

# TWELFTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

AUGUST 31, 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, August 31, 2025 • Twelfth Sunday after Pentecost

Invited and inviting—that is the nature of the church. By God's grace in holy baptism we have a place at Christ's banquet table. When, by the power of that same Spirit, humility and mutual love continue among us, the church can be more inviting still.

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**

The assembly stands. All may make the sign of the cross, the sign that is

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

In the name of God, Creator, + Redeemer, and Holy Wisdom.

Amen.

#### **CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS**

Baptized into Christ, let us confess our sin.

Silence is kept for reflection.

marked at baptism, as the

presiding minister begins.

Merciful God,

you free us to love others, but we neglect our neighbors and follow our own way. You lead us by the Spirit of joy and peace, but we turn away from the abundant life you offer. You surround us with patience, kindness, and generosity, but we grow weary in doing what is right. In your mercy, forgive us. Do not give up on us. Heal us, break our bonds, and show us the path of life. Amen.

You belong to Christ Jesus and you are God's children through faith. In the cross of  $\oplus$  Christ, and through the power of the Holy Spirit, your sins are forgiven. Clothed with Christ, you are a new creation.

Amen.

GATHERING HYMN ELW 526

Fred Pratt Green wrote this text in 1979 at the request of Russell Schulz-Widmar, director of music at University United Methodist Church in Austin, Texas. The director sought a new hymn for the closing service of a festival of worship, music, and the arts. Cyril Vincent Taylor wrote the tune in the spring of 1941. He was born in Wigan, Lancashire, England, and following his education was ordained to the Anglican priesthood. He held a number of positions, serving finally as precentor and canon at Salisbury Cathedral from 1969 to 1975.



### **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: Gloria, gloria, glory in the highest. (Refrain 1)

### **REFRAIN 1**



CANTOR: Glory to God in the highest, peace to God's people on earth. (Refrain 1)

CANTOR: Lord God, heavenly King, almighty God and Father. (Refrain 1)

CANTOR: We worship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glory. (Refrain 1)

CANTOR: Lord, Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father. Lord, have mercy. (Refrain 2)

#### **REFRAIN 2**



CANTOR: Lord God, Lamb of God. (Refrain 2)

CANTOR: You take away the sin of the world. (Refrain 2)

CANTOR: You are seated at the right hand of the Father: receive our prayer. Gloria, gloria, glory in the highest. (**Refrain 3**)

#### **REFRAIN 3**



CANTOR: For you alone are the Holy One. (Refrain 3)

CANTOR: You alone are the Lord. (Refrain 4)

### **REFRAIN 4**



CANTOR: You alone are the Most High. (Refrain 5)

### **REFRAIN 5**



CANTOR: Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit, in the glory of God the Father. (**Refrain 5**)

CANTOR: Gloria, gloria. Amen, amen. (Refrain 6)

### **REFRAIN 6**



### **PRAYER OF THE DAY**

Let us pray.

A brief silence is kept before the prayer.

O God, you resist those who are proud and give grace to those who are humble. Give us the humility of your Son, that we may embody the generosity of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Amen.

The assembly is seated.

### **WORD**

**READING** SIRACH 10:12-18

A reading from the wisdom of Sirach, the tenth chapter.

The beginning of human pride is to forsake the Lord; the heart has withdrawn from its Maker. For the beginning of pride is sin, and the one who clings to it pours out abominations. Therefore the Lord brought upon them unheard-of calamities and destroyed them completely. The Lord overthrew the thrones of rulers and enthroned the lowly in their place. The Lord plucked up the roots of the nations and planted the humble in their place. The Lord laid waste the lands of the nations and destroyed them to the foundations of the earth. He removed some of them and destroyed them and erased the memory of them from the earth. Pride was not created for human beings or violent anger for those born of women.

Word of God. Word of life.

Thanks be to God.

### **RESPONSORIAL PSALM**

**PSALM 112** 

A reading of Psalm 112.

Hallelujah! Happy are they who fear the Lord and have great delight in God's commandments!

Their descendants will be mighty in the land; the generation of the upright will be blessed.

Wealth and riches will be in their house, and their righteousness will last forever.

Light shines in the darkness for the upright; the righteous are merciful and full of compassion.

It is good for them to be generous in lending and to manage their affairs with justice.

For they will never be shaken; the righteous will be kept in everlasting remembrance.

They will not be afraid of any evil rumors; their heart is steadfast, trusting in the Lord.

Their heart is established and will not shrink, until they see their desire upon their enemies.

The book of Sirach, like the book of Proverbs, is part of a collection of writings known as wisdom literature. In today's reading, the writer warns against the sin of pride, proclaiming that God will utterly overthrow the proud.

They have given freely to the poor, and their righteousness stands fast forever; they will hold up their head with honor.

The wicked will see it and be angry; they will gnash their teeth and pine away; the desires of the wicked will perish.

**READING** 

HEBREWS 13:1-8, 15-16

The conclusion of the letter to the Hebrews contains suggestions for the conduct of a holy life, all of which are shaped by God's love toward us in Jesus Christ. A reading from the letter to the Hebrews.

Let mutual affection continue. Do not neglect to show hospitality to strangers, for by doing that some have entertained angels without knowing it. Remember those who are in prison, as though you were in prison with them, those who are being tortured, as though you yourselves were being tortured. Let marriage be held in honor by all, and let the marriage bed be kept undefiled, for God will judge the sexually immoral and adulterers. Keep your lives free from the love of money, and be content with what you have, for he himself has said, "I will never leave you or forsake you." So we can say with confidence,

"The Lord is my helper; I will not be afraid. What can anyone do to me?"

Remember your leaders, those who spoke the word of God to you; consider the outcome of their way of life, and imitate their faith. Jesus Christ is the same yesterday and today and forever. Through him, then, let us continually offer a sacrifice of praise to God, that is, the fruit of lips that confess his name. Do not neglect to do good and to share what you have, for such sacrifices are pleasing to God.

Word of God. Word of life.

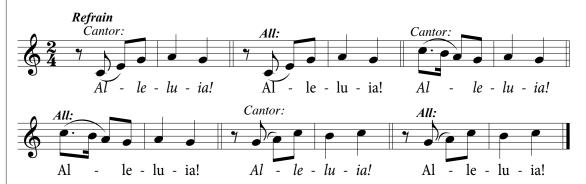
Thanks be to God.

### **CHILDREN'S MESSAGE**

**PASTOR DOROTHY** 

### GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

The assembly stands to greet the Holy Gospel.



CANTOR: Take my yoke upon you, and learn from me; for I am gentle and humble in heart.

ALL: **Refrain** 

HOLY GOSPEL LUKE 14:1, 7-14

Jesus observes guests El Santo Evangelio según Lucas, capítulo catorce. jockeying for position at the

The Holy Gospel according to Luke, the fourteenth chapter.

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

On one occasion when Jesus was going to the house of a leader of the Pharisees to eat a meal on the Sabbath, they were watching him closely. When he noticed how the guests chose the places of honor, he told them a parable. "When you are invited by someone to a wedding banquet, do not sit down at the place of honor, in case someone more distinguished than you has been invited by your host, and the host who invited both of you may come and say to you, 'Give this person your place,' and then in disgrace you would start to take the lowest place. But when you are invited, go and sit down at the lowest place, so that when your host comes, he may say to you, 'Friend, move up higher'; then you will be honored in the presence of all who sit at the table with you. For all who exalt themselves will be humbled, and those who humble themselves will be exalted."

He said also to the one who had invited him, "When you give a luncheon or a dinner, do not invite your friends or your brothers and sisters or your relatives or rich neighbors, in case they may invite you in return, and you would be repaid. But when you give a banquet, invite the poor, the crippled, the lame, and the blind. And you will be blessed because they cannot repay you, for you will be repaid at the resurrection of the righteous."

El Evangelio del Salvador.

The Gospel of the Savior.

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

The assembly is seated.

table. He uses the opportunity

to teach his hearers to choose humility rather than self-

exaltation. Jesus also makes an appeal for hosts to imitate

God's gracious hospitality

to those in need.

THE HOMILY PASTOR DOROTHY

The assembly stands.

David Bjorlin is a pastor and seminary professor with a unique ability to put practical theology into poetic forms. He states that "The act of true praise is always a protest against all that curses or denigrates the Creator's world and the people made in the Creator's image: and an act of true protest is always in praise of a world that the protestor has begun to envision and works to make real." He wrote "At the Table All Are Equal" in 2020 and says this about it: "As a liturgist, one of the aspects of worship I am particularly interested in is the way worship forms our ethics. This text explores the ethical implications of Christ's table and how it should change the way we inhabit our world." Benjamin Brody wrote the tune WILCOX for this text. Brody graduated from Whitworth University in Spokane, Washington, in 1998, and returned in 2003 to teach in the music department. Ben cares deeply about the role of music in corporate worship and is passionate about helping pastors, church musicians, and worship committees develop faithful worship practices in their congregations. Ben is director of music at Colbert Presbyterian Church, in Colbert, Washington, and currently serves as presidentelect of the Hymn Society in the United States and Canada.



### 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.

Let us pray for the church, the creation, and the whole people of God, for God is near.

A brief silence.

For the leaders of the church, we pray. Inspire deacons, pastors, Sunday school teachers, and Christian education directors with a passion for speaking the word of God. Equip all the baptized to share your word of grace. Hear us, O God.

### Your mercy is great.

For the well-being of creation, we pray. Sustain farm workers and all who labor in fields and vineyards to grow the food we eat. Revive plains and pastures, and provide for the cattle and creatures who rely on the land for their sustenance. Hear us, O God.

### Your mercy is great.

For the leaders of towns, cities, provinces, states, and nations, we pray. Guide them to enact equitable laws and policies for all. On this Labor Day weekend, make us mindful of workers whose labor often goes unnoticed. Hear us, O God.

### Your mercy is great.

For the lowly and those who are ignored, we pray. Provide for the needs of vulnerable communities, those who are unemployed, burdened by debt, or struggle to make ends meet. Accompany all who need reassurance of your loving presence, especially Travis, Paul, Gaynelle, Kole, Del, Jean, Sandy, Don, Betty, Nick, Myrna, and Marteena. Hear us, O God.

### Your mercy is great.

We pray for the community of faith and the neighborhood around Annunciation Catholic Church and School in Minneapolis as they grieve the deaths of two students and care for the wounded in the face of a violent attack by a lone gunman on the first day of school, while the children, faculty, and some parents and parishioners gathered to celebrate mass. Hear us, O God.

### Your mercy is great.

Here other intercessions may be offered.

For what else do the people of God pray?

For all the saints who from their labors rest, we give thanks. With them, we offer our sacrifice of praise to you, O God, the same yesterday and today and forever. Hear us, O God.

### Your mercy is great.

The presiding minister concludes the prayers. Confident in God's presence and promise, we entrust our prayers to the one who always receives them; through Jesus Christ, our wisdom and companion.

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**

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### The assembly stands.

Musical missionary Karen Lafferty was a nightclub singer in 1970 when she experienced a religious awakening, felt a call to ministry, and became more deeply involved in the life of Calvary Chapel in Costa Mesa, California. The next year she was inspired during a Bible study to create the tune and first stanza for this hymn, followed later by additional stanzas. This song has enjoyed wide popularity. It has been included in hymnals throughout the English-speaking world and has been translated as well into other languages.

### **OFFERING PRAYER**

Let us pray.

Creator God, in your wisdom you bring forth all that is good and the harvest is plentiful. Strengthen us at your table with these gifts of the earth and our labor, that we may work for the good of all; through Jesus Christ, our Savior. 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, that we should at all times and in all places give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God, through our Savior Jesus Christ; who on this day overcame death and the grave, and by his glorious resurrection opened to us the way of everlasting life. And so, with all the choirs of angels, with the church on earth and the hosts of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:



### **EUCHARISTIC PRAYER**

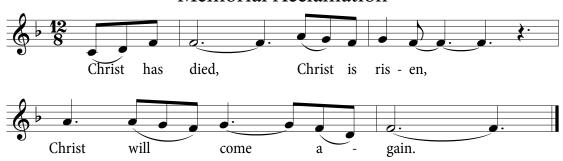
Holy, mighty, and merciful Lord, heaven and earth are full of your glory. In great love you sent to us Jesus, your Son, who reached out to heal the sick and suffering, who preached good news to the poor, and who, on the cross, opened his arms to all.

In the night in which he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks; broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying: Take and eat; this is my body, given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me.

Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink, saying: This cup is the new covenant in my blood, shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin. Do this for the remembrance of me.

Remembering, therefore, his death, resurrection, and ascension, we await his coming in glory.

### Memorial Acclamation



Pour out upon us the Spirit of your love, O Lord, and unite the wills of all who share this heavenly food, the body and blood of Jesus Christ, our Lord; to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, be all honor and glory, 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.

The table of God is set before you. Eat and rejoice.

### **DISTRIBUTION**

The assembly stands.

**COMMUNION BLESSING** 

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**





### PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Let us pray.

Mothering God, you gathered us to your table and we drank deeply of your grace. Send us out by your Spirit to love our neighbors as ourselves and proclaim your love in Jesus' name. 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.** 

This beautiful Pentecost hymn celebrates God's gift of the Holy Spirit. Written by Bryan Jeffery Leech in 1976, the uplifting melody carries the poetry of a true wordsmith. Leech was born in Middlesex, England in 1931. He came to the United States in 1955 and studied at Barrington College and North Park Seminary. He was ordained in 1961 and served in the Covenant Church. He composed more than 500 songs. His tune, LOIS, is named in honor of Lois Bock, wife of Leech's collaborator, publisher, and friend, Fred Bock.

Timothy Dudley-Smith was asked to write this hymn for a service that was to mark the opening of the new premises of the Cambridge University Mission in Bermondsey, in November 1972. The mission had been his home from 1953 to 1955 when he was its director and had lived "in a tiny flat at the top of three old terrace houses." Carl Schalk wrote the tune RED HILL ROAD in 2004. He said that when he came across Dudley-Smith's text "O Christ the Same," it "struck a resonant chord." It is one of the few texts he set because he wanted to do it, quite apart from anyone asking him for a tune. The tune's name refers to the address of the Hong Kong International School, a Lutheran elementary, middle, and high school in Hong Kong with some 2600 students. Schalk's dauahter. Jan Westrick, served that school for 26 years as a teacher, assistant high school principal, and deputy head before accepting a position as head of the education department at Valparaiso University, Valparaiso, Indiana. The tune name commemorates and honors her service there.

SENDING HYMN ELW 760



### **DISMISSAL**

Go in peace. Live by the Spirit.

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.

## 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**

Prayers continue for those who are affected by the unrest in the Middle East and Ukraine. Lord, listen to your children praying. Send us love, send us hope, send us peace.

We continue to collect change and loose bills for the laundry ministry of Just Compassion. Just drop a couple dollars in the plastic "washing machine" on the table in the entry. Or send along an extra amount with your regular gift and mark it clearly for "laundry."

**Pick up another blue BottleDrop bag** for your personal use and benefit Christ the King/Cristo Rey. To date you have deposited more the \$500 worth of cans and bottles. Keep up the good work for the environment and for our ministries here. Simply return the filled bag to any BottleDrop location and scan the barcode.

### **ADULT EDUCATION**

**Beginning Wednesday, September 10,** we will "dive" into the book of Jonah. Sessions are Wednesdays at 7 p.m. on Zoom. There is no charge for materials. However, if you are able to help defray the cost, the participant books are \$6 each.

### **GIVING**

**It's vacation time!** Take a moment to be certain your tithes and offerings will be made to Christ the King while you are away. There are many different ways to make that happen.

- 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 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.

# Where is Flat Jesus?

Each week he is hidden somewhere in this worship folder. Can you find him?



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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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