

HOLY COMMUNION SIXTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

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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 17, 2023 • Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost

In today's second reading Paul questions why we judge one another, since we all stand before the judgment of God. Yet we do sin against one another, and Jesus' challenge that we forgive seventy-seven times reveals God's boundless mercy. When we hear the words of forgiveness in worship and sign ourselves with the cross, we are renewed in baptism to be signs of reconciliation in the 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

All may make the sign of the cross as the presiding minister begins. Bendita sea Dios, Creador, 🕂 Redentor, y Sabadurio Santo.

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

Amen.

Dear friends, we gather today with these people who have been called by God's Spirit to inquire into the Christian faith and life. Together, let us welcome them to this community of faith in Jesus Christ.

I present Gail Gardner, Liz Walling, and Jane Conner to be welcomed by this congregation.

Grace and mercy are given to all who call upon God's name. We pray that God may bring you to Christ in baptism. I invite you to join with this assembly to hear the word of God.

People of God, will you welcome these siblings in Christ to join you as together we hear the gospel of Jesus Christ within this household of faith?

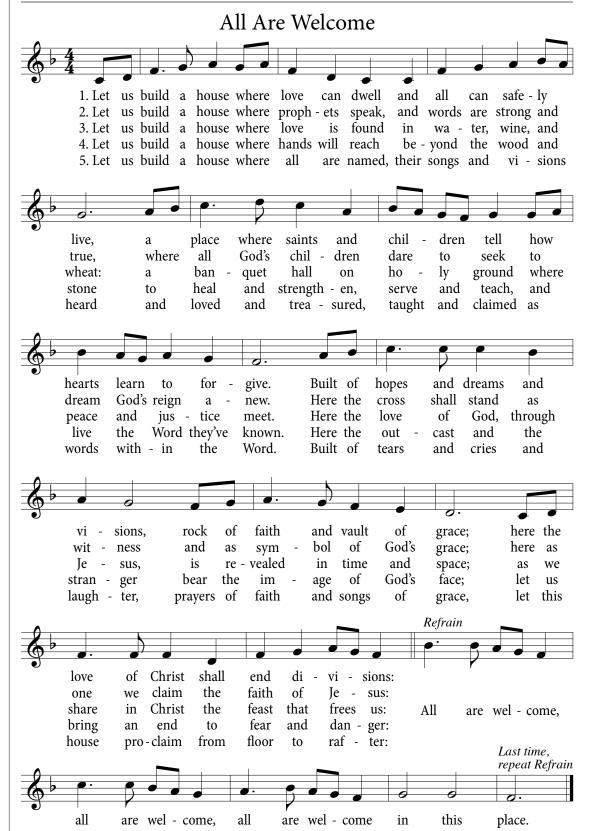
We will, and we ask God to help us.

The assembly stands.

Marty Haugen wrote this text in 1994 for the Roman Catholic Community of St. Thomas Becket in Eagan, Minnesota. Although it was written for the church's dedication. this text is not about a physical structure but a spiritual one. It originally had 13 stanzas and was intended to reflect the rite of "gathering-word-mealending." Marty Haugen is a prolific liturgical composer with many songs included in hymnals across the liturgical spectrum of North American hymnals and beyond. Several of his songs have been translated into other languages. He was raised in the American Lutheran Church and received a BA in psychology from Luther College and an MA in pastoral studies at the University of St. Thomas in St. Paul, Minnesota. A number of liturgical settings were prepared for the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America and more than 400 of his compositions have been published. He continues to compose and travel to speak and teach at worship

events around the world.

GATHERING HYMN ELW 641



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.



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PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray.

A brief silence is kept before the prayer.

O Lord God, merciful judge, you are the inexhaustible fountain of forgiveness. Replace our hearts of stone with hearts that love and adore you, that we may delight in doing your will, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Amen.

The assembly is seated.

Word

READING GENESIS 50:15-21

After Jacob's death the brothers of Joseph begged for forgiveness for the crime they had done against him. You intended to do me harm, Joseph said, but God used this as an opportunity to do good and save many lives.

A reading from Genesis, the fiftieth chapter.

Realizing that their father was dead, Joseph's brothers said, "What if Joseph still bears a grudge against us and pays us back in full for all the wrong that we did to him?" So they approached Joseph, saying, "Your father gave this instruction before he died, 'Say to Joseph: I beg you, forgive the crime of your brothers and the wrong they did in harming you.' Now therefore please forgive the crime of the servants of the God of your father." Joseph wept when they spoke to him. Then his brothers also wept, fell down before him, and said, "We are here as your slaves." But Joseph said to them, "Do not be afraid! Am I in the place of God? Even though you intended to do harm to me, God intended it for good, in order to preserve a numerous people, as he is doing today. So have no fear; I myself will provide for you and your little ones." In this way he reassured them, speaking kindly to them.

Word of God. Word of life.

Thanks be to God.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

PSALM 103:13-19

A reading from Psalm 103.

As a father has compassion for his children, so the Lord has compassion for those who fear him. For he knows how we were made; he remembers that we are dust.

As for mortals, their days are like grass; they flourish like a flower of the field; for the wind passes over it, and it is gone, and its place knows it no more.

But the steadfast love of the Lord is from everlasting to everlasting on those who fear him, and his righteousness to children's children, to those who keep his covenant and remember to do his commandments.

The Lord has established his throne in the heavens, and his kingdom rules over all.

READING ROMANS 14:1-12

This Christian community has significant struggles with diversity. Here Paul helps us understand that despite different practices in worship and personal piety, we do not judge one another. All Christians belong to the Lord Jesus Christ who died for all of us and will judge each of us.

A reading from Romans, the fourteenth chapter.

Welcome those who are weak in faith, but not for the purpose of quarreling over opinions. Some believe in eating anything, while the weak eat only vegetables. Those who eat must not despise those who abstain, and those who abstain must not pass judgment on those who eat; for God has welcomed them. Who are you to pass judgment on servants of another? It is before their own lord that they stand or fall. And they will be upheld, for the Lord is able to make them stand. Some judge one day to be better than another, while others judge all days to be alike. Let all be fully convinced in their own minds. Those who observe the day, observe it in honor of the Lord. Also those who eat, eat in honor of the Lord, since they give thanks to God; while those who abstain, abstain in honor of the Lord and give thanks to God. We do not live to ourselves, and we do not die to ourselves. If we live, we live to the Lord, and if we die, we die to the Lord; so then, whether we live or whether we die, we are the Lord's. For to this end Christ died and lived again, so that he might be Lord of both the dead and the living. Why do you pass judgment on your brother or sister? Or you, why do you despise your brother or sister? For we will all stand before the judgment seat of God. For it is written, "As I live, says the Lord, every knee shall bow to me, and every tongue shall give praise to God." So then, each of us will be accountable to God.

Word of God. Word of life.

Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

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

The assembly stands to greet the Holy Gospel.



CANTOR We have an advocate, Jesus Christ the righteous; your sins are forgiven on

ALL **Refrain**

HOLY GOSPEL MATTHEW 18:21-35

El Santo Evangelio según Mateo, capítulo dieciocho.

account of his name.

The Holy Gospel according to Matthew, the eighteenth chapter.

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

Then Peter came and said to [Jesus], "Lord, if another member of the church sins against me, how often should I forgive? As many as seven times?" Jesus said to him, "Not seven times, but, I tell you, seventy-seven times. "For this reason the kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who wished to settle accounts with his slaves. When he began the reckoning, one who owed him ten thousand talents was brought to him; and, as he could not pay, his lord ordered him to be sold, together with his wife and children and all his possessions, and payment to be made. So the slave fell on his knees before him, saying, 'Have patience with me, and I will pay you everything.' And out of pity for him,

When Peter asks about the limits of forgiveness, Jesus responds with a parable that suggests human forgiveness should mirror the unlimited mercy of God. the lord of that slave released him and forgave him the debt. But that same slave, as he went out, came upon one of his fellow slaves who owed him a hundred denarii; and seizing him by the throat, he said, 'Pay what you owe.' Then his fellow slave fell down and pleaded with him, 'Have patience with me, and I will pay you.' But he refused; then he went and threw him into prison until he would pay the debt. When his fellow slaves saw what had happened, they were greatly distressed, and they went and reported to their lord all that had taken place. Then his lord summoned him and said to him, 'You wicked slave! I forgave you all that debt because you pleaded with me. Should you not have had mercy on your fellow slave, as I had mercy on you?' And in anger his lord handed him over to be tortured until he would pay his entire debt. So my heavenly Father will also do to every one of you, if you do not forgive your brother or sister from your heart."

El Evangelio del Salvador.

The good news of the Savior.

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

The assembly is seated.

The assembly stands.

This text, written by Ruth Duck in 1987, incorporates many of the images associated with the water of baptism, especially nourishment, the calling forth of life, cleansing and renewal, freedom from bondage, and sharing in Christ's resurrection. Duck is an ordained minister in the United Church of Christ, a liturgical theologian, and retired professor of worship who taught for 27 years at Garrett-Evangelical Theological Seminary in Evanston, Illinois. She has written over 150 hymns, edited three books of sources for worship services, and written on the topic of Trinitarian theology, all with an eye toward facilitating the use of gender-inclusive language in the context of Christian worship. The tune BEACH SPRING was first found in a tunebook called The Sacred Harp (1844). It contained tunes collected from the southern United States.

THE HOMILY

PASTOR DOROTHY

HYMN OF THE DAY ELW 445

Wash, O God, Our Sons and Daughters



- 1. Wash, O God, our sons and daugh-ters, where your cleans-ing wa-ters flow.
- 2. We who bring them long for nur ture; by your milk may we be fed.
- 3. Oh, how deep your ho ly wis dom! Un im ag ined, all your ways!



Num-ber them a - mong your peo - ple; bless as Christ blessed long a - go. Let us join your feast, par - tak - ing cup of bless - ing, liv - ing bread. To your name be glo - ry, hon - or! With our lives we wor-ship, praise!



Weave them gar-ments bright and spark-ling; com-pass them with love and light. God, re - new us, guide our foot-steps; free from sin and all its snares, We your peo - ple stand be - fore you, wa - ter-washed and Spir - it - born.



Fill, a - noint them; send your Spir - it, ho - ly dove and heart's de - light. one with Christ in liv - ing, dy - ing, by your Spir - it, chil - dren, heirs. By your grace, our lives we of - fer. Re - cre - ate us; God, trans-form!

THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY BAPTISM AND AFFIRMATION OF BAPTISM

The baptism liturgy begins as the minister addresses the candidates.

The assembly will be invited to join later in the Profession of Faith.

Gail, Jane, Liz, Terry, Jonathan, Sochiviny, and those speaking on behalf of James, and all who are gathered in this community of faith, I invite you all to profess your faith in Christ Jesus, reject sin, and confess the faith of the church:

Do you renounce the devil and all the forces that defy God? **I renounce them.**

Do you renounce the powers of this world that rebel against God? **I renounce them.**

Do you renounce the ways of sin that draw you from God? **I renounce them.**

Do you believe in God the Father?

I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?

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.

Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

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.

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Holy God, holy and merciful, holy and mighty, you are the river of life

WELCOME

Let us rejoice with these sisters and brothers in Christ.

We rejoice with you in the life of baptism. Together we will give thanks and praise to God and proclaim the good news to all the world.

The sponsors for each of the newly baptized light the individual candles from the Paschal candle and say:
______, let your light so shine before others that they may see your good works
and glorify your Father in heaven.

Let us welcome the newly baptized.

We welcome you into the body of Christ and into the mission we share, giving thanks and praise to God and bearing God's creative and redeeming word to all the world.

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.

We pray for the church. Bless the missions and ministries of diverse congregations, that they uplift the good news of salvation in ways that can be understood. Merciful God,

receive our prayer.

We pray for creation. Send rain to lands experiencing drought and healing to rivers clogged with pollution. Enrich the soil for trees and plants. Protect the crops needed to feed those who hunger. Merciful God,

receive our prayer.

We pray for all who govern. Encourage those in positions of power to lead with empathy, practice forgiveness, and care for those who struggle. Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

We pray for our neighbors who face illness of any kind, especially Del and Suzanna, Jean, Myrna and Jerry, Betty, Judy and Don, Hal, and Gene and Pam. For those strained financially; for all living with chronic pain, mental illness, the disease of addiction, or otherwise afraid or in harm's way. Protect all who cry out for mercy. Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

We pray for this congregation. Open our hearts to practice intentional invitation. Help us to forgive each other, practice patience, and choose welcome over judgment. Move us to care for those in our community seeking refuge and safety. Merciful God,

receive our prayer.

We pray for the newly baptized and those affirming their baptismal covenant. Enliven our spirits to welcome Terry, Liz, James, Gail, Jane, Sochiviny, and Jonathan as fellow ministers of the gospel. Merciful God,

receive our prayer.

Here other intercessions may be offered.

For what else do the people of God pray?

We give thanks for the saints who died in faith. Show us how to live faithfully, creatively, and lovingly in your church and world. 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.*)

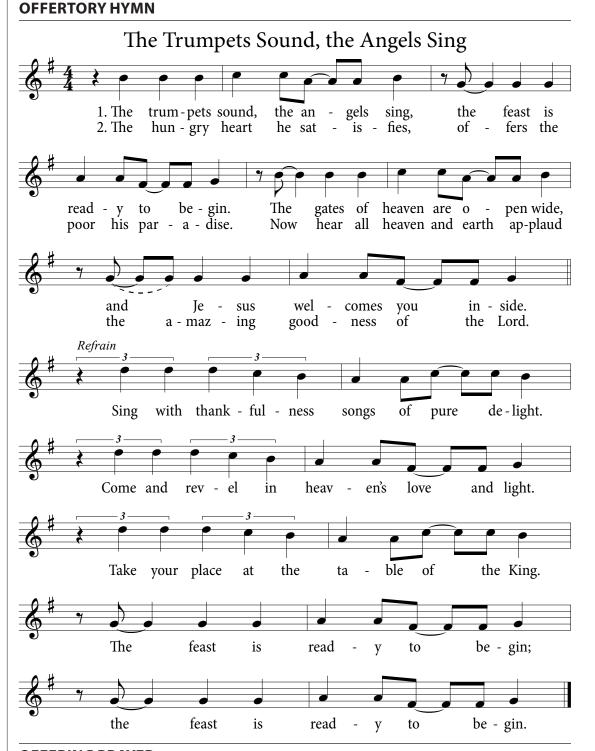
The assembly is seated.

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.

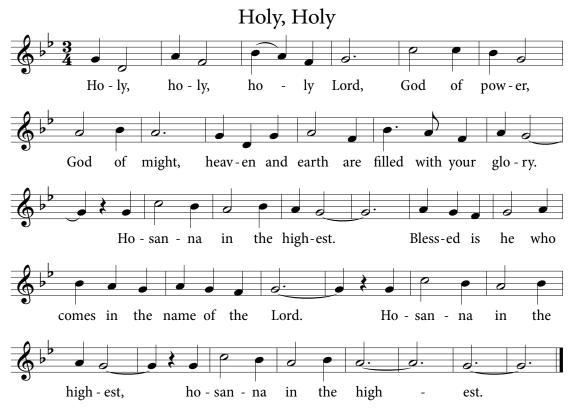
We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

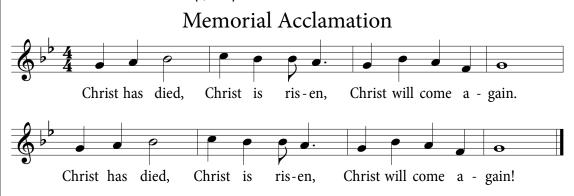
PROPER PREFACE

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

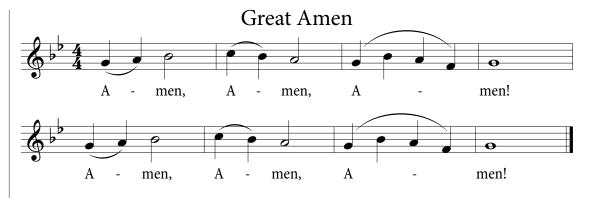


EUCHARISTIC PRAYER

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

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



- 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,



all of our shat-tered dreams you're mend-ing: Spir-it, now live in me. you are the life that starts us grow-ing: Spir-it, now live in me. you are that in - ner voice now call - ing: Spir-it, now live in me. you are the an - swer to our yearn-ing: Spir-it, now live in me.

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.

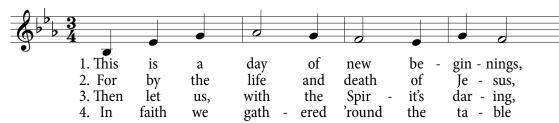
Blessed be your name, O God, for we have feasted on your Word, Christ Jesus, the joy and delight of our hearts. Strengthened by this food, send us to gather the world to your banquet, where none are left out and all are satisfied. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

SENDING BLESSING

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

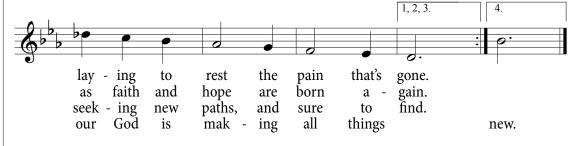
SENDING HYMN

This Is a Day of New Beginnings









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

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

auestions and answers.

beginning "Is this a day of

new beginnings?" Wren

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.

later revised the text in this form for the United Methodist hymnal revision committee. Carlton Young composed the

DISMISSAL

Go in peace. God is at work in you.

Thanks be to God.

THE LIFE OF THE CHURCH



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

Meeting ID 865 1710 7296 Password 299944

ADULT EDUCATION

Women of the Bible meets Wednesdays 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**. If you need materials, contact the office.

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS!

Welcome our new members: Gail Gardner; Terry, Liz, and James Walling; Jonathan Stolting; Jane Conner; Sochiviny Sam (Cornutt); and Sara and Nora Simmers (joining next Sunday). Keep these beloved children of God in your prayers and welcome them into this community of faith!

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.

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.

