



# CHRIST

— THE KING —

The Lord's Day, Sunday, September 1, 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*

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## Call to Worship

*Like our call to worship last week, understanding to whom these psalms are addressed and what they are saying depends upon understanding the unity of the people of God, particularly the identification of Israel and the Christian Church.*

### **Psalm 87**<sup>ESV</sup>

- <sup>1</sup> *On the holy mount stands the city he founded;  
    <sup>2</sup> the LORD loves the gates of Zion  
    more than all the dwelling places of Jacob.*
- <sup>3</sup> *Glorious things of you are spoken,  
    O city of God. Selah*
- <sup>4</sup> *Among those who know me I mention Rahab and Babylon;  
    behold, Philistia and Tyre, with Cush—  
    “This one was born there,” they say.*
- <sup>5</sup> *And of Zion it shall be said,  
    “This one and that one were born in her”;  
    for the Most High himself will establish her.*
- <sup>6</sup> *The LORD records as he registers the peoples,  
    “This one was born there.” Selah*
- <sup>7</sup> *Singers and dancers alike say,  
    “All my springs are in you.”*

### **Psalm 98: 1–6**<sup>ESV</sup>

- <sup>1</sup> *Oh sing to the LORD a new song,  
    for he has done marvelous things!  
His right hand and his holy arm  
    have worked salvation for him.*
- <sup>2</sup> *The LORD has made known his salvation;  
    he has revealed his righteousness in the sight of the nations.*
- <sup>3</sup> *He has remembered his steadfast love and faithfulness  
    to the house of Israel.  
All the ends of the earth have seen  
    the salvation of our God.*
- <sup>4</sup> *Make a joyful noise to the LORD, all the earth;  
    break forth into joyous song and sing praises!*
- <sup>5</sup> *Sing praises to the LORD with the lyre,  
    with the lyre and the sound of melody!*
- <sup>6</sup> *With trumpets and the sound of the horn  
    make a joyful noise before the King, the LORD!*

## Prayer of Adoration and Invocation

### \* Hymn of Praise

*We praise the one who is not only the God of Abraham, but our god as well.*

"The God of Abraham Praise"

(Trinity Hymnal #34)

## *WE ACKNOWLEDGE OUR SIN*

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### \* Reading from the Law

*It is vital that we realize the import of this passage: that the investiture of the Son of Man (i.e., Christ) with dominion over the earth and its peoples (v. 14) is **also the investiture of the people of God (the saints)**, who are united to and represented by Christ, their head (v. 27). This is a promise which, as all privilege does, entails an obligation as well: to be about what God commissioned Adam (as the representative of mankind) to do in Genesis 1, to **exercise** dominion in the name of God through Christ, who has restored our right and ability to do so.*

**Daniel 7:13–27** <sup>ESV</sup>

### Silent Confession of Sin

### Corporate Confession of Sin

*The responsibility for dominion involves the determination to bring all things, including ourselves, under the regulation of His law. This is the essence of this confession and prayer of repentance.*

**Almighty Father, Who by your will and for your glory formed us and everything else in all creation, Who upholds all things by the power of your Word, and Who has graciously and lovingly preserved your people and provided for our needs, we confess our constant failure to trust You and rely upon your goodness. Instead of leaning wholly upon You, we have thought and acted upon the meager understanding afforded by our limited human perspectives. Rather than acknowledging You in all our ways, we have forgotten You and turned to our own way, the way that seems right unto a man, but leads to death. We have failed to**

take seriously and oppose the challenges to your truth and Word which we have experienced in our culture, thus either tacitly acceding to them or allowing them to flourish by our silence. We have sinned against You constantly by presuming to own ourselves and our ways, in violation of your holy command to trust You with all of our hearts. With renewed faith we cast ourselves upon Jesus, the author and perfecter of our faith, Who gave himself for us to redeem us from all wickedness. In abject sorrow we confess our unbelief, and in heartfelt and sincere repentance ask You for the grace of faith, wrought by your Holy Spirit, which You have promised to give your people Israel. Write your law on our hearts, that we may adopt your heart and mind, and evermore walk in the light, as You are in the light, through Jesus Christ, the Light of the world. Amen.

## *WE REJOICE IN THE ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS*

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### Assurance of Pardoning Grace

*The accomplishment of the rule of God **through** His image-bearing people is the fundamental essence of the gospel itself, requiring all of its other elements: redemption, atonement, the restoration of God's image (Christlikeness) and righteousness, and the empowerment of God's Spirit. This is indeed a precious promise!*

### Revelation 2:26, 27; 3:21 <sup>ESV</sup>

The one who conquers and who keeps my works until the end, to him I will give authority over the nations,<sup>27</sup> and he will rule them with a rod of iron, as when earthen pots are broken in pieces, even as I myself have received authority from my Father:

<sup>3:21</sup> The one who conquers, I will grant him to sit with me on my throne, as I also conquered and sat down with my Father on his throne.

Leader: This is the gospel.

Congregation: Hallelujah!

## \* Hymn of Assurance

We celebrate the gospel truth that in Christ, God is bringing all creation to unity, and restoring the coherence of the Creation in Him.

### "In Christ Alone"

(Hymn of the Month)

*In Christ alone, my hope is found  
He is my light, my strength, my song  
This Cornerstone, this solid ground  
Firm through the fiercest drought and storm  
What heights of love, what depths of peace  
When fears are stilled, when strivings cease  
My Comforter, my All in All  
Here in the love of Christ I stand*

*In Christ alone, who took on flesh  
Fullness of God in helpless babe  
This gift of love and righteousness  
Scorned by the ones He came to save  
'Til on that cross as Jesus died  
The wrath of God was satisfied  
For every sin on Him was laid  
Here in the death of Christ I live, I live*

*There in the ground His body lay  
Light of the world by darkness slain  
Then bursting forth in glorious Day  
Up from the grave He rose again  
And as He stands in victory  
Sin's curse has lost its grip on me  
For I am His and He is mine  
Bought with the precious blood of Christ*

*No guilt in life, no fear in death  
This is the power of Christ in me  
From life's first cry to final breath  
Jesus commands my destiny  
No power of hell, no scheme of man  
Can ever pluck me from His hand  
Till He returns or calls me home  
Here in the power of Christ I'll stand*

## *WE PRAY FOR EACH OTHER*

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### **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*

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### **Sermon**

(Mike Biggs)

**"Spiritual Deceptions of our Age X — Dispensationalism Part II:  
'Wrongly Dividing the Word of Truth' (Part 2)"**

\* 2 Timothy 2:15

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

Congregation: Thanks be to God

## *WE COMMUNE WITH OUR LORD*

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### **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.*

"Come, Let Us Sing unto the Lord"

(Trinity Hymnal #16)

## *WE RESPOND TO THE GRACE OF THE LORD*

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### Offering Meditation

*Once again this week, we see that, at the making of provisions for the construction of the first Temple, the pattern was set for the giving of God's people at all times, especially for the building of the true Temple, the Church.*

### I Chronicles 29:9 <sup>ESV</sup>

Then the people rejoiced because they had given willingly, for with a whole heart they had offered freely to the LORD. David the king also rejoiced greatly.

"Hail to the Brightness of Zion's Glad Morning" (Trinity Hymnal #346)

### Presentation of Offerings

\* Doxology

(Trinity Hymnal #731)

### Prayer of Dedication

## *WE RESPOND TO THE WORD*

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*We conclude our service in joyful anticipation and celebration of the consummation of the rule of Christ with His saints, for which we work now, and to which we look forward.*

"Jerusalem the Golden"

(Trinity Hymnal #539)

### Benediction



# — SERMON NOTES —

September 1, 2024

"Spiritual Deceptions of our Age X — Dispensationalism Part II:  
'Wrongly Dividing the Word of Truth'(Part 2)" (Mike Biggs)

## 2 Timothy 2:15

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Introduction:

*How does dispensationalism create incoherence and thus confusion about the Christian life?*

I. Dispensationalism disrupts the coherence of the *Word of God*, II Timothy 3:14–17.

A. The unity of Scripture.

B. The significance of this unity.

II. Dispensationalism disrupts the coherence of the *people* of God, Ephesians 2:11–3:6.

A. The unity of the people of God.

B. The significance of this unity.

III. Dispensationalism disrupts the coherence of the *economy* of God, Galatians 3.

A. The unity of the *economy* of God.

B. The significance of this unity.

# — FOR YOUR PERSONAL DEVOTION —

Points of Application:

Memorable Illustrations:

Evaluation:

Questions for Further Study: