

FOURTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

JUNE 16, 2024



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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

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The mustard seed becomes a great shrub that shelters the birds, recalling ancient images of the tree of life. We'd expect a cedar or a sequoia, but Jesus finds the power of God better imaged in a tiny, no-account seed. It's not the way we expect divine activity to look. Yet the tree of life is here, in the cross around which we gather, the tree into which we are grafted through baptism, the true vine that nourishes us with its fruit in the cup we share. It may not appear all that impressive, but while nobody's looking it grows with a power beyond our understanding.

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

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

In the name of God, Creator, \oplus Redeemer, and Holy Wisdom. **Amen.**

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

Most merciful God,

we confess that we are captive to sin and cannot free ourselves. We have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways, to the glory of your holy name. Amen.

In the mercy of almighty God, Jesus Christ was given to die for us, and for his sake God forgives us all our sins. As a called and ordained minister of the church of Christ, and by his authority, I therefore declare to you the entire forgiveness of all your sins, in the name of the Father, and of the \pm Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

Amen.

The assembly stands. All may make the sign of the cross, the sign that is marked at baptism, as the presiding minister begins.

Silence is kept for reflection.

The assembly stands.

Timothy Tingfang Lew wrote this hymn while teaching at Yenching University in Peking. Lew was born in China and was educated both there and in the United States. He served as representative to the World Council of Churches from 1927 to 1939 and chaired the commission that prepared the Chinese Union hymnbook in 1936. He later edited the Union Book of Common Prayer, which was used by four different Protestant Chinese groups. Samuel Sebastian Wesley composed the tune AURELIA in 1864, and it appeared with a variety of texts including the canto "Jerusalem the Golden," translated from the Latin by John Mason Neale. The tune name derives from that association, since "golden" in Latin is aureus. Samuel S. Wesley was the son of a musical genius also named Samuel. He was the grandson of Charles Wesley, the brother of John Wesley, the founder of Methodism. He was one of the first cathedral organists to demand a full pedal-board on the organs that he played.



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.





PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray.

A brief silence is kept before the prayer.

O God, you are the tree of life, offering shelter to all the world. Graft us into yourself and nurture our growth, that we may bear your truth and love to those in need, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Amen.

The assembly is seated.

Word

READING EZEKIEL 17:22-24

A reading from Ezekiel, the seventeenth chapter.

Thus says the Lord God: I myself will take a sprig from the lofty top of a cedar; I will set it out. I will break off a tender one from the topmost of its young twigs; I myself will plant it on a high and lofty mountain. On the mountain height of Israel I will plant it, in order that it may produce boughs and bear fruit, and become a noble cedar. Under it every kind of bird will live; in the shade of its branches will nest winged creatures of every kind. All the trees of the field shall know that I am the Lord. I bring low the high tree, I make high the low tree; I dry up the green tree and make the dry tree flourish. I the Lord have spoken; I will accomplish it.

Word of God. Word of life.

Thanks be to God.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

PSALM 92:1-4, 12-15

A reading from Psalm 92.

It is good to give thanks to the Lord, to sing praises to your name, O Most High; to declare your steadfast love in the morning, and your faithfulness by night, to the music of the lute and the harp, to the melody of the lyre.

For you, O Lord, have made me glad by your work; at the works of your hands I sing for joy.

The righteous flourish like the palm tree, and grow like a cedar in Lebanon. They are planted in the house of the Lord; they flourish in the courts of our God.

In old age they still produce fruit; they are always green and full of sap, showing that the Lord is upright; he is my rock, and there is no unrighteousness in him.

Tree imagery is used in a messianic prophecy to tell how the Lord will choose someone from Judah's royal family (the cedar tree) to reign over all creation. This tree will be planted on Mount Zion, the location of the holy temple.

READING 2 CORINTHIANS 5:6-17

Paul encourages believers to live by faith and not by sight. We do not consider Jesus from a human perspective but through the eyes of faith, believing he died for all and was raised. All who are in Christ are now in God's new creation.

A reading from the second letter of Paul to the Corinthians, the fifth chapter.

So we are always confident; even though we know that while we are at home in the body we are away from the Lord—for we walk by faith, not by sight. Yes, we do have confidence, and we would rather be away from the body and at home with the Lord. So whether we are at home or away, we make it our aim to please him. For all of us must appear before the judgment seat of Christ, so that each may receive recompense for what has been done in the body, whether good or evil. Therefore, knowing the fear of the Lord, we try to persuade others; but we ourselves are well known to God, and I hope that we are also well known to your consciences.

We are not commending ourselves to you again, but giving you an opportunity to boast about us, so that you may be able to answer those who boast in outward appearance and not in the heart. For if we are beside ourselves, it is for God; if we are in our right mind, it is for you. For the love of Christ urges us on, because we are convinced that one has died for all; therefore all have died. And he died for all, so that those who live might live no longer for themselves, but for him who died and was raised for them.

From now on, therefore, we regard no one from a human point of view; even though we once knew Christ from a human point of view, we know him no longer in that way. So if anyone is in Christ, there is a new creation: everything old has passed away; see, everything has become new!

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 To the humble and the lowly you reveal the Kingdom's mystery.

ALL **Refrain**

HOLY GOSPEL MARK 4:26-34

El Santo Evangelio según Marcos, capítulo quatro.

The Holy Gospel according to Mark, the fourth chapter.

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

[Jesus] said, "The kingdom of God is as if someone would scatter seed on the ground, and would sleep and rise night and day, and the seed would sprout and grow, he does not know how. The earth produces of itself, first the stalk, then the head, then the full grain in the head. But when the grain is ripe, at once he goes in with his sickle, because the harvest has come."

Jesus frequently uses parables to teach ordinary people as they are able to hear and understand. Images of sowing and growing show the vitality of God's kingdom.

He also said, "With what can we compare the kingdom of God, or what parable will we use for it? It is like a mustard seed, which, when sown upon the ground, is the smallest of all the seeds on earth; yet when it is sown it grows up and becomes the greatest of all shrubs, and puts forth large branches, so that the birds of the air can make nests in its shade."

With many such parables he spoke the word to them, as they were able to hear it; he did not speak to them except in parables, but he explained everything in private to his disciples.

El Evangelio del Salvador.

The Gospel of the Savior.

THE HOMILY

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

The assembly is seated.

The assembly stands.

British poet, hymn writer, and Methodist minister Fred Pratt Green was one of the most prolific and respected creators of texts for congregational singing in English during the 20th century. Pratt Green quotes directly from today's Gospel reading in the first stanza of this hymn, which celebrates God's work in the world while recognizing the imperative for humans to participate in doing God's will. Pratt Green served 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 hymnwriting. The traditional Welsh melody is named AR HYD Y NOS, which means "The Livelong Night."

HYMN OF THE DAY ELW 679

PASTOR DOROTHY

For the Fruit of All Creation



- 1. For the fruit of all cre a tion, thanks be to God.
 2. In the just re ward of la bor, God's will is done.
- 3. For the har vests of the Spir it, thanks be to God.



ev -In the help we give our neigh - bor, God's will is done. For in - her - it, thanks God. the good we all be to



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,

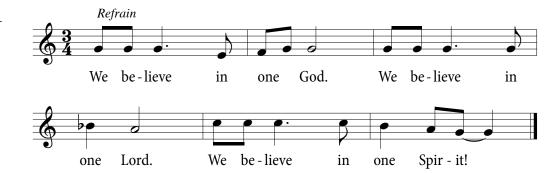


the har - vests shar - ing, God's will done. in we are is love has found us, thanks most of all, that to God.

CREED

With the whole church, let us confess our faith.

ALL



CANTOR We believe in God the Father almighty, Creator of heaven and earth.

ALL **Refrain**

CANTOR We believe in Jesus, his Son, our Lord, who was born of the Virgin Mary.

ALL **Refrain**

CANTOR Who was crucified on a cross, and for us he suffered death.

ALL **Refrain**

CANTOR We believe he rose from the dead, and is seated at the Father's right hand.

ALL **Refrain**

CANTOR And in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints.

ALL **Refrain**

CANTOR And the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection, and life forevermore!

ALL **Refrain**

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

The lay assistant offers the prayers.

A brief silence.

We come before the triune God to pray for our communities, ourselves, and our world.

Nourish your faithful people through gifts of word and worship. Guide the church in listening to and interpreting your message of grace for this time and place in history. In your wisdom, lead us in expanding the reach of your love. Merciful God,

receive our prayer.

Nature sings your love in the morning and your faithfulness at night. Sustain the holy rhythms of creation: days and seasons, hibernation and activity, phases of the moon and tides of the sea. Let these patterns assure us of your constancy. Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

You raise the lowly and humble those in high regard. Raise up all who are victims of marginalization, discrimination, and hate. As we anticipate Juneteenth, banish white supremacy and bigotry from the hearts of your people and remove the inclination toward anger and violence. Merciful God,

receive our prayer.

Tend to all who journey by faith and who wait with patience for the fulfillment of your healing promises, especially Sandy, Betty, Don, Gaynelle, Gene and Pam, Del and Suzanne, Jean, Amy, and Myrna and Jerry. Grant perseverance to people doing physical and occupational therapy, people living with mobility concerns, and people facing chronic pain. Merciful God,

receive our prayer.

As you have loved us, so let us love one another. Empower fathers, stepfathers, grandfathers, adoptive fathers, and chosen fathers to embody this gift of love for their children. Where these relationships are strained or broken, bring your comfort and peace. Merciful God,

receive our prayer.

Here other intercessions may be offered.

For what else do the people of God pray?

With gratitude, we remember the Emanuel Nine martyrs and all the saints who are now at home with you. Plant seeds of their wisdom and witness in our hearts, that we grow in faith until we join them in your heavenly dwelling. Merciful God,

receive our prayer.

The presiding minister concludes the prayers.

Receive our prayers, O God, and come quickly to our aid, through the power of the Spirit and the love of 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.

Graham Kendrick revels here in the feast God provides—with trumpets, welcome, thankful song, lavish good things, love and light, and water turned to wine. Kendrick, the son of a Baptist minister in Northamptonshire, is one of the most prolific Christian singersongwriters in the United Kingdom. Since releasing his first album in 1972, he has written and recorded more than 450 songs. Kendrick has received honorary doctorates in divinity from Brunel University and Wycliffe College. In 1987 he helped co-found the March for Jesus, which today is a global phenomenon in which Christians take their faith to the streets in a celebration of Christ. In 1995 Kendrick received a Dove Award for his international work.



OFFERING PRAYER

Let us pray.

Jesus, Bread of life, you have set this table with your very self, and called us to the feast of plenty. Gather what has been sown among us, and strengthen us in this meal. Make us to be what we receive here, your body for the life of the world. Amen.

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

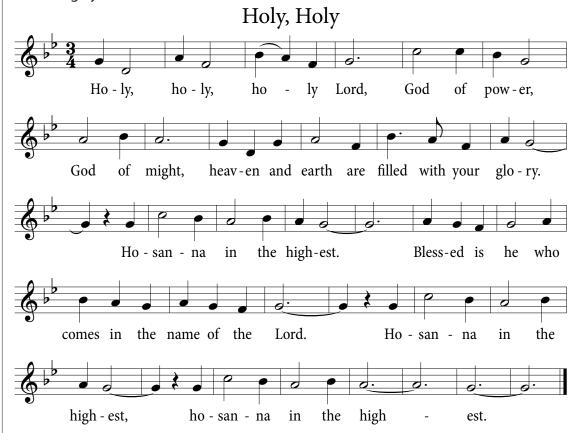
We lift them to the Lord.

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 ... we praise your name and join their unending hymn:



EUCHARISTIC PRAYER

O God most mighty, O God most merciful

Remembering his death, celebrating his resurrection, trusting his presence, we proclaim the mystery of faith.

Memorial Acclamation





O God, you are Breath:

Send your Spirit on this meal.

O God, you are Bread:

Feed us with yourself.

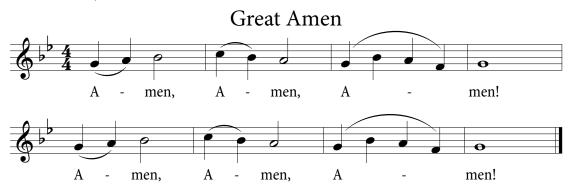
O God, you are Wine:

Transform us with hope.

O God, you are Fire:

Warm our hearts and make us one.

O God most majestic, O God most motherly, O God our strength and our song, you show us a vision of a tree of life with fruits for all and leaves that heal the nations. Grant us such life, the life of the Father to the Son, the life of the Spirit of our risen Savior, life in you, 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.

All are welcome at this meal.

INVITATION TO HOLY COMMUNION

Christ has set the table with more than enough for all. Come!

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 a ing you make the Word of God on throlling.
- 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,



PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Let us pray.

Jesus, Bread of life, we have received from your table more than we could ever ask. As you have nourished us in this meal, now strengthen us to love the world with your own life. In your name we pray. Amen.

SENDING BLESSING

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

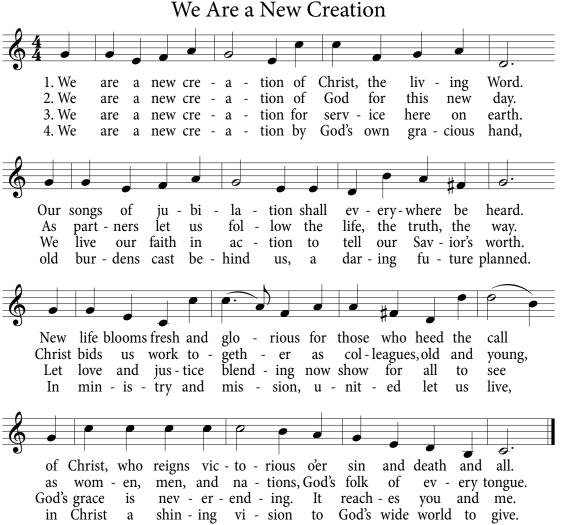
Almighty God, Creator,

Redeemer, and Holy Wisdom, bless you now and forever. **Amen.**

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

Jane Parker Huber wrote this text in 1981 to celebrate the chartering of New Creation United Presbyterian Church in Altoona, Iowa. The hymn picks up on the excitement of new church development, the dreams for the future, and themes of justice and partnership in ministry and mission near and far away, as well as on the biblical theme of being, by God's grace in Jesus Christ, a new creation. Henry Thomas Smart composed the tune LANCASHIRE in 1836. It is named for the English county in which Smart served as organist.





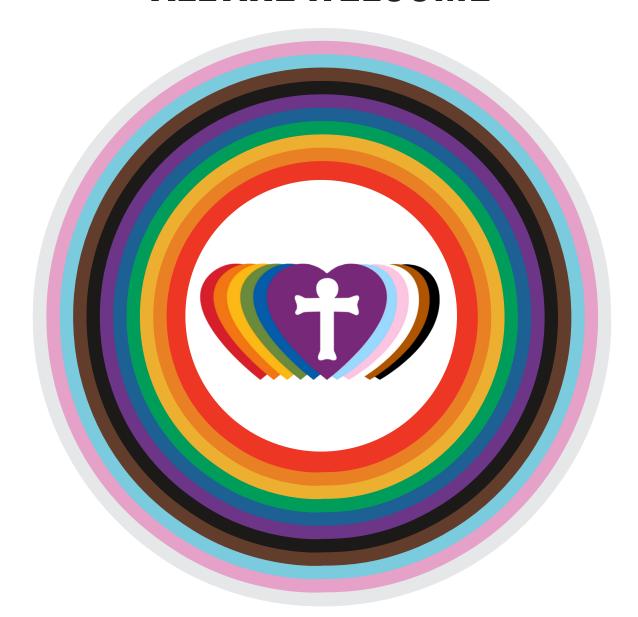
DISMISSAL

Go in peace. You are the body of Christ.

Thanks be to God.

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

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 green 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

KING'S KINDNESS AND JUST COMPASSION

We continue to gather non-perishable food for King's Kindness Food Pantry. For the month of June, we are focusing on new, individually packaged personal hygiene supplies: bar soap, deodorant, shampoo, conditioner, toothbrushes, toothpaste, toilet paper, etc.

For Just Compassion, we are collecting men's belts (any size) and new, packaged underwear. In addition, we continue to collect quarters for their laundry days. Thank you for your generosity.

KING'S KINDNESS SEEKS VOLUNTEER

King's Kindness needs another volunteer on Thursdays from noon until 3. Contact Tim in the office if you can help (contact info on back page). Can't work every Thursday? Team up with someone else and work every other week! Three hours a week is a tremendous help to this ongoing ministry supporting our hungry neighbors.

CRISTO REY MISA

Spanish Misa is celebrated on the second and fourth Sundays of each month at 5 p.m. Join us for bilingual worship on June 9 and 23.

PRAYER REQUESTS

We continue to pray for one another. 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 our thirdparty giving platform, 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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