did not obey, when God waited patiently in the days of Noah, during the building of the ark, in which a few, that is, eight persons, were saved through water.

And baptism, which this prefigured, now saves you—not as a removal of dirt from the body, but as an appeal to God for a good conscience, through the resurrection of Jesus Christ, who has gone into heaven and is at the right hand of God, with angels, authorities, and powers made subject to him.

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



- CANTOR One does not live on bread alone, but on every word that comes forth from the mouth of God.
- ALL **Refrain**

HOLY GOSPEL

MARK 1:9-15

The Holy Gospel according to Mark, the first chapter. **Glory to you, O Lord.**

In those days Jesus came from Nazareth of Galilee and was baptized by John in the Jordan. And just as he was coming up out of the water, he saw the heavens torn apart and the Spirit descending like a dove on him. And a voice came from heaven, "You are my Son, the Beloved; with you I am well pleased." And the Spirit immediately drove him out into the wilderness. He was in the wilderness forty days, tempted by Satan; and he was with the wild beasts; and the angels waited on him.

Now after John was arrested, Jesus came to Galilee, proclaiming the good news of God, and saying, "The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God has come near; repent, and believe in the good news."

The Gospel of the Savior. **Praise to you, O Christ.**

The assembly is seated.

THE HOMILY

PASTOR CHRISTOPHER NOLTE

HYMN OF THE DAY

The assembly stands.

This text, written in 2012 by Susan Palo Cherwien, draws on the image of the wilderness to reflect on a two-fold view of the Lenten journey. We "cross into the wilderness / so to walk where Christ has gone," and we "cross out of the wilderness" to experience the promise of new life. Michael Costello wrote the tune for this text. Costello is cantor at Grace Lutheran Church and School in River Forest, Illinois, and has served there since 2008.

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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. A brief silence. Trusting in God's promise to reconcile all things, let us pray for the church, the wellbeing of creation, and a world in need.

God our truth, the ark of your church has room for many expressions of faith. We give thanks for voices that challenge and awaken your people. Hear us, O God. **your mercy is great.**

God our maker, you remember your covenant with the earth and its inhabitants. Rescue communities and creatures hurting from natural disasters. Preserve species and habitats endangered by human carelessness and disregard. Hear us, O God. **your mercy is great.**

God our light, you know our weakness. Free all who govern from the temptations of power. Sustain all who work for human rights in every nation. Hear us, O God. **your mercy is great.**

God our help, you care for your beloved children. Comfort all who are grieving, ill, afraid, in pain, or in despair, especially Betty, Don, Gaynelle, Gene and Pam, Del and Suzanne, Jean, and Myrna and Jerry. Feed hungry people living in food deserts. Protect any at risk from exploitation and abuse. Hear us, O God.

your mercy is great.

God our home, you gather your people. Grant us health and safety as we assemble. Keep us mindful of any who are homebound, hospitalized, convalescing, or traveling. Hear us, O God.

your mercy is great.

For what else do the people of God pray?

God our hope, you promise eternal life to your beloved children. We remember with gratitude those who have lived and died in faith. Grant that we may also dwell with you in everlasting peace. Hear us, O God. **your mercy is great.**

The presiding ministerAccompany us on our journey, God of grace, and receive the prayers of our hearts,
through Jesus Christ, our Savior.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

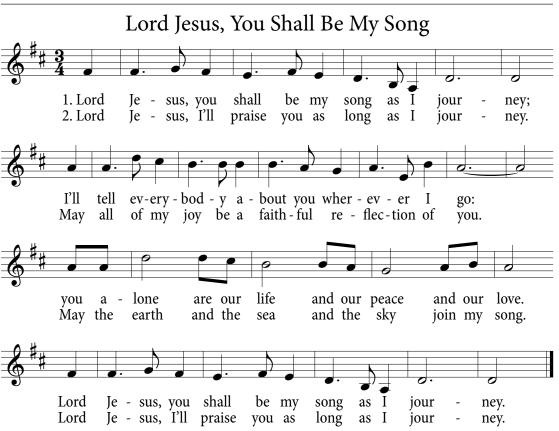
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OFFERTORY HYMN

ELW 808



"Lord Jesus, You Shall Be My Song" was created in 1961 by members of Les Petites Soeurs de Jésus ("The Little Sisters of Jesus"), a global contemplative order that "seeks to be a sign of love to people who are rejected." The hymn also has associations with L'Arche communities. It is both a promise to bear witness to the love of Christ, and a prayer for courage throughout life's journey.



OFFERING PRAYER

Let us pray.

Jesus, you are the bread of life and the host of this meal. Bless these gifts that we have gathered that all people may know your goodness. Feed us not only with this holy food but with hunger for justice and peace. We pray this in your name. Amen.

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

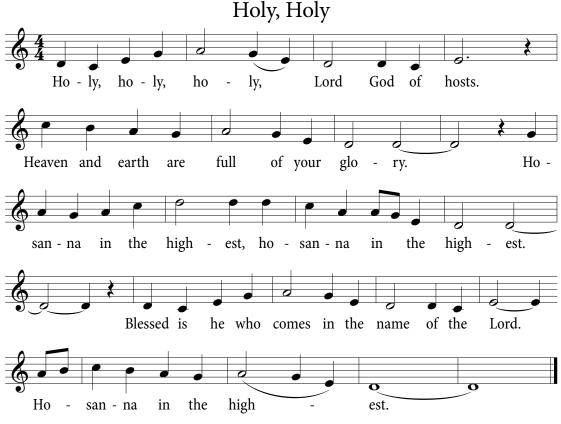
We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

PROPER PREFACE

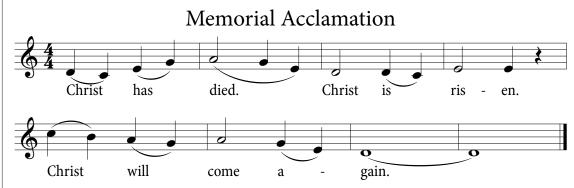
It is indeed right, our duty and our joy ... we praise your name and join their unending hymn:



EUCHARISTIC PRAYER

Blessed are you, O God of the universe. Your mercy is everlasting and your faithfulness endures from age to age....

With this bread and cup we remember our Lord's passover from death to life as we proclaim the mystery of faith:

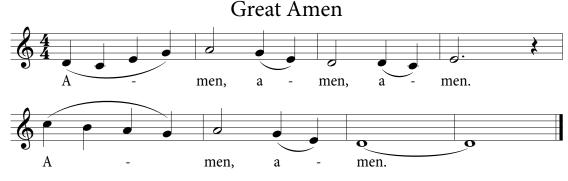


O God of resurrection and new life: Pour out your Holy Spirit on us and on these gifts of bread and wine. Bless this feast. Grace our table with your presence. **Come, Holy Spirit.**

Reveal yourself to us in the breaking of the bread. Raise us up as the body of Christ for the world. Breathe new life into us. Send us forth, burning with justice, peace, and love.

Come, Holy Spirit.

With your holy ones of all times and places, with the earth and all its creatures, with sun and moon and stars, we praise you, O God, blessed and holy Trinity, now and forever.



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.

Pal. Bread for the journey. A feast for hungry hearts. Come!

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.**

POST-COMMUNION CANTICLE

As Long as I Live, Jesus long 1. As as I live, Je - sus, make me your ser vant, dark and the 2. I fear in the doubt of my jour ney; to car - ry your cross and to share all your bur-dens and tears. but cour-age will come with the sound of your steps by my side. giv For you saved me by ing your bod y and blood. -And with all of the fam ily you saved by your love, As long as Ι live, Je-sus, make me your ser vant. we'll sing to your dawn at the end of our jour ney.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Let us pray.

Generous God, at this table we have tasted your immeasurable grace. As grains of wheat are gathered into one bread, now make us one loaf to feed the world; in the name of Jesus, the bread of life. Amen.

SENDING BLESSING

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

ELW 808

SENDING HYMN

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Recounting the life of Christ, this hymn comes from an anonymous 15th-century Latin hymn of 23 stanzas. It has been described as a precursor of Christmas and Epiphany carols. The anonymous tune is known by two names. It received the name AGINCOURT because the melody was a folk song recounting King Henry V's victory at Agincourt in 1415. However, Henry ordered that this secular song not be sung and that God receive the thanks and praise, hence the second title, DEO GRACIAS ("Thanks to God").

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DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Share your bread. **Thanks be to God.**

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

THE LIFE OF THE CHURCH

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WEEKLY eNEWS

This is an abbreviated list of announcements. Be sure to read the weekly eNews for complete coverage of this week's news. Follow the link or QR code in the purple box above to subscribe.

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

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

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

Phone-in # 1-253-215-8782

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WELCOME PASTOR CHRISTOPHER

Welcome Pastor Christopher Nolte. Pastor Dorothy is out of town celebrating with family the 21st birthday of one of her grandchildren. Happy Birthday!

SAFE PARKING PROGRAM

Christ the King/Cristo Rey continues to explore the Safe Parking Program. A comprehensive description of the program is available on our website. A link to the video of the February 1 Zoom meeting is available as well. Visit tigardlutherans.com/safe-parking-program.

ANNUAL REPORTS

Annual Reports are available in the church office.

CONGREGATION COUNCIL

Congratulations to our 2024-2025 Congregation Council: Sharon Ray (continues an unexpired term), Jane Conner, Greg Lof, Cody Schnaufer, Jonathan Stolting.

CRISTO REY

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

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

PRAYER REQUESTS

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

ADULT EDUCATION

Women of the Bible resumes February 21 for a Lenten study we're calling "Women of the Passion and Resurrection." Join us Wednesday evenings at 7 beginning February 21.

https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81614483579?pwd=ejdGN UhMdXJvTkdSQnc1ZGhmNllzUT09

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

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.
- Use your bank's online bill-pay service.
- Set up a recurring or single payment through Vanco by visiting our website.
- 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.

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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