

HOLY COMMUNION FIFTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

SEPTEMBER 10, 2023



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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 tigardlutherans.com/connect.

Sunday, September 10, 2023 • Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost

Conflict is a part of relationships and life in community. Jesus' words in today's gospel are often used in situations having to do with church discipline. The prophet Ezekiel tells of warning the wicked to turn from their ways, and Paul reminds us that love is the fulfilling of the law. We gather in the name of Christ, assured that he is present among us with gifts of peace and reconciliation.

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

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

Bendita sea Dios, Creador, + Redentor, y Sabadurio Santo.

Blessed be God, the one who forms us, + Jesus who bears the cross, the Spirit who makes our joy complete.

Amen.

Let us bow before God in humility, confessing our sin.

Steadfast and faithful God,

you have revealed the ways of justice, yet we fail to follow you. We are overwhelmed by the world's violence and suffering. We are afraid to risk what we have for the sake of others. For the harm we have caused, known and unknown, forgive us. For the unjust demands we place on others and your creation, forgive us. For the ways we turn away from you and our neighbor, forgive us. Lead us back to you and set us on the right path; in the name of Jesus Christ, our Savior. Amen.

Beloved in Christ, God's justice stretches beyond all understanding. God's compassion is beyond compare. In Jesus, God is always making a new way for us. In + Christ, you are already and always forgiven.

Amen.

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

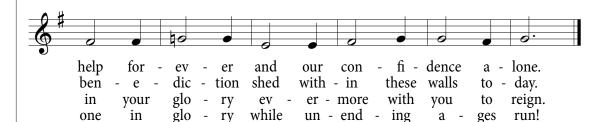
Silence is kept for reflection.

The assembly stands.

This hymn has its origins in an early Latin poem, Urbs beata Jerusalem, based on passages from Ephesians, 1 Peter, and Revelation. "Holy Zion" refers to the church transcendent, built of "living stones"—the saints of God. Henry Purcell composed the tune, WESTMINSTER ABBEY, around 1680. Purcell spent his boyhood as a chorister in the Chapel Royal. In 1679 he succeeded John Blow as organist of Westminster Abbey, London, England, and stayed in that position until his death 16 years later. Purcell was buried at the abbey next to the organ.

GATHERING HYMN ELW 645





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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.



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PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray.

A brief silence is kept before the prayer.

O Lord God, enliven and preserve your church with your perpetual mercy. Without your help, we mortals will fail; remove far from us everything that is harmful, and lead us toward all that gives life and salvation, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

The assembly is seated.

Word

READING EZEKIEL 33:7-11

A reading from Ezekiel, the thirty-third chapter.

God appointed Ezekiel
as a sentinel for the
house of Israel. Ezekiel
must faithfully convey
God's warnings to the
people. Remarkably,
God—who is about to
attack Jerusalem—gives a
warning with the hope that
repentance will make the
attack unnecessary.

So you, mortal, I have made a sentinel for the house of Israel; whenever you hear a word from my mouth, you shall give them warning from me. If I say to the wicked, "O wicked ones, you shall surely die," and you do not speak to warn the wicked to turn from their ways, the wicked shall die in their iniquity, but their blood I will require at your hand. But if you warn the wicked to turn from their ways, and they do not turn from their ways, the wicked shall die in their iniquity, but you will have saved your life.

Now you, mortal, say to the house of Israel, Thus you have said: "Our transgressions and our sins weigh upon us, and we waste away because of them; how then can we live?" Say to them, As I live, says the Lord God, I have no pleasure in the death of the wicked, but that the wicked turn from their ways and live; turn back, turn back from your evil ways; for why will you die, O house of Israel?

Word of God. Word of life.

Thanks be to God.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

PSALM 119:33-40

A reading from Psalm 119.

Teach me, O Lord, the way of your statutes, and I will observe it to the end. Give me understanding, that I may keep your law and observe it with my whole heart.

Lead me in the path of your commandments, for I delight in it. Turn my heart to your decrees, and not to selfish gain.

Turn my eyes from looking at vanities; give me life in your ways. Confirm to your servant your promise, which is for those who fear you.

Turn away the disgrace that I dread, for your ordinances are good. See, I have longed for your precepts; in your righteousness give me life.

The obligation of Christians is to love one another and so fulfill the heart and goal of the law. Clothes make the person as we "put on the Lord

Jesus Christ" and live today

in light of the future God has in store for us. **READING** ROMANS 13:8-14

A reading from Romans, the thirteenth chapter.

Owe no one anything, except to love one another; for the one who loves another has fulfilled the law. The commandments, "You shall not commit adultery; You shall not murder; You shall not steal; You shall not covet"; and any other commandment, are summed up in this word, "Love your neighbor as yourself." Love does no wrong to a neighbor; therefore, love is the fulfilling of the law.

Besides this, you know what time it is, how it is now the moment for you to wake from sleep. For salvation is nearer to us now than when we became believers; the night is far gone, the day is near. Let us then lay aside the works of darkness and put on the armor of light; let us live honorably as in the day, not in reveling and drunkenness, not in debauchery and licentiousness, not in quarreling and jealousy. Instead, put on the Lord Jesus Christ, and make no provision for the flesh, to gratify its desires.

Word of God. Word of life.

Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

CANTOR Praise the God of all creation, God of mercy and compassion.



Al-le - lu - ia, al-le - lu - ia, praise the Word of truth and life.

CANTOR In Christ God was reconciling the world to himself, entrusting the message of reconciliation to us.

ALL **Refrain**

HOLY GOSPEL MATTHEW 18:15-20

El Santo Evangelio según Mateo, capítulo dieciocho.

The Holy Gospel according to Matthew, the eighteenth chapter.

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

[Jesus said to the disciples:] "If another member of the church sins against you, go and point out the fault when the two of you are alone. If the member listens to you, you have regained that one. But if you are not listened to, take one or two others along with you, so that every word may be confirmed by the evidence of two or three witnesses. If the member refuses to listen to them, tell it to the church; and if the offender refuses to listen even to the church, let such a one be to you as a Gentile and a tax collector. Truly I tell you, whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven. Again, truly I tell you, if two of you agree on earth about anything you ask, it will be done for you by my Father in heaven. For where two or three are gathered in my name, I am there among them."

El Evangelio del Salvador.

The good news of the Savior.

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

The assembly stands to greet the Holy Gospel.

Jesus offers practical advice to his disciples on how individuals—and the church as a whole—should go about restoring relationships when one member has sinned against another.

THE HOMILY

The assembly stands.

In her 1994 text, "God, How Can We Forgive," Ruth Duck conveys the anguish of both the need to be forgiven and the need to forgive. She wrote these words as a prayer of lament in response to her experience through a deep personal hurt. The first stanza contrasts the fallibility of human love with the unconditional love of God for humanity. God's love is strong enough to carry us through when all other hope is gone. Stanza two describes God's "ocean depth of grace" to forgive our sins. This stanza concludes with the reminder that Christ understands our human pain and is willing to intercede for us. The final stanza refers to the John 8 story of the adulterous woman and those who would have stoned her. The singer boldly states that because of God's grace, we do not "play the judge." In the last line of the hymn, singers implore God to forgive their sins and to give them the ability to forgive others. Duck's text may refer to close relationships or those of a broader compass. Either way, forgiving and being forgiven are critical aspects of living in the grace of God. Meyer Lyon was a London concert singer and cantor at various synagogues, including the one where Thomas Olivers, a Methodist preacher and hvmnwriter, heard him sina this Hebrew melody. Lyon transcribed the tune for Olivers around 1770, and it is named LEONI in his honor.

HYMN OF THE DAY



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.

Remembering the caring and generous works of God, we pray for the church, creation, and the needs of our neighbors.

Hold us accountable, O God. Show your church where repentance is needed and lead us in paths of intentional compassion and listening. Help us extend hands of reconciliation and care, especially in relationships with other Christians and people of other faiths. Merciful God,

receive our prayer.

Reveal your miracles to us, O God. Move us to cherish you as we behold the wonders of creation. Renew the seas and the soil, the forests and the creatures that live in them. Turn us to ways of living that seek Earth's thriving. Merciful God,

receive our prayer.

Inspire us to lead with honor, O God. Guide judges and legislators, police, and government officials to create and uphold just laws. Move us to treat all people with dignity and guide our conversations with one another. Merciful God,

receive our prayer.

Help us comfort those who suffer, O God. Reassure any who are harmed by the wicked acts of others. Bring peace to all who are vulnerable, frightened, despairing, or sick, especially Jean, Myrna and Jerry, Betty, Judy and Don, Hal, Gene and Pam, and Del and Suzanne. Guard their waking and their sleeping. Merciful God,

receive our prayer.

Awaken us, O God. Challenge and encourage your people to value the vocation to which each is called. We pray for all discerning new possibilities or changing employment. In all our diverse callings, teach us to love our neighbor above all else. Merciful God,

receive our prayer.

Here other intercessions may be offered.

For what else do the people of God pray?

Be our hope, O God. We remember with thanksgiving your disciples who died in faith. May their trust in your promise be our protection and our hope. Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

The presiding minister concludes the prayers.

Remember us according to your steadfast love as we offer these and the prayers of our heart, trusting in your compassion made known through Jesus Christ. **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

The assembly stands.



OFFERING PRAYER

Let us pray.

God of power, God of plenty, all things belong to you. We bring your gifts to the table, that all might be fed. Form us into the body of your Beloved, Jesus Christ, our Savior. Amen.

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

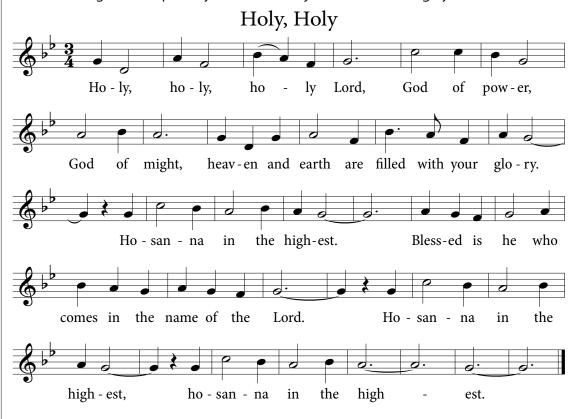
We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

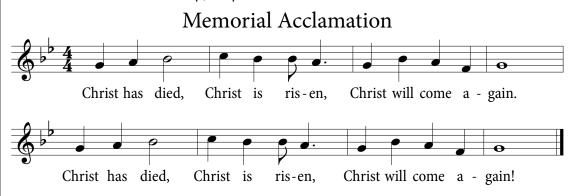
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It is indeed right ... we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

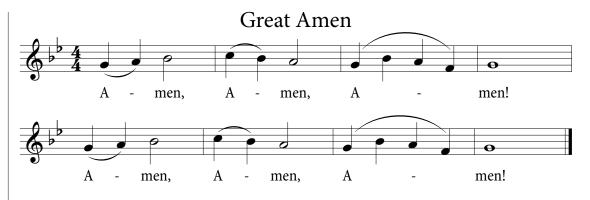


EUCHARISTIC PRAYER

You are indeed holy, almighty and merciful God. ... For as often as we eat of this bread and drink from this cup, we proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.



Remembering, therefore, his salutary command ... be all honor and glory in your holy church, 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.

Jesus invites you to this table. Come, eat and live.

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



- 1. O ho-ly Dove of God de scend-ing, you are the love that knows no end ing,
- 2. O ho-ly Wind of God now blow-ing, you are the seed that God is sow ing, 3. O ho-ly Rain of God now fall - ing, you make the Word of God en-thrall-ing,
- 4. O ho-ly Flame of God now burn-ing, you are the power of Christ re-turn-ing,



grow - ing: Spir - it, now live in you are the life that starts us me. call - ing: Spir-it, now live in you are that in - ner voice now me. yearn-ing: Spir-it, now live in you are the an - swer our to me.

The assembly stands.

Bryan Jeffrey 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 has composed more than 500 songs. He wrote "Spirit, Now Live in Me" in 1976.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Let us pray.

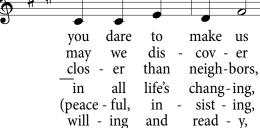
Blessed be your name, O God, for we have feasted on your Word, Christ Jesus, the joy and delight of our hearts. Strengthened by this food, send us to gather the world to your banquet, where none are left out and all are satisfied. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

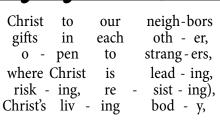
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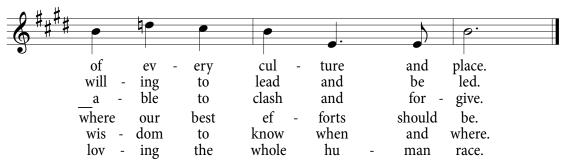
Dios todopoderoso, Creador, + Redentor, Sabiduría Santo, los bendiga ahora y siempre. Amén.

SENDING HYMN









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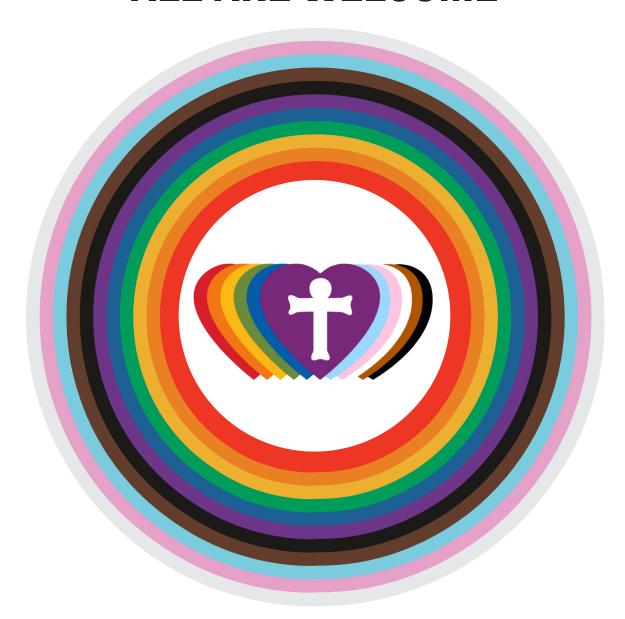
Go in peace. God is at work in you.

Thanks be to God.

Brian Wren wrote this text for the 1973 hymnal of the United Reformed Church in England and Wales, New Church Praise. As revised by the author in 1993, the text is in the form of a corporate prayer to the Holy Spirit by the church, which is Christ's body. John Wilson composed the tune WHITFIELD in 1975 and named it in memory of his wife, Mary Whitfield, whose father chaired the Congregational Union of England and Wales. The hymn was premiered in 1977 at Westminster Abbey, where Wilson founded an annual hymn festival, "Come and Sing."

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

ALL ARE WELCOME



IN THIS PLACE

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THE LIFE OF THE CHURCH



GUEST PASTOR

Once again we welcome Pastor Tom Struck as guest preacher today. Thank you, Pastor Tom, for filling in while Pastor Dorothy is away celebrating the Cottinghams' 36th wedding anniversary!

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=aVZpWFV0b0QzbFF6ZFVPTDFsL0FZQT09

Phone-in # 1-253-215-8782

Meeting ID 865 1710 7296 Password 299944

ADULT EDUCATION

Women of the Bible begins this Wednesday, September 13, at 7 p.m. on Zoom. Come along and meet the women who led Israel, followed Jesus, and helped shape the early church alongside Paul, Peter, and the other leaders. The Zoom link and class syllabus are available at tigardlutherans.com/wotb

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS!

Next Sunday, September 17, is New Member Welcome Day. There will be a reception following worship.\ Welcome our new members: Gail Gardiner; Terry, Liz, and James Walling; Jonathan Stolting; Jane Conner; Sara and Nora Simmers; and Sochiviny Sam (Cornutt).

Terry, James, Jonathan, Sochiviny, and Nora will become members through the sacrament of Holy Baptism. Gail, Liz, Jane, and Sara will become members by Affirmation of Baptism. Keep these beloved children of God in your prayers as they prepare to participate in this community of faith.

Please contact Gail Barzee to offer your help with the reception on the 17th.

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!

Cristo Rey no se reunirá el 10 de septiembre.

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.

Cristo Rey will not meet on September 10.

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.

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 Vanco by visiting our website 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) aguí.

