

# HOLY COMMUNION SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

**SEPTEMBER 24, 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 24, 2023 • Seventeenth Sunday after Pentecost

Matthew narrates one of Jesus' controversial parables in which Jesus says that the reign of God is like that of a landowner who pays his workers the same wage no matter what time of day they began to work. When God changes God's mind about punishing Nineveh for their evil ways, Jonah is angry. Yet God is gracious and merciful, abounding in steadfast love. In baptism we receive the grace of God that is freely given to all. As Martin Luther wrote, in the presence of God's mercy we are all beggars.

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 Sara Simmers and Nora Freeman 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.

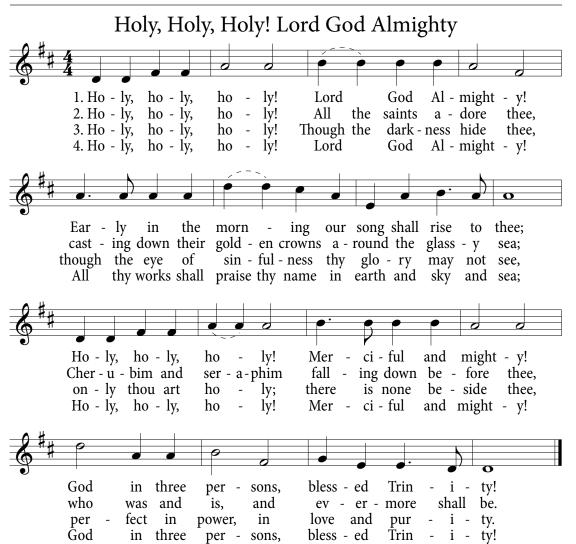
People of God, will you welcome these siblings in Christ to join you as together we hear the gospel of Jesus Christ within this household of faith?

We will, and we ask God to help us.

The assembly stands.

Reginald Heber wrote this hymn of pure adoration to God. It was first published the year Heber died, 1826, and has become the most widely sung of all his hymns. Reginald Heber showed himself to be a genius at age seven, when he translated one of Plato's dialogues into versified English. A bishop of the Anglican Church, he did much to introduce congregational singing in the Church of England, which was previously contemptuous of that practice. John Bacchus Dykes composed the tune NICAEA in 1861 and named it for the site of the 325 C.E. Christian church council which developed the Nicene Creed.

GATHERING HYMN ELW 413



#### **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.

Almighty and eternal God, you show perpetual lovingkindness to us your servants. Because we cannot rely on our own abilities, grant us your merciful judgment, and train us to embody the generosity of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.** 

The assembly is seated.

### Word

READING JONAH 3:10–4:11

A reading from Jonah, the third and fourth chapters.

When God saw what they did, how they turned from their evil ways, God changed his mind about the calamity that he had said he would bring upon them; and he did not do it.

But this was very displeasing to Jonah, and he became angry. He prayed to the Lord and said, "O Lord! Is not this what I said while I was still in my own country? That is why I fled to Tarshish at the beginning; for I knew that you are a gracious God and merciful, slow to anger, and abounding in steadfast love, and ready to relent from punishing. And now, O Lord, please take my life from me, for it is better for me to die than to live." And the Lord said, "Is it right for you to be angry?"

Then Jonah went out of the city and sat down east of the city, and made a booth for himself there. He sat under it in the shade, waiting to see what would become of the city. The Lord God appointed a bush, and made it come up over Jonah, to give shade over his head, to save him from his discomfort; so Jonah was very happy about the bush. But when dawn came up the next day, God appointed a worm that attacked the bush, so that it withered. When the sun rose, God prepared a sultry east wind, and the sun beat down on the head of Jonah so that he was faint and asked that he might die. He said, "It is better for me to die than to live." But God said to Jonah, "Is it right for you to be angry about the bush?" And he said, "Yes, angry enough to die." Then the Lord said, "You are concerned about the bush, for which you did not labor and which you did not grow; it came into being in a night and perished in a night. And should I not be concerned about Nineveh, that great city, in which there are more than a hundred and twenty thousand persons who do not know their right hand from their left, and also many animals?"

Word of God. Word of life.

Thanks be to God.

After Jonah's short sermon in 3:4, the Ninevites all repented and God decided to spare the city. Jonah objected to this and became even more angry when God ordered a worm to destroy a plant that was providing shade. The book ends with a question that challenges any who are not ready to forgive: You, Jonah, are all worked up about a bush, but shouldn't I be concerned about 120,000 Ninevites?

#### **RESPONSORIAL PSALM**

A reading from Psalm 145.

I will extol you, my God and King, and bless your name forever and ever. Every day I will bless you, and praise your name forever and ever.

#### Great is the Lord, and greatly to be praised; his greatness is unsearchable.

One generation shall laud your works to another, and shall declare your mighty acts. On the glorious splendor of your majesty, and on your wondrous works, I will meditate.

# The might of your awesome deeds shall be proclaimed, and I will declare your greatness.

They shall celebrate the fame of your abundant goodness, and shall sing aloud of your righteousness.

The Lord is gracious and merciful, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love.

**READING** PHILIPPIANS 1:21-30

A reading from Philippians, the first chapter.

For to me, living is Christ and dying is gain. If I am to live in the flesh, that means fruitful labor for me; and I do not know which I prefer. I am hard pressed between the two: my desire is to depart and be with Christ, for that is far better; but to remain in the flesh is more necessary for you. Since I am convinced of this, I know that I will remain and continue with all of you for your progress and joy in faith, so that I may share abundantly in your boasting in Christ Jesus when I come to you again.

Only, live your life in a manner worthy of the gospel of Christ, so that, whether I come and see you or am absent and hear about you, I will know that you are standing firm in one spirit, striving side by side with one mind for the faith of the gospel, and are in no way intimidated by your opponents. For them this is evidence of their destruction, but of your salvation. And this is God's doing. For he has graciously granted you the privilege not only of believing in Christ, but of suffering for him as well— since you are having the same struggle that you saw I had and now hear that I still have.

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.

Paul writes to the Philippians from prison.

Though he is uncertain

committed to the ministry

of the gospel and calls on

the Philippians to live lives

that reflect and enhance the gospel mission.

about the outcome of his imprisonment, he is



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

CANTOR Open our hearts, O Lord, to give heed to what is said by your Son.

ALL **Refrain** 

HOLY GOSPEL MATTHEW 20:1-16

Jesus tells a parable about God's generosity, challenging the common assumption that God rewards people according to what they have earned or deserve.

El Santo Evangelio según Mateo, capítulo veinte.

The Holy Gospel according to Matthew, the twentieth chapter.

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

[Jesus said to the disciples:] "For the kingdom of heaven is like a landowner who went out early in the morning to hire laborers for his vineyard. After agreeing with the laborers for the usual daily wage, he sent them into his vineyard. When he went out about nine o'clock, he saw others standing idle in the marketplace; and he said to them, 'You also go into the vineyard, and I will pay you whatever is right.' So they went. When he went out again about noon and about three o'clock, he did the same. And about five o'clock he went out and found others standing around; and he said to them, 'Why are you standing here idle all day?'They said to him, 'Because no one has hired us.'He said to them, 'You also go into the vineyard.' When evening came, the owner of the vineyard said to his manager, 'Call the laborers and give them their pay, beginning with the last and then going to the first. When those hired about five o'clock came, each of them received the usual daily wage. Now when the first came, they thought they would receive more; but each of them also received the usual daily wage. And when they received it, they grumbled against the landowner, saying, 'These last worked only one hour, and you have made them equal to us who have borne the burden of the day and the scorching heat.' But he replied to one of them, 'Friend, I am doing you no wrong; did you not agree with me for the usual daily wage? Take what belongs to you and go; I choose to give to this last the same as I give to you. Am I not allowed to do what I choose with what belongs to me? Or are you envious because I am generous?' So the last will be first, and the first will be last."

El Evangelio del Salvador.

The good news of the Savior.

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

The assembly is seated.

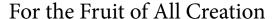
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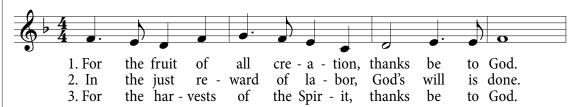
The assembly stands.

Fred Pratt Green was asked to write a harvest hymn by English composer John Wilson, and this text is the result. Green served as an ordained minister of the **English Methodist Church** in parishes in northern and southern England. He began his ministry in 1927 and retired in 1969. During those years, he wrote hymn texts as time permitted, but after retirement he devoted all his time to hymnwritina. The traditional Welsh melody is named AR HYD Y NOS, which means "The Livelong Night."

The assembly is seated.

HYMN OF THE DAY ELW 679

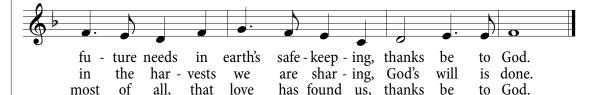








For the plow-ing, sow-ing, reap-ing, si-lent growth while we are sleep-ing, In our world-wide task of car-ing for the hun-gry and de-spair-ing, For the won-ders that as-tound us, for the truths that still con-found us,



#### THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY BAPTISM AND AFFIRMATION OF BAPTISM

God, who is rich in mercy and love, gives us a new birth into a living hope through the sacrament of baptism. By water and the Word God delivers us from sin and death and raises us to new life in Jesus Christ. We are united with all the baptized in the one body of Christ, anointed with the gift of the Holy Spirit, and joined in God's mission for the life of the world.

All who are gathered here today, in this community of faith, I invite you 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.

#### **AFFIRMATION OF BAPTISM**

. . .

People of God, do you promise to support Sara and pray for her in her life in Christ? **We do, and we ask God to help and guide us.** 

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#### **HOLY BAPTISM**

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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.

. . .

#### WELCOME

Let us rejoice with our sister 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 of the newly baptized light the baptismal candle from the paschal candle and say:

Nora, 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.

The assembly stands.

Ronald Stephen Cole-Turner wrote this text for the 1982 baptism of his daughter. Cole-Turner is a teacher of theology, a United Church of Christ minister, and an award-winning author on the interface of science and religion. Christian Friedrich Witt is believed to have composed this tune, named STUTTGART for the German city.

## The lay assistant offers the prayers.

A brief silence.

#### **HYMN OF RESPONSE**

#### Child of Blessing, Child of Promise



- 1. Child of bless-ing, child of prom-ise, bap-tized with the Spir-it's sign;
- 2. Child of love, our love's ex-pres-sion, love's cre a tion, loved in deed!
- 3. Child of joy, our dear-est trea-sure, God's you are, from God you came.
- 4. Child of God your lov-ing Par-ent, learn to know whose child you are.



with this wa - ter God has sealed you un - to love and grace di - vine. Fresh from God, re - fresh our spir - its, in - to joy and laugh - ter lead. Back to God we hum-bly give you; live as one who bears Christ's name. Grow to laugh and sing and wor - ship, trust and love God more than all.

#### PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

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

God who is gracious and merciful, teach your church to invite and welcome all. Lead us to be grateful for the blessing of community. Challenge your church to choose equity and compassion over judgment. Merciful God,

#### receive our prayer.

God who sends the wind and the sun, you know every worm and bush by name. Help us remember that even the humblest parts of creation are precious to you. Show us how best to care for the earth and its creatures. Merciful God,

#### receive our prayer.

God who is ready to relent from punishing, impart your compassionate wisdom to legislators, judges, members of the military, and law enforcement. Give them courage to serve their communities in times of uncertainty, stress, or exhaustion. Merciful God,

#### receive our prayer.

God who saves, direct your people who are tempted by evil ways. Protect your children from calamity and disaster. Strengthen all who are incarcerated. Encourage all who are ill, in despair, or in pain, especially Gene and Pam, Del and Suzanne, Jean, Myrna and Jerry, Betty, Judy and Don, and Hal. Merciful God,

#### receive our prayer.

We pray for Sara and Nora. Enliven our spirits to welcome them 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?

God who abounds in steadfast love, we give thanks for the saints called to the kingdom of heaven. United with them in spirit, hold us firm as we labor in this life and look to the life to come. 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**

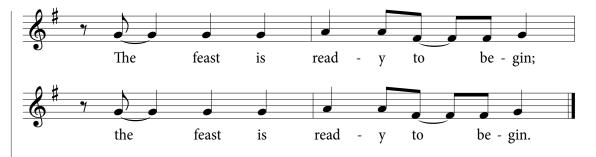
#### Meal

#### PREPARE OUR TITHES AND OFFERINGS AND OUR TABLES

#### **OFFERTORY HYMN**

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.

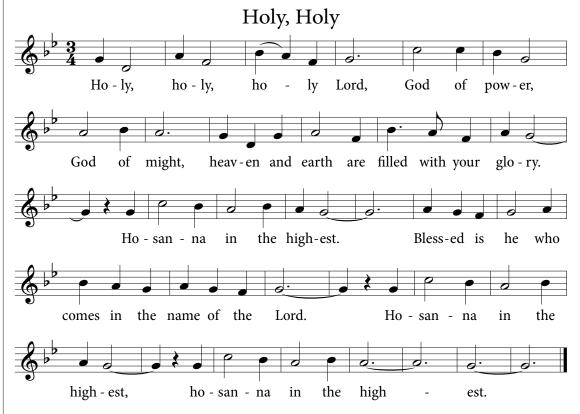
We lift them to the Lord.

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**

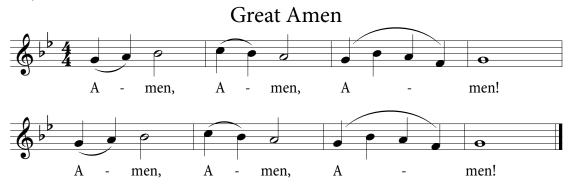
You are indeed holy, almighty and merciful God. ... For as often as we eat of this bread and drink from this cup, we proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.

#### Memorial Acclamation





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.

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.

#### **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,

call - ing: Spir-it, now live in

yearn-ing: Spir-it, now live in

me.

me.

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.

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#### **PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION**

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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, ⅓ Redentor, Sabiduría Santo, los bendiga ahora y siempre. Amén.

SENDING HYMN ELW 669





- 1. Rise up, O saints of God! From vain am bi tions turn; 2. Speak out, O saints of God! De - spair en - gulfs earth's frame;
- 3. Rise up, O saints of God! The king-dom's task em-brace; 4. Give heed, O saints of God! Cre a tion cries in pain;
- 4. Give heed, O saints of God! Cre a tion cries in pain; 5. Com mit your hearts to seek the paths which Christ has trod;

Christ rose tri - um-phant that your hearts with no - bler zeal might burn. as heirs of God's bap - tis-mal grace, the word of hope pro - claim. re - dress sin's cru - el con - se-quence; give jus - tice larg - er place. stretch forth your hand of heal-ing now, with love the weak sus - tain. and, quick-ened by the Spir-it's power, rise up, O saints of God!

Norman Forness was for many years a professor of history at Gettysburg College. He wrote "Rise Up, O Saints of God!" while he was a member of Augustana Lutheran Church in Washington, D.C. William Henry Walter composed FESTAL SONG, which was first printed in The Hymnal with Tunes Old and New (1872). He was organist for four different Manhattan churches over a period of 25 years.

#### **DISMISSAL**

In-person and online worshipers are invited to spend a few moments greeting one another on the Zoom balcony. Go in peace. God is at work in you. **Thanks be to God.** 

# **ALL ARE WELCOME**



# IN THIS PLACE

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#### 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

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#### **ALTAR FLOWERS**

The flowers behind the altar are given to the glory of God and in honor of Nora's baptism by the Simmers family.

#### **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: Sara and Nora Simmers; Gail Gardner; Terry, Liz, and James Walling; Jonathan Stolting; Jane Conner; and Sochiviny Sam Cornutt. 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) aquí.

