



# CHRIST

- THE KING -

The Lord's Day, Sunday, May 19, 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

*Just as last week, we are called to rejoice in the reign of God, who rules with righteousness and justice, and that through His law.*

### **Psalm 97:1, 2, 12** ESV

- <sup>1</sup> The LORD reigns, let the earth rejoice;  
let the many coastlands be glad!*
- <sup>2</sup> Clouds and thick darkness are all around him;  
righteousness and justice are the foundation of his throne.*
- <sup>12</sup> Rejoice in the LORD, O you righteous,  
and give thanks to his holy name!*

## Prayer of Adoration and Invocation

### \* Hymn of Praise

*The most fundamental thing that any person can come to understand is that God, as Creator, is due all of our obedience and worship, because He is the King.*

"Before Jehovah's Awesome Throne"

*(Trinity Hymnal #65)*

# *WE ACKNOWLEDGE OUR SIN*

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## \* Reading from the Law

*We return to this passage often in our worship, because of its fundamental importance and centrality in defining our proper relationship to God, and the path to our blessing.*

### **Proverbs 3:5, 6, 7** ESV

- <sup>5</sup> Trust in the LORD with all your heart,  
and do not lean on your own understanding.*
- <sup>6</sup> In all your ways acknowledge him,  
and he will make straight your paths.*
- <sup>7</sup> Be not wise in your own eyes;  
fear the LORD, and turn away from evil.*

## Silent Confession of Sin

### Corporate Confession of Sin

*We confess our sins and seek God's mercy as we express through this psalm an awareness of the misery and "troubles" that come to us because of sin.*

**Responsive reading, Psalm 40:11–17** (Trinity Hymnal pp. 799–800)

## *WE REJOICE IN THE ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS*

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### Assurance of Pardoning Grace

*God's promise is that all those who return to the Lord will receive abundant pardon.*

**Isaiah 55:6, 7** <sup>ESV</sup>

- 6 "Seek the LORD while he may be found;  
call upon him while he is near;  
7 let the wicked forsake his way,  
and the unrighteous man his thoughts;

Leader: This is the gospel.

**Congregation: Hallelujah!**

### \* Hymn of Assurance

*The confidence to which this hymn points us is based in the reliability and truth of God's Word as it is expressed in His promises.*

### "Dear Refuge of My Weary Soul"

Dear refuge of my weary soul,  
On Thee, when sorrows rise  
On Thee, when waves of trouble roll,  
My fainting hope relies  
To Thee I tell each rising grief,  
For Thou alone canst heal  
Thy Word can bring a sweet relief,  
For every pain I feel

But oh! When gloomy doubts prevail,  
I fear to call Thee mine  
The springs of comfort seem to fail,  
And all my hopes decline  
Yet gracious God, where shall I flee?  
Thou art my only trust  
And still my soul would cleave to Thee  
Though prostrate in the dust

Hast Thou not bid me seek Thy face,  
And shall I seek in vain?  
And can the ear of sovereign grace,  
Be deaf when I complain?  
No still the ear of sovereign grace,  
Attends the mourner's prayer  
Oh may I ever find access,  
To breathe my sorrows there

Thy mercy seat is open still,  
Here let my soul retreat  
With humble hope attend Thy will,  
And wait beneath Thy feet,  
Thy mercy seat is open still,  
Here let my soul retreat  
With humble hope attend Thy will,  
And wait beneath Thy feet

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## *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—  
'Aversion to God's Law, Part I'"

\* Hebrews 5:11–6:3

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.*

"O God, Your Judgments Give the King"

(Trinity Hymnal #312)

# *WE RESPOND TO THE GRACE OF THE LORD*

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## Offering Meditation

*We honor God as King as we bring Him tribute through our offerings in worship, gifts which acknowledge both His gracious provision for us and His ultimate ownership of all things.*

## **Psalm 72:1, 8–11** ESV

- 1 Give the king your justice, O God,  
and your righteousness to the royal son!  
8 May he have dominion from sea to sea,  
and from the River to the ends of the earth!  
9 May desert tribes bow down before him,  
and his enemies lick the dust!  
10 May the kings of Tarshish and of the coastlands  
render him tribute;  
may the kings of Sheba and Seba  
bring gifts!  
11 May all kings fall down before him,  
all nations serve him!

**"We Give Thee But Thine Own"**

*(Trinity Hymnal #432)*

**Presentation of Offerings**

*(See Communion)*

**\* Doxology**

*(Trinity Hymnal #731)*

**Prayer of Dedication**

# *WE RESPOND TO THE WORD*

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*We conclude our service today submitting humbly to the will of God, in the knowledge that that will is always what is best for us, because God is love.*

**"Have Thine Own Way, Lord"**

*(Trinity Hymnal #688)*

**Benediction**

# — SERMON NOTES —

May 19, 2024

"Spiritual Deceptions of our Age III—  
'Aversion to God's Law, Part I'"

(Mike Biggs)

Hebrews 5:11–6:3

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Introduction:

*What is required to restore true biblical authority in the Church?*

I. The law of God defines our fundamental relationship to God.

A. *As creatures.*



B. *As kings.*

II. The law of God provides a full understanding of sin.

A. *Its nature*

B. *Its effects.*

III. The law of God illuminates the fullness of salvation.

A. By clarifying our need.

B. By pointing to Christ.

# — 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...

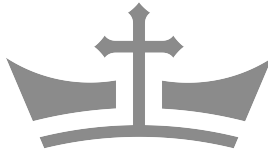
- adding people (incorporation)
- building people (edification)

**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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