

CHRIST

- THE KING -

The Lord's Day, Sunday, October 29, 2023

"...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

We insert indelibly into our heads the amazing fact of God's wonderful, compassionate, gracious love for His people, demonstrated by His mighty acts on their behalf.

Psalm 136 ^{ESV}

- ¹ Give thanks to the LORD, for he is good,
for his steadfast love endures forever. [leader]
[congregation]
- ² Give thanks to the God of gods,
for his steadfast love endures forever.
- ³ Give thanks to the Lord of lords,
for his steadfast love endures forever;
- ⁴ to him who alone does great wonders,
for his steadfast love endures forever;
- ⁵ to him who by understanding made the heavens,
for his steadfast love endures forever;
- ⁶ to him who spread out the earth above the waters,
for his steadfast love endures forever;
- ⁷ to him who made the great lights,
for his steadfast love endures forever;
- ⁸ the sun to rule over the day,
for his steadfast love endures forever;
- ⁹ the moon and stars to rule over the night,
for his steadfast love endures forever;
- ¹⁰ to him who struck down the firstborn of Egypt,
for his steadfast love endures forever;
- ¹¹ and brought Israel out from among them,
for his steadfast love endures forever;
- ¹² with a strong hand and an outstretched arm,
for his steadfast love endures forever;
- ¹³ to him who divided the Red Sea in two,
for his steadfast love endures forever;
- ¹⁴ and made Israel pass through the midst of it,
for his steadfast love endures forever;
- ¹⁵ but overthrew Pharaoh and his host in the Red Sea,
for his steadfast love endures forever;
- ¹⁶ to him who led his people through the wilderness,
for his steadfast love endures forever;

17 to him who struck down great kings,
for his steadfast love endures forever;
18 and killed mighty kings,
for his steadfast love endures forever;
19 Sihon, king of the Amorites,
for his steadfast love endures forever;
20 and Og, king of Bashan,
for his steadfast love endures forever;
21 and gave their land as a heritage,
for his steadfast love endures forever;
22 a heritage to Israel his servant,
for his steadfast love endures forever.
23 It is he who remembered us in our low estate,
for his steadfast love endures forever;
24 and rescued us from our foes,
for his steadfast love endures forever;
25 he who gives food to all flesh,
for his steadfast love endures forever.
26 Give thanks to the God of heaven,
for his steadfast love endures forever.

Prayer of Adoration and Invocation

* Hymn of Praise

Our God has been so gracious and loving to us His people. Let your heart ring out as we sing praise to Him for His goodness and love.

"Praise, My Soul, the King of Heaven"

(Trinity Hymnal #76)

WE ACKNOWLEDGE OUR SIN

* Reading from the Law

God's priorities are not the same as ours, and neither is His conception of the essence of His saving work.

Jeremiah 9:23, 24 ^{ESV}

Thus says the LORD: "Let not the wise man boast in his wisdom, let not the mighty man boast in his might, let not the rich man boast in his riches, ²⁴ but let him who boasts boast in this, that he understands and

knows me, that I am the LORD who practices steadfast love, justice, and righteousness in the earth. For in these things I delight, declares the LORD."

Silent Confession of Sin

Corporate Confession of Sin

The psalmist's prayer for the king is realized and answered in and through Christ the King, and through our participation in His dominion through our union with Him.

Responsive Reading, Psalm 61

(Trinity Hymnal, page 806)

WE REJOICE IN THE ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

Assurance of Pardoning Grace

God ultimately heals all of the effects of sin, including all of our physical infirmities, at the Last Day and in the Resurrection of our bodies. But all of this is based upon a more fundamental redemption: the removal of the guilt of our sin through His atoning death, the efficacy of which was sealed in His resurrection.

Isaiah 53:4–6 ^{ESV}

⁴ Surely he has borne our griefs
and carried our sorrows;
yet we esteemed him stricken,
smitten by God, and afflicted.

⁵ But he was pierced for our transgressions;
he was crushed for our iniquities;
upon him was the chastisement that brought us peace,
and with his wounds we are healed.

⁶ All we like sheep have gone astray;
we have turned—every one—to his own way;
and the LORD has laid on him
the iniquity of us all.

Leader: This is the gospel.

Congregation: Hallelujah!

* Hymn of Assurance

Mercy, truth, and righteousness perfectly meet in Jesus, as this hymn proclaims, because He satisfies both in His unspeakably gracious sacrifice.

"Jesus, the Lord, My Savior Is"

1. Jesus, the Lord, my Savior is,
My Shepherd, and my God;
My light, my strength, my joy, my bliss;
And I His grace record.

2. Whate'er I need in Jesus dwells,
And there it dwells for me;
'Tis Christ my earthen vessel fills
With treasures rich and free.

Chorus: Mercy and truth and righteousness,
And peace, most richly meet
In Jesus Christ, the King of grace,
In Whom I stand complete.

3. As through the wilderness I roam,
His mercies I'll proclaim;
And when I safely reach my home,
I'll still adore His name.

4. "Worthy the Lamb," shall be my song,
"For He for me was slain"
And me with all the heavenly throng
Shall join, and say, "Amen." (Repeat chorus)
(Repeat verse 1)

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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)

"The Jesus You Can Know (VII)—'Jesus the Cleanser'"

* Luke 5:12–16

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.

"O Perfect Love"

(Trinity Hymnal #722)

WE RESPOND TO THE GRACE OF THE LORD

Offering Meditation

Offerings to God as an expression of worship can never be too much, in light of the fact that He gave His life for us.

Matthew 26:6–13 ESV

Now when Jesus was at Bethany in the house of Simon the leper,⁷ a woman came up to him with an alabaster flask of very expensive ointment, and she poured it on his head as he reclined at table.⁸ And when the disciples saw it, they were indignant, saying, "Why this waste?⁹ For this could have been sold for a large sum and given to the poor."¹⁰ But Jesus, aware of this, said to them, "Why do you trouble the woman? For she has done a beautiful thing to me.¹¹ For you always have the poor with you, but you will not always have me.¹² In pouring this ointment on my body, she has done it to prepare me for burial.¹³ Truly, I say to you, wherever this gospel is proclaimed in the whole world, what she has done will also be told in memory of her."

"Lord of All Good, We Bring Our Gifts to You" (Trinity Hymnal #435)

Presentation of Offerings (See Communion)

* Doxology (Trinity Hymnal #731)

Prayer of Dedication

WE RESPOND TO THE WORD

We depart today expressing the earnest desire that the Lover of our souls be praised.

"When Morning Gilds the Skies"

(Trinity Hymnal #167)

Benediction

— SERMON NOTES —

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"The Jesus You Can Know (VII)—'Jesus the Cleanser'"

(Mike Biggs)

Luke 5:12–16

Introduction:

What insight does the cleansing work of Jesus give into His person?

I. We must understand the *pathos* of Jesus' cleansing work, vv. 12, 13.

A. The depth of need.

B. The willingness of Jesus.

II. We must understand the *power* of Jesus' cleansing work, vv. 13, 14.

A. Its efficacy.

B. Its testimony.

III. We must understand the *priority* of Jesus' cleansing work, vv. 14-16.

A. His primary focus.

B. Our greatest need.

— 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...

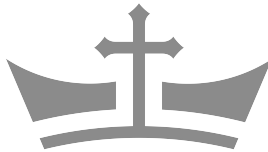
- adding people (incorporation)
- building people (edification)

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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