

SIXTH 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 www.tigardlutherans.com/connect

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Perhaps the church, at its best, is "all ears." God urges the faithful, again and again, to "listen up!"—to heed the word that gives life. So it was with Abraham and Sarah, Mary and Martha, and the early church at Colossae. So it is today as we join the assembly to hear the word of God, the word of life.

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

Baptized into Christ, let us confess our sin.

Merciful God,

you free us to love others, but we neglect our neighbors and follow our own way. You lead us by the Spirit of joy and peace, but we turn away from the abundant life you offer. You surround us with patience, kindness, and generosity, but we grow weary in doing what is right. In your mercy, forgive us. Do not give up on us. Heal us, break our bonds, and show us the path of life. Amen.

You belong to Christ Jesus and you are God's children through faith. In the cross of Christ, and through the power of the Holy Spirit, your sins are forgiven. Clothed with Christ, you are a new creation.

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.

GATHERING HYMN

The assembly stands.

Samuel John Stone based this 1866 hymn on Article Nine of the Apostles' Creed, to defend accepted church dogma against the attacks of Bishop John William Colenso. This was one of 12 hymns that Stone wrote to explain the High Church position in this controversy. Stone was born at Staffordshire, England, while his father was priest to the poorest parish in England. After completing his education, he succeeded his father at St. Paul's, Haggerston, London, where he remained for 20 years. Samuel Sebastian Weslev composed the tune AURELIA in 1864. It appeared with a variety of texts that same year. It has been closely associated with Stone's text since appearing together in Hymns Ancient and Modern (1868).



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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CANTICLE OF PRAISE

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PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray.

A brief silence is kept before the prayer.

The assembly is seated.

Eternal God, you draw near to us in Christ, and you make yourself our guest. Amid the cares of our lives, make us attentive to your presence, that we may treasure your word above all else, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

WORD

READING

GENESIS 18:1-10A

The Lord visits Abraham and Sarah to tell them that the long-awaited promise of the birth of a child will be fulfilled for them in their old age. A reading from Genesis, the eighteenth chapter.

The Lord appeared to Abraham by the oaks of Mamre, as he sat at the entrance of his tent in the heat of the day. He looked up and saw three men standing near him. When he saw them, he ran from the tent entrance to meet them and bowed down to the ground. He said, "My lord, if I find favor with you, do not pass by your servant. Let a little water be brought, and wash your feet, and rest yourselves under the tree. Let me bring a little bread, that you may refresh yourselves, and after that you may pass on—since you have come to your servant." So they said, "Do as you have said." And Abraham hastened into the tent to Sarah and said, "Make ready quickly three measures of choice flour, knead it, and make cakes." Abraham ran to the herd and took a calf, tender and good, and gave it to the servant, who hastened to prepare it. Then he took curds and milk and the calf that he had prepared and set it before them, and he stood by them under the tree while they ate.

They said to him, "Where is your wife Sarah?" And he said, "There, in the tent." Then one said, "I will surely return to you in due season, and your wife Sarah shall have a son."

Word of God. Word of life. **Thanks be to God.**

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

PSALM 15

A reading of Psalm 15.

Lord, who may dwell in your tabernacle? Who may abide upon your holy hill?

Those who lead a blameless life and do what is right, who speak the truth from their heart; they do not slander with the tongue, they do no evil to their friends; they do not cast discredit upon a neighbor.

In their sight the wicked are rejected, but they honor those who fear the Lord. They have sworn upon their health and do not take back their word.

They do not give their money in hope of gain, nor do they take bribes against the innocent. Those who do these things shall never be overthrown.

COLOSSIANS 1:15-28

READING

This letter offers a mystical teaching, that the great mystery of God is "Christ in you." Because Christ is present in the church, Christians share in his life, suffering, and glory. A reading from the letter of Paul to the Colossians, the first chapter.

[Christ Jesus] is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of all creation, for in him all things in heaven and on earth were created, things visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or rulers or powers—all things have been created through him and for him. He himself is before all things, and in him all things hold together. He is the head of the body, the church; he is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead, so that he might come to have first place in everything. For in him all the fullness of God was pleased to dwell, and through him God was pleased to reconcile to himself all things, whether on earth or in heaven, by making peace through the blood of his cross.

And you who were once estranged and hostile in mind, doing evil deeds, he has now reconciled in his fleshly body through death, so as to present you holy and blameless and irreproachable before him, provided that you continue securely established and steadfast in the faith, without shifting from the hope promised by the gospel that you heard, which has been proclaimed to every creature under heaven. I, Paul, became a minister of this gospel.

I am now rejoicing in my sufferings for your sake, and in my flesh I am completing what is lacking in Christ's afflictions for the sake of his body, that is, the church. I became its minister according to God's commission that was given to me for you, to make the word of God fully known, the mystery that has been hidden throughout the ages and generations but has now been revealed to his saints. To them God chose to make known how great among the gentiles are the riches of the glory of this mystery, which is Christ in you, the hope of glory. It is he whom we proclaim, warning everyone and teaching everyone in all wisdom, so that we may present everyone mature in Christ.

Word of God. Word of life. **Thanks be to God.**

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE PASTOR DOROTHY



CANTOR Blessed are those who hold the word fast in an honest and good heart, and bear fruit with patient endurance.

ALL **Refrain**

The assembly stands to greet the Holy Gospel.

HOLY GOSPEL

THE HOMILY

HYMN OF THE DAY

PASTOR DOROTHY

During his visit to the home of Mary and Martha, Jesus reminds Martha that her concern for her many tasks distracts from the one thing that precedes all else: abiding in the presence of God. *El Santo Evangelio según Lucas, capítulo diez.* The Holy Gospel according to Luke, the tenth chapter. **Glory to you, O Lord.** (*¡Gloria a ti, oh Señor!*)

Now as [Jesus and his disciples] went on their way, he entered a certain village where a woman named Martha welcomed him. She had a sister named Mary, who sat at Jesus's feet and listened to what he was saying. But Martha was distracted by her many tasks, so she came to him and asked, "Lord, do you not care that my sister has left me to do all the work by myself? Tell her, then, to help me." But the Lord answered her, "Martha, Martha, you are worried and distracted by many things, but few things are needed—indeed only one. Mary has chosen the better part, which will not be taken away from her."

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.

This text by Mary Louise Bringle was selected in a search conducted by The Hymn Society seeking a hymn for caregivers. Bringle draws in part on the example of Martha and Mary in a text that asks for God's blessing on those who care for others in various ways. Its pairing with Gustav Holst's lovely tune CRANHAM, usually associated with the Christmas hymn "In the bleak midwinter," conveys a spirit of tenderness and amplifies the themes of comfort, care, and service of others.

Bless the Arms That Comfort θ to shoul - der 1. Bless the arms that com fort, strong care, 2. Bless the ears that lis ten, shar ing joys and fears--3. Bless the feet that fol low, like Na - o - mi's Ruthgen - tle reach - ing through des - pair. in their heal - ing, laugh - ing in tri - umphs, weep - ing with our our tears. con - stant friend through sor - row, speak - ing ho - ly truth: Bless the hands that Mar - tha's la _ bor dai - ly deeds; sees through pride's fa Bless the eyes whose wis dom çade, _ though our jour - neys lead far in time and us space, y's Mar pre - cious oint - ment, balm for dif - ferent needs. cher - ish - ing our weak - ness with the heart of God. God a - noints com - pan - ions, min - is - ters of grace.



	Speak your word of comfort to any who suffer pain, illness, grief, depression, or despair, especially Del, Jean, Sandy, Don, Betty, Nick, Myrna, Marteena, Travis, Gaynelle, and Kole. God of grace, hear our prayer.
	Enliven and uphold all who strive to provide hospitality and safe spaces for everyone, without exception. Bring honor to any who experience slander and evil intent or are discredited by others. God of grace, hear our prayer.
Here other intercessions may be offered.	For what else do the people of God pray?
	For Abraham, Sarah, Mary, Martha, and all the saints who attended to your word, we give thanks. Open our ears to your voice until that day when we realize the promise of the gospel with all creation. God of grace, hear our prayer.
The presiding minister concludes the prayers.	Trusting in your lovingkindness, we place our prayer and hope in you, in the name of Jesus Christ. Amen.
	PASSING THE PEACE
	La paz del Señor sea siempre con ustedes.
	The peace of the Lord be with you always.
The assembly is seated.	And also with you. (Y también contigo.)
	WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

MEAL

PREPARE OUR TITHES AND OFFERINGS AND OUR TABLES

OFFERTORY HYMN

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 singer-songwriters 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.

The assembly stands.

The Trumpets Sound, the Angels Sing 1. The trum-pets sound, the an feast is gels sing, the _ 2. The hun - gry heart he sat fies. of fers the is -The of heaven are o pen wide, read to be - gin. gates y -Now his par - a - dise. hear all heaven and earth poor ap-plaud and Je wel - comes in - side. sus you the good of the Lord. a - maz ing - ness Refrain 3 with thank - ful - ness of de - light. Sing songs pure rev - el Come and en's love and light. in heav _ ble place the of the King. Take your at ta _ The feast is read y to be - gin; -the feast is be - gin. read y to -

OFFERING PRAYER

Let us pray.

Creator God, in your wisdom you bring forth all that is good and the harvest is plentiful. Strengthen us at your table with these gifts of the earth and our labor, that we may work for the good of all; through 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, 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.



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.

The table of God is set before you. Eat and rejoice.

COMMUNION BLESSING

The assembly stands.

Daniel Iverson wrote this hymn after hearing a sermon at the George T. Stephans evangelistic revival meeting held at Orlando, Florida, in 1926. Ordained a Presbyterian minister, Iverson founded Shenandoah Presbyterian Church in Miami, Florida, where he served from 1927 until his retirement in 1951. Michael Baughen added a second stanza to the text in 1980. That stanza's emphasis on the Spirit moving "among us all," provides a complement to the first stanza's focus on the Spirit's work in the individual ("fall afresh on me"). The stanzas were first published together in the British Hymns for Today's Church (1982). Baughen was a priest in the Church of England since 1964 and Bishop of Chester from 1982 until he retired in 1996.

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



PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Let us pray.

Mothering God, you gathered us to your table and we drank deeply of your grace. Send us out by your Spirit to love our neighbors as ourselves and proclaim your love 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.**

SENDING HYMN

Walter Chalmers Smith based the words of this hymn on 1 Timothy 1:17 for his 1867 Hymns of Christ and the Christian Life. A minister of the Free Church of Scotland, Smith served churches in London, Milnathort, Glasgow, and Edinburgh. This hymn's tune, ST. DENIO, was based on an old folk melody traditionally sung with words about a cuckoo. It was modified and first used as a hymn tune by John Roberts in his Canaidaeth y Cysegr (1839). St. Denio is the Latin form of St. Dennis.



Go in peace. Live by the Spirit. **Thanks be to God.**

THE LIFE OF THE CHURCH

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THIS WEEK

Prayers continue for those who are affected by the unrest in the Middle East and Ukraine. Lord, listen to your children praying. Send us love, send us hope, send us peace.

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 another blue BottleDrop bag** for your personal use and benefit Christ the King/Cristo Rey. To date you have deposited more the \$500 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.

It's vacation time! Take a moment to be certain your tithes and offerings will be made to Christ the King while you are away. There are many different ways to make that happen.

- 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.

Where is Flat Jesus?

Each week he is hidden somewhere in this worship folder. Can you find him?



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God's work. Our hands.

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, recibíos 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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