



CHRIST

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The Lord's Day, Sunday, October 13, 2024

"...taking every thought captive to the obedience of Christ..."



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— ORDER OF WORSHIP —

Thank you for joining us this morning! At Christ the King, our worship is a divine-human dialogue, in accordance with Scriptural example and precedent, alternatively hearing God's Word and responding in prayer, song, or meditation. The boxes throughout the bulletin were written to aid each worshipper in thoughtful and meaningful participation in this dialogue. Please prepare your heart by reading through the bulletin, praying for those leading and worshipping around you, and silencing all communication devices.

** Indicates congregational standing*

WE APPROACH THE LORD

Call to Worship

Again this week, as God's people, we are called to rejoice in the reign of God.

Psalm 97:1, 12 ^{ESV}

¹ The LORD reigns, let the earth rejoice;
let the many coastlands be glad!
¹² Rejoice in the LORD, O you righteous,
and give thanks to his holy name!

Prayer of Adoration and Invocation

* Hymn of Praise

We begin our worship praising God's anointed, whose reign is the remedy for all of the misery and consequences of mankind's rebellion in the Fall.

"Hail to the Lord's Anointed"

(Trinity Hymnal #311)

WE ACKNOWLEDGE OUR SIN

* Reading from the Law

*These instructions reveal that righteous rule is summed up in terms of avoiding that triad of vices that sum up "the world" and the nature of sin: the lust of the flesh, the lust of the eyes, and the sinful pride of life (1 John 2:16), and thus that godly rule is meant to be ruling...well... like God (surprise!); that is, ruling in a way that **reflects His character**. We might not think that the instructions given here apply to us, but they are given to govern the rule of Israel's kings, a rule in which, as we shall see once again today, we all are meant to share.*

Deuteronomy 17:14–20 ^{ESV}

"When you come to the land that the LORD your God is giving you, and you possess it and dwell in it and then say, 'I will set a king over me, like all the nations that are around me,' ¹⁵ you may indeed set a king over you whom the LORD your God will choose. One from among your brothers you shall set as king over you. You may not put a foreigner over you, who is not your brother. ¹⁶ Only he must not acquire many horses for himself or cause the people to return to Egypt in order to acquire many horses, since the LORD has said to you, 'You shall never return that

way again.' ¹⁷ And he shall not acquire many wives for himself, lest his heart turn away, nor shall he acquire for himself excessive silver and gold.

¹⁸ "And when he sits on the throne of his kingdom, he shall write for himself in a book a copy of this law, approved by the Levitical priests. ¹⁹ And it shall be with him, and he shall read in it all the days of his life, that he may learn to fear the LORD his God by keeping all the words of this law and these statutes, and doing them, ²⁰ that his heart may not be lifted up above his brothers, and that he may not turn aside from the commandment, either to the right hand or to the left, so that he may continue long in his kingdom, he and his children, in Israel.

Silent Confession of Sin

Corporate Confession of Sin

We confess in this prayer our sin of refusing to submit to God's sovereign rule as it is expressed through His delegated mediators of that rule in various spheres of life, which amounts to rebellion against Him.

O God, our most merciful, sovereign Lord, we humbly confess that we, like sheep, have gone astray; we have each of us turned to his own way. We have neglected to recognize your absolute authority in our lives by rebelling in many ways against those to whom you have delegated that authority. We have disrespected those in positions of authority in government. We have failed to take heed to the admonitions of church officers. We have failed adequately to care for and listen to elderly parents. In these and many other ways we have offended your holy law and, like Israel of old, rejected you as King over us. But you, O Lord, are a gracious and compassionate God, slow to anger and abounding in love and faithfulness. Remember your covenant, O our God, remember that we are weak and sinful, and by your mighty power grant to us not only pardon for these and our other transgressions, but also the resolve, vision, and strength to obey you and all the authorities you institute, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.)

WE REJOICE IN THE ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

Assurance of Pardoning Grace

The confession of true faith is the one that declares Jesus to be Lord, and it is this faith that is the means of salvation for all who submit to it.

Romans 10:5–9 ESV

For Moses writes about the righteousness that is based on the law, that the person who does the commandments shall live by them. ⁶ But the righteousness based on faith says, “Do not say in your heart, ‘Who will ascend into heaven?’” (that is, to bring Christ down) ⁷ “or ‘Who will descend into the abyss?’” (that is, to bring Christ up from the dead). ⁸ But what does it say? “The word is near you, in your mouth and in your heart” (that is, the word of faith that we proclaim); ⁹ because, if you confess with your mouth that Jesus is Lord and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved.

Leader: This is the gospel.

Congregation: Hallelujah!

* Hymn of Assurance

We rejoice in the Gospel of the Kingdom: that God's rule is restored through Jesus Christ in all of its salvific results and power.

"Rejoice, the Lord Is King"

(Trinity Hymnal #309)

WE PRAY FOR EACH OTHER

Prayers of Intercession

During this time the elders will be in the back of the room, ready to take personal prayer requests from and pray with all who want this, and these will be confidential if desired. Everyone who is not receiving prayer in this way will participate in corporate prayer as the worship leader mentions a list of topics. As each item is mentioned, the congregation should respond with the words, "We offer these our prayers," followed by a brief silent prayer from each individual.

WE HEAR INSTRUCTION FROM THE LORD

Sermon

(Mike Biggs)

"Models of Dominion II — The Foundation: The Davidic Covenant, Pt; II"

* Psalm 2 (with reference to Hebrews 1:1–3:6)

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

Congregation: Thanks be to God

WE COMMUNE WITH OUR LORD

Communion Meditation

Words of Institution

Prayer of Consecration

Confession of Faith

The Apostles' Creed

I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, and born of the virgin Mary. He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; he descended into hell. The third day he rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of God the Father Almighty. From there 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. (*or universal)

Distribution of Elements

Because we believe that wine was used in the Last Supper and is thus more in accord with the fullness of symbolism intended by God in the Lord's Supper, we offer and encourage wine for those who take part in Communion. For those with conscientious convictions against the use of wine, however, we offer grape juice, which is contained in the inner circle of the communion trays. The cups containing wine are in the outer circles.

"Unto My Lord Jehovah Said"

(Trinity Hymnal #313)

WE RESPOND TO THE GRACE OF THE LORD

Offering Meditation

Like the magi of old, part of our proper response to Christ's kingship is to present Him gifts of tribute and worship.

Matthew 2:11 ESV

And going into the house, they saw the child with Mary his mother, and they fell down and worshiped him. Then, opening their treasures, they offered him gifts, gold and frankincense and myrrh.

"Jesus Shall Reign"

(Trinity Hymnal #441, v.1,5)

Presentation of Offerings

*** Doxology**

(Trinity Hymnal #731)

Prayer of Dedication

WE RESPOND TO THE WORD

As we closed our last series, so now we open a new series of sermons with the same call to each other, and to the whole Church of Christ, to arise and do battle with the world, the flesh, and the Devil, armed with the truth of God and with the confidence that comes from knowing that, "If God is for us, who can be against us? (Romans 8:31)."

"O Church, Arise!"

(see insert)

Benediction

VISION

Purpose (our reason for existence): to reverse the effects of rebellion against God (sin)

Mission (what we are called to do): to build the Kingdom of God, by...

- adding people (incorporation)
- building people (edification)

CoreValues (our fundamental commitments):

1. *Knowing* truth from God (Scripture)
2. *Being* right with God (Justification)
3. *Living* life for God (Sanctification)

Goals (what we seek to accomplish):

1. *Worship*—People experiencing and being attracted to and trained in the enjoyment of God
2. *Fellowship*—People displaying and enjoying genuinely loving and giving relationships/Christian community
3. *Christian Education*—People being confronted with and oriented to the whole truth of God
4. *Outreach*—People being drawn to the Church and trained to draw others
5. *Mercy*—People caring about and meeting the material needs of both non-Christians and other Christians



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