



CHRIST

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The Lord's Day, Sunday, September 22, 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

This call to worship enjoins us not only to give Him thanks and praise, but also to make known to “the peoples” (the nations) what He has done, particularly through His Son, through whom He reconciles the world to Himself.

Psalm 105:1–6 ^{ESV}

- 1 Oh give thanks to the LORD; call upon his name;
make known his deeds among the peoples!*
- 2 Sing to him, sing praises to him;
tell of all his wondrous works!*
- 3 Glory in his holy name;
let the hearts of those who seek the LORD rejoice!*
- 4 Seek the LORD and his strength;
seek his presence continually!*
- 5 Remember the wondrous works that he has done,
his miracles, and the judgments he uttered,*
- 6 O offspring of Abraham, his servant,
children of Jacob, his chosen ones!*

Prayer of Adoration and Invocation

* Hymn of Praise

We in v. 5 of this hymn echo the conviction of the people of Israel at Mt. Carmel after Elijah had won his challenge with the prophets of Baal, voicing our desire that everyone know that “the Lord is God!” and fulfill our commission in the world such that all idols are trodden underfoot.

"All Praise to God, Who Reigns Above"

(Trinity Hymnal #4)

WE ACKNOWLEDGE OUR SIN

* Reading from the Law

*Israel was supposed to be a light to the nations, but she failed in that mission. Here the prophet Isaiah speaks of a “Servant” who is called “Israel” but who is seen to be an **individual** who will bring Israel back to God. This is the ideal Israel, Jesus, who not only restores Israel but is also a “light to the nations.” Just as He embodies true Israel, we become Israel in Him (Ephesians 2:11–22; Galatians 3:28, 29) and take up the commission and the power to be a light to the nations.*

Isaiah 49:1–6 ^{ESV}

¹ Listen to me, O coastlands,
and give attention, you peoples from afar.
The LORD called me from the womb,
from the body of my mother he named my name.

² He made my mouth like a sharp sword;
in the shadow of his hand he hid me;
he made me a polished arrow;
in his quiver he hid me away.

³ And he said to me, "You are my servant,
Israel, in whom I will be glorified."

⁴ But I said, "I have labored in vain;
I have spent my strength for nothing and vanity;
yet surely my right is with the LORD,
and my recompense with my God."

⁵ And now the LORD says,
he who formed me from the womb to be his servant,
to bring Jacob back to him;
and that Israel might be gathered to him—
for I am honored in the eyes of the LORD,
and my God has become my strength—

⁶ he says:
"It is too light a thing that you should be my servant
to raise up the tribes of Jacob
and to bring back the preserved of Israel;
I will make you as a light for the nations,
that my salvation may reach to the end of the earth."

Silent Confession of Sin

Corporate Confession of Sin

We confess the sins attendant to our failure to be faithful witnesses to Christ in the world.

O Most gracious and loving Heavenly Father, who gave your only begotten Son to save the world, and who has privileged us to be your ambassadors and representatives in this world, we confess that we have often failed to live up to our calling, sinning publicly and privately, and poorly reflecting your holiness to a watching world. Like Israel of old, we have behaved in such a way that your Name is blasphemed among unbelievers rather than

honored. We have sought our own comfort and satisfaction more than your glory. We have dishonored you by cherishing idols in our hearts more than you. The remembrance of these things brings sorrow to our hearts. We earnestly repent of these our misdoings, in thought, word, and deed, and seek not only forgiveness, but grace to mortify these and all remaining sins within us, as we seek you and you alone as our Great Reward, in the Name and power and for the sake of our Lord Jesus Christ. Amen.

WE REJOICE IN THE ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

Assurance of Pardoning Grace

The gospel is not only that we receive the blessings of salvation, but also that we become conduits of that blessing to the entire world.

Galatians 3:7–9, 16, 26–29 ESV

Know then that it is those of faith who are the sons of Abraham.⁸ And the Scripture, foreseeing that God would justify the Gentiles by faith, preached the gospel beforehand to Abraham, saying, "In you shall all the nations be blessed."⁹ So then, those who are of faith are blessed along with Abraham, the man of faith.

¹⁶ Now the promises were made to Abraham and to his offspring. It does not say, "And to offsprings," referring to many, but referring to one, "And to your offspring," who is Christ.

²⁶ for in Christ Jesus you are all sons of God, through faith.²⁷ For as many of you as were baptized into Christ have put on Christ.²⁸ There is neither Jew nor Greek, there is neither slave nor free, there is no male and female, for you are all one in Christ Jesus.²⁹ And if you are Christ's, then you are Abraham's offspring, heirs according to promise.

Leader: This is the gospel.

Congregation: Hallelujah!

* Hymn of Assurance

In this great hymn we not only celebrate God's mighty and merciful acts in achieving our salvation, but also pray that praise for these wonders might spread through all the earth.

"Great God of Wonders"

Great God of wonders!
All Thy ways Are matchless,
Godlike and divine;
But the fair glories of Thy grace
More Godlike and unrivalled shine.

Refrain:
Who's a pardoning God like Thee?
Who has grace so rich and free?
Who's a pardoning God like Thee?
Great God of Wonders

Crimes of such horror to forgive
Such guilty, daring worms to spare
This is Thine grand prerogative
And none shall in the honor share!
(Refrain)

In wonder lost, in trembling joy,
We take the pardon of our God:
Pardon for crimes of deepest dye,
A pardon bought with Jesus' blood.
(Refrain)

O may this strange,
this matchless grace,
This Godlike miracle of love,
Fill the wide earth with grateful
praise,
And all the angelic chorus above.
(Refrain)

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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)

"Spiritual Deceptions of our Age XI — Confusion about the Mission of the Church"

* Matthew 28:16–20

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

God has ordained that the treasure of His people, not only from Israel, but also from all the nations, be given to contribute to the building of His house, which in Christ is now the Church, so that the worship of the one true God might fill the earth.

Ezra 7:12–17 ESV

"Artaxerxes, king of kings, to Ezra the priest, the scribe of the Law of the God of heaven. Peace. And now ¹³ I make a decree that anyone of the people of Israel or their priests or Levites in my kingdom, who freely offers to go to Jerusalem, may go with you. ¹⁴ For you are sent by the king and his seven counselors to make inquiries about Judah and Jerusalem according to the Law of your God, which is in your hand, ¹⁵ and also to carry the silver and gold that the king and his counselors have freely offered to the God of Israel, whose dwelling is in Jerusalem, ¹⁶ with all the silver and gold that you shall find in the whole province of Babylonia, and with the freewill offerings of the people and the priests, vowed willingly for the house of their God that is in Jerusalem. ¹⁷ With this money, then, you shall with all diligence buy bulls, rams, and lambs, with their grain offerings and their drink offerings, and you shall offer them on the altar of the house of your God that is in Jerusalem.

"All Authority and Power"

(Trinity Hymnal #453)

Presentation of Offerings

*** Doxology**

(Trinity Hymnal #731)

Prayer of Dedication

WE RESPOND TO THE WORD

We leave today singing with joy the fact that Zion, the place of God's dwelling, the people of God, shall expand and include all nations, and shall be glorious forever and ever, as it is filled with the glory and eternal blessing of God Himself.

"Zion, Founded on the Mountains"

(Trinity Hymnal #436)

Benediction

— SERMON NOTES —

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"Spiritual Deceptions of our Age XI — Confusion about the
Mission of the Church" (Mike Biggs)

Matthew 28:16–20

Introduction:

How does confusion about the mission of the Church cripple its accomplishment?

I. We get confused about the *legitimacy* of our mission, vv. 16-18.

A. As to viability.

B. As to propriety.

II. We get confused about the essence of our mission, v 19a.

A. What it is not.

B. What it is.

III. We get confused about the *performance* of our mission, vv. 19b, 20.

A. It's focus.

B. Our participation.

— FOR YOUR PERSONAL DEVOTION —

Points of Application:

Memorable Illustrations:

Evaluation:

Questions for Further Study:

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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