

# NINETEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

OCTOBER 19, 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, October 19, 2025 • Nineteenth Sunday after Pentecost

Pray always. Do not lose heart. This is Christ's encouragement in the gospel today. Wrestle with the word. Remember your baptism again and again. Come regularly to Christ's table. Persistence in our every encounter with the divine will be blessed.

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.

In the name of God, Creator, 

→ Redeemer, and Holy Wisdom.

Amen.

## **CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS**

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

Silence is kept for reflection.

marked at baptism, as the

presiding minister begins.

Merciful and loving God,

we are your stiff-necked people. We trample on the needy. We grumble about your grace to others. We turn away from the poor. Have mercy on us and forgive our sins. Rejoice over us as ones who were lost and have been found. Amen.

Even when we are faithless, God remains faithful. Jesus Christ came into the world to save sinners. You who were lost have been found. In the name of + Jesus, your sins are forgiven!

Amen.

GATHERING HYMN ELW 793

Dating from the eighth century or earlier, this Irish hymn was translated into prose by Mary Byrne. It was then versified by Eleanor Hull, author of several books on Irish literature and history. It is an example of a Celtic lorica, a prayer for physical and spiritual protection. The traditional Irish tune accompanied a folk song that began "With my love on the road." The tune name, SLANE, refers to a hill outside of the community of Tara, County Meath, Ireland, where Saint Patrick lit the Paschal fire and challenged the authority of the pagan king.



## **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**





## PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray.

A brief silence is kept before the prayer.

O Lord God, tireless guardian of your people, you are always ready to hear our cries. Teach us to rely day and night on your care. Inspire us to seek your enduring justice for all this suffering world, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Amen.

The assembly is seated.

## **WORD**

**READING** GENESIS 32:22-31

A reading from Genesis, the thirty-second chapter.

The same night [Jacob] got up and took his two wives, his two maids, and his eleven children and crossed the ford of the Jabbok. He took them and sent them across the stream, and likewise everything that he had. Jacob was left alone, and a man wrestled with him until daybreak. When the man saw that he did not prevail against Jacob, he struck him on the hip socket, and Jacob's hip was put out of joint as he wrestled with him. Then he said, "Let me go, for the day is breaking." But Jacob said, "I will not let you go, unless you bless me." So he said to him, "What is your name?" And he said, "Jacob." Then the man said, "You shall no longer be called Jacob, but Israel, for you have striven with God and with humans and have prevailed." Then Jacob asked him, "Please tell me your name." But he said, "Why is it that you ask my name?" And there he blessed him. So Jacob called the place Peniel, saying, "For I have seen God face to face, yet my life is preserved." The sun rose upon him as he passed Penuel, limping because of his hip.

Word of God. Word of life.

Thanks be to God.

## **RESPONSORIAL PSALM**

**PSALM 121** 

A reading of Psalm 121.

I lift up my eyes to the hills; from where is my help to come?

My help comes from the Lord, the maker of heaven and earth.

The Lord will not let your foot be moved nor will the one who watches over you fall asleep.

Behold, the keeper of Israel will neither slumber nor sleep; the Lord watches over you; the Lord is your shade at your right hand; the sun will not strike you by day, nor the moon by night.

The Lord will preserve you from all evil and will keep your life.

The Lord will watch over your going out and your coming in, from this time forth forevermore.

Returning to the home he had fled many years before after stealing his brother's birthright and his father's blessing, Jacob wrestles all night long with a divine adversary who ultimately blesses him and changes his name to "Israel," a name that means "he wrestles with God."

**READING** 2 TIMOTHY 3:14–4:5

The writer of this letter continues his instruction of Timothy, his younger colleague in ministry, by emphasizing the importance of faithful teaching despite opposition.

A reading from the second letter to Timothy.

But as for you, continue in what you have learned and firmly believed, knowing from whom you learned it and how from childhood you have known sacred writings that are able to instruct you for salvation through faith in Christ Jesus. All scripture is inspired by God and is useful for teaching, for reproof, for correction, and for training in righteousness, so that the person of God may be proficient, equipped for every good work.

In the presence of God and of Christ Jesus, who is to judge the living and the dead, and in view of his appearing and his kingdom, I solemnly urge you: proclaim the message; be persistent whether the time is favorable or unfavorable; convince, rebuke, and encourage with the utmost patience in teaching. For the time is coming when people will not put up with sound teaching, but, having their ears tickled, they will accumulate for themselves teachers to suit their own desires and will turn away from listening to the truth and wander away to myths. As for you, be sober in everything, endure suffering, do the work of an evangelist, carry out your ministry fully.

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Thanks be to God.

## **CHILDREN'S MESSAGE**

**PASTOR DOROTHY** 

## **GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**

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

greet the Holy Gospel.

The assembly stands to



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

CANTOR: The word of God is living and active, able to judge the thoughts and intentions of the heart.

ALL: **Refrain** 

HOLY GOSPEL LUKE 18:1-8

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The Holy Gospel according to Luke, the eighteenth chapter.

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

El Santo Evangelio según Lucas, capítulo dieciocho.

Then Jesus told them a parable about their need to pray always and not to lose heart. He said, "In a certain city there was a judge who neither feared God nor had respect for people. In that city there was a widow who kept coming to him and saying, 'Grant me justice against my accuser.' For a while he refused, but later he said to himself, 'Though I have no fear of God and no respect for anyone, yet because this widow keeps bothering me, I will grant her justice, so that she may not wear me out by continually coming.'" And the Lord said, "Listen to what the unjust judge says.

Jesus tells a parable of an unjust judge who is worn down by a widow's pleas.
Jesus is calling God's people to cry out for justice and deliverance. For if an unethical judge will ultimately grant the plea of a persistent widow, how much more will God respond to those who call.

And will not God grant justice to his chosen ones who cry to him day and night? Will he delay long in helping them? I tell you, he will quickly grant justice to them. And yet, when the Son of Man comes, will he find faith on earth?"

El Evangelio del Salvador.

The Gospel of the Savior.

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

The assembly is seated.

The assembly stands.

The comforting words of Psalm 55:22 inspired this beautiful hymn by Georg Neumark. Neumark was a

German poet who suffered

War. He was robbed while

on the way to study law at

Königsberg and left almost penniless. He wrote the original German text and its tune in 1640, at the age of 20, in thanksgiving for finding

employment many weeks

after the robbery. The tune

was borrowed by J. S. Bach

number of other works.

for eight of his cantatas and a

much during the Thirty Years'

#### **THE HOMILY PASTOR DOROTHY HYMN OF THE DAY ELW 769** If You But Trust in God to Guide You If but trust God guide you 1. you in to 2. What gain there is in anx ious weep - ing, 3. The hold - ing, Lord our rest less hearts is God's 4. Sing, pray, and keep ways un swerv - ing, tle hand through all with gen your ways, dis - tress? help less ger and in an in peace and qui et ness con - tent. of fer vice faith ful - ly. your ser you'll God be find that there side vou is If you in Sav ior's keep - ing, are your We rest in God's good will un fold - ing, Trust heav en's word; though un de serv - ing,

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#### 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.

Renewed in God's everlasting grace, let us pray for the church, the world, and all creation.

A brief silence.

Let us pray for the church universal: God who unites the church across the globe, bring unity and peace to a world divided by hatred and opposition. Turn our hearts toward the gospel of Jesus Christ. God of grace,

## receive our prayer.

Let us pray for creation: God who made heaven and earth, draw us to the beauty of the whole creation. Turn us toward a right relationship with the entire cosmos. God of grace, **receive our prayer.** 

Let us pray for all nations, states, cities, and towns: God who rules over all the earth, grant our elected officials humility in their decision-making for the sake of the entire world. God of grace,

## receive our prayer.

Let us pray for those who suffer in body, mind, or spirit: God who heals and strengthens, our help comes from you in times of need. Support, comfort, and heal those who suffer, especially Sandy, Don, Nancy, Betty, Nick, Myrna, Travis, Gaynelle, Kole, Del, and Jean. God of grace,

## receive our prayer.

Let us pray for Christ the King Lutheran Church/Cristo Rey Iglesia Luterana: God who guides this congregation, encourage us to share the good news of Jesus Christ. Nurture our relationships with the community that we serve. Teach us to advocate for those who come to us in need. God of grace,

## receive our prayer.

Here other intercessions may be offered.

For what else do the people of God pray?

Let us offer thanksgiving for the faithful departed: God whose promises never end, we thank you for all the saints who have shown us the way of your Son, Jesus Christ. God of grace,

## receive our prayer.

The presiding minister concludes the prayers.

We offer our prayers, O God, trusting in your everlasting grace and mercy, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

## 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.

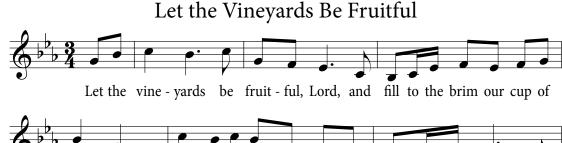
## **WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

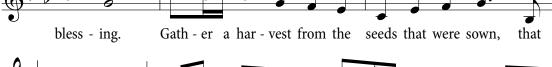
## MEAL

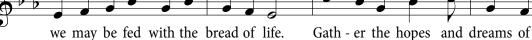
## PREPARE OUR TITHES AND OFFERINGS AND OUR TABLES

## OFFERTORY HYMN

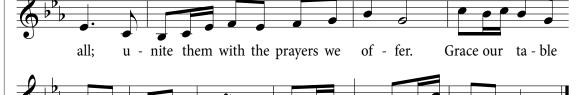
The assembly stands.







we may be led with the bread of me. Gath - er the hopes and dreams of



with your pres - ence, and give us a fore - taste of the feast to come.

## **OFFERING PRAYER**

Let us pray.

Lord of the harvest, we return to you a portion of what you have given to us. Turn us to set our hope not on the uncertainty of riches, but on you, who richly provides for us. Multiply what we have gathered to bless all who are suffering and in need, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

## THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

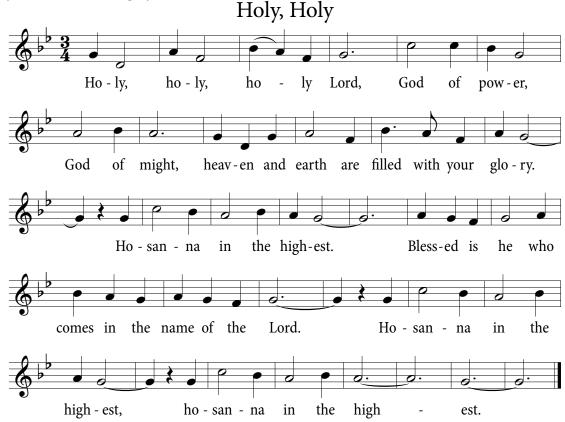
We lift them to the Lord.

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.

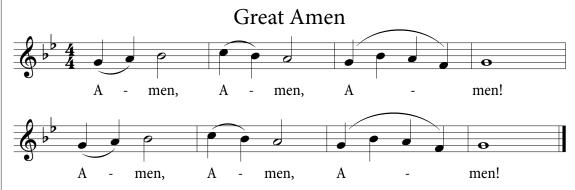
Remembering, therefore, his death, resurrection, and ascension, we await his coming in glory.

## 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.

Jesus welcomes sinners and eats with them. Come to this meal of mercy.

## DISTRIBUTION

## **COMMUNION BLESSING**

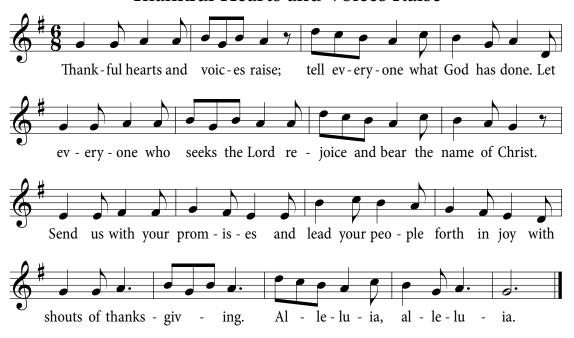
The assembly stands.

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**

## Thankful Hearts and Voices Raise



## **PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION**

Let us pray.

O God, through this meal you have strengthened us and appointed us to be your servants. Send us to do good and to share our possessions with all in need. We ask this 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.** 

Dietrich Bonhoeffer, theologian, professor, and leader of the German Opposition, composed the poem on which this hymn is based, "Powers of Good," while imprisoned by the Gestapo in Berlin. Four months later, Bonhoeffer was executed by special order of Heinrich Himmler. Herbert G. Hobbs composed the melody BONHOEFFER for this hymn for a service of worship based on the life of Dietrich Bonhoeffer. The service was held at Ferrum College, Virginia, where Hobbs was serving as chaplain.



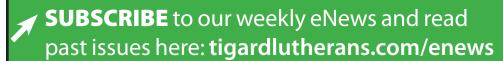
## **DISMISSAL**

Go in peace. Do not lose heart.

Thanks be to God.

**SENDING HYMN** 

## 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

## **TODAY**

**Coffee hour in the Narthex!** Sharon Ray is hosting today following worship. Anyone up for hosting Reformation Sunday? A Sunday in November? There's a sign-up sheet on the table at the entry, or drop a note to **ctkoffice@tigardlutherans.com**. It's easy—just a pot of coffee, there are cookies in the kitchenette, some tea, maybe ...nothing fancy.

**Zoomers have coffee time every Sunday** at 10 a.m. Grab a cup of coffee or tea, logon early, and join the conversation!

Third Conversation Opportunity. Today following worship is the third opportunity to stay for coffee and chat in the Narthex and on Zoom to ask questions of your council. Council member Jonathan Stolting will moderate the questions on Zoom. He has immediate access to the rest of the council who will be chatting in the Narthex with other members. Please come with your questions, ideas, hopes, and, yes, your fears. We are in this together for the good of the gospel! Praise be to God.

Your Congregation Council meets today in the Rainbow Room after the coffee hour to deliberate over the options available to us as a congregation. We will discuss the information President Sharon and Pastor Dorothy gathered from their meeting with the Synod Bishop and staff. We will discuss the council recommendation to the congregation and set a date and agenda for the special congregational meeting. There will be a report of all of this published. Please continue to read all messages and mailings from Christ the King/Cristo Rey.

Our Father in Heaven, holy is your name ... From now until Advent we will spend time teaching the children the Lord's Prayer. Each week, the children's message will center on one of the petitions of the Lord's Prayer. There are coloring booklets and stickers for each lesson in the booklet. Adults can join the conversation. Pick up your own Lord's Prayer booklet at church or download it on the church website. Or let us know if you'd like one mailed to you.

## **THIS WEEK**

**Continue to pray** for the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America, Presiding Bishop Yeheil Curry, and the 65-member council of bishops as the church embarks on a new era of reckoning with racism and other threats from without and within the church.

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 a blue BottleDrop bag** for your personal use and benefit Christ the King/Cristo Rey. To date you have deposited more the \$800 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.

## **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 tigardlutherans.com 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.



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