



# CHRIST

- THE KING -

The Lord's Day, Sunday, September 8, 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

*The call to “the offspring of Abraham” and “the children of Jacob” is to us, who have been made part of true Israel through our union by faith with Jesus Christ.*

### **Psalm 87** ESV

- <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 105:1–6** ESV

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

## Prayer of Adoration and Invocation

## \* Hymn of Praise

*We praise the one who reigns above, in whose kingdom we participate through the Anointed King, Jesus.*

## "O Worship the King"

*(Trinity Hymnal #2)*

## *WE ACKNOWLEDGE OUR SIN*

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### \* Reading from the Law

*The heart of what this passage is commanding is that all of God's people, including us (cf. Hebrews 3:7-12!), pay attention to the lessons demonstrated by the experience of the people of God in the past, particularly the Old Testament, because we are part of that same people, and the same principles which governed their relationship with God apply equally to ours.*

### **Psalm 95:7c–11** ESV

<sup>7c</sup> Today, if you hear his voice,

<sup>8</sup> do not harden your hearts, as at Meribah,  
as on the day at Massah in the wilderness,

<sup>9</sup> when your fathers put me to the test  
and put me to the proof, though they had seen my work.

<sup>10</sup> For forty years I loathed that generation  
and said, "They are a people who go astray in their heart,  
and they have not known my ways."

<sup>11</sup> Therefore I swore in my wrath,  
"They shall not enter my rest."

### **Silent Confession of Sin**

## Corporate Confession of Sin

*The only hope for all of God's people in all ages, Old Testament and New Testament, has always been Jesus, and Him alone.*

### "Jesus, Lover of My Soul"

Jesus, lover of my soul,  
Let me to Thy bosom fly,  
While the nearer waters roll,  
While the tempest still is high.  
Hide me, O my Savior, hide,  
'Til life's storm is past;  
Safe into the haven guide;  
Receive my soul at last.

Other refuge have I none,  
I helpless, hang on Thee;  
Leave, oh leave me not alone,  
Support and comfort me.  
All my trust on Thee is stayed,  
All help from Thee I bring;  
Cover my defenseless head  
In the shadow of Thy wing.

Thou, O Christ, are all I want,  
Here more than all I find;  
Raise the fallen, cheer the faint,  
Heal the sick, and lead the blind.  
Just and holy is Thy Name,  
I am all unrighteousness;  
False and full of sin I am;  
Thou art full of truth and grace.

Plenteous grace with Thee is found,  
Grace to cover all my sin;  
Let the healing streams abound;  
Make and keep me pure within.  
Thou of life the fountain art,  
Let me take of Thee;  
Spring Thou up within my heart;  
For all eternity.

# *WE REJOICE IN THE ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS*

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## Assurance of Pardoning Grace

*All of God's people are destined for the same reward, accomplished by Jesus and guaranteed through His already present reign.*

### Hebrews 11:32–12:2 ESV

And what more shall I say? For time would fail me to tell of Gideon, Barak, Samson, Jephthah, of David and Samuel and the prophets—<sup>33</sup> who through faith conquered kingdoms, enforced justice, obtained promises, stopped the mouths of lions,<sup>34</sup> quenched the power of fire, escaped the edge of the sword, were made strong out of weakness, became mighty in war; put foreign armies to flight.<sup>35</sup> Women received back their dead by resurrection. Some were tortured, refusing to accept release, so that they might rise again to a better life.<sup>36</sup> Others suffered mocking and flogging, and even chains and imprisonment.<sup>37</sup> They were stoned, they were sawn in two, they were killed with the sword. They went about in skins of sheep and goats, destitute, afflicted, mistreated—<sup>38</sup> of whom the world was not worthy—wandering about in deserts and mountains, and in dens and caves of the earth.

<sup>39</sup> And all these, though commended through their faith, did not receive what was promised,<sup>40</sup> since God had provided something better for us, that apart from us they should not be made perfect.

<sup>12:1</sup> Therefore, since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us also lay aside every weight, and sin which clings so closely, and let us run with endurance the race that is set before us,<sup>2</sup> looking to Jesus, the founder and perfecter of our faith, who for the joy that was set before him endured the cross, despising the shame, and is seated at the right hand of the throne of God.

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, Getty Hymn)

*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 3)"**

\* 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.*

### "This One Was Born There"

Who is it that knows me on the holy Mount?  
City that I love most in all of Jacob's land  
Glorious things of you are spoken, city of God

Chorus:

I will mention Rahab, and Babylon, too  
Behold that old Philistia and Tyre with Cush  
"This one was born there," they'll say, "in Zion"

For the Lord God Most High will establish her  
The Lord making a record, as He registers:  
"This one was born there, and this one, that one" on and on...

(Chorus)

All the merry dancers and the ones who sing  
Say for each within her gates is found his own spring  
"This one was born there," forever their dance and their song

(Chorus)

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"This one was born there," they'll say, "in Zion"

(words/music by Tyler Cowden)

# *WE RESPOND TO THE GRACE OF THE LORD*

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## Offering Meditation

*It is God's wise plan that through giving that we obtain the greatest blessing, as through it we bless others, and so imitate the work of our Savior.*

## **2 Corinthians 8:9** <sup>ESV</sup>

For you know the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, that though he was rich, yet for your sake he became poor; so that you by his poverty might become rich.

**"Savior, Thy Dying Love Thou Gavest Me"** (*Trinity Hymnal #638, v. 1,4*)

## Presentation of Offerings

\* Doxology

(*Trinity Hymnal #731*)

## Prayer of Dedication

# *WE RESPOND TO THE WORD*

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*We conclude our service today singing of the glorious blessings of Zion, an Old Testament term referring to the site of the Old Testament Temple and to the city, Jerusalem, where it was located. But this hymn uses images from the book of Revelation which demonstrate that the true Zion, the true Temple of God, is the Church, to whom in Christ all of the blessings of God's covenant are realized (cf. Hebrews 12:18-24).*

**"Glorious Things of Thee Are Spoken"**

(*Trinity Hymnal #345*)

## Benediction

# — SERMON NOTES —

September 8, 2024

"Spiritual Deceptions of our Age X — Dispensationalism Part II:  
'Wrongly Dividing the Word of Truth'(Part 3)" (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:

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# VISION

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**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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