

# CHRIST

- THE KING -

The Lord's Day, Sunday, May 5, 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

*Our praise and worship of God are intimately related to our relationship to His Word.*

### Psalm 119:169–176 *ESV*

*Leader: Let us worship God!*

#### Congregation:

- 169 Let my cry come before you, O LORD;  
give me understanding according to your word!
- 170 Let my plea come before you;  
deliver me according to your word.
- 171 My lips will pour forth praise,  
for you teach me your statutes.
- 172 My tongue will sing of your word,  
for all your commandments are right.
- 173 Let your hand be ready to help me,  
for I have chosen your precepts.
- 174 I long for your salvation, O LORD,  
and your law is my delight.
- 175 Let my soul live and praise you,  
and let your rules help me.
- 176 I have gone astray like a lost sheep; seek your servant,  
for I do not forget your commandments.

## Prayer of Adoration and Invocation

### \* Hymn of Praise

*We praise the One who dwells in inapproachable light, and who gives that light to all who receive His grace.*

"Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise"

*(Trinity Hymnal #38)*

# WE ACKNOWLEDGE OUR SIN

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## \* Reading from the Law

*The only way to know the truth in the face of falsehood and false teaching is to flee to the Word of God. We would do well to heed this admonition in our present times.*

### Isaiah 8:16–22 <sup>ESV</sup>

Bind up the testimony; seal the teaching among my disciples. <sup>17</sup> I will wait for the LORD, who is hiding his face from the house of Jacob, and I will hope in him. <sup>18</sup> Behold, I and the children whom the LORD has given me are signs and portents in Israel from the LORD of hosts, who dwells on Mount Zion. <sup>19</sup> And when they say to you, “Inquire of the mediums and the necromancers who chirp and mutter;” should not a people inquire of their God? Should they inquire of the dead on behalf of the living? <sup>20</sup> To the teaching and to the testimony! If they will not speak according to this word, it is because they have no dawn. <sup>21</sup> They will pass through the land, greatly distressed and hungry. And when they are hungry, they will be enraged and will speak contemptuously against their king and their God, and turn their faces upward. <sup>22</sup> And they will look to the earth, but behold, distress and darkness, the gloom of anguish. And they will be thrust into thick darkness.

## Silent Confession of Sin

### Corporate Confession of Sin

*In today's confession we repent of our tendency to appeal to other authorities than God's Word for understanding and evaluating ourselves, our lives, our culture, and the ideas we encounter.*

**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 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 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 Word of God is not only the means by which He created all things, but also the means by which He accomplishes the New Creation, the salvation of our souls.*

#### **I Peter 1:22–25** <sup>ESV</sup>

Having purified your souls by your obedience to the truth for a sincere brotherly love, love one another earnestly from a pure heart,<sup>23</sup> since you have been born again, not of perishable seed but of imperishable, through the living and abiding word of God;<sup>24</sup> for

“All flesh is like grass  
and all its glory like the flower of grass.  
The grass withers,  
and the flower falls,  
<sup>25</sup> but the word of the Lord remains forever.”

Leader: This is the gospel.

**Congregation: Hallelujah!**

## \* Hymn of Assurance

*We rejoice in the grace which comes to us through the Law and Word of God.*

"The Law of the Lord Is Perfect"

(Trinity Hymnal #152)

## *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— 'The Devaluation of God's Word'"

\* Psalm 119:9–16

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 Word of God Incarnate"

*(Trinity Hymnal #140)*

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

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### Offering Meditation

*One of the ways we remember and acknowledge God's grace to us is through our gifts of worship, returning a portion of that which He has lavished upon us.*

### **Deuteronomy 6:10–12** <sup>ESV</sup>

"And when the LORD your God brings you into the land that he swore to your fathers, to Abraham, to Isaac, and to Jacob, to give you—with great and good cities that you did not build, <sup>11</sup> and houses full of all good things that you did not fill, and cisterns that you did not dig, and vineyards and olive trees that you did not plant—and when you eat and are full, <sup>12</sup> then take care lest you forget the LORD, who brought you out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery."

"When All Your Mercies, O My God"

*(Trinity Hymnal #56, v. 1,6)*

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 with an acknowledgement of the fact that our very lives are dependent upon our listening to and heeding the truth of the Word of God, both Christ the Word, and His Word recorded in the Scriptures.*

**"Thou Art the Way"**

*(Trinity Hymnal #154)*

**Benediction**



# — SERMON NOTES —

May 5, 2024

"Spiritual Deceptions of our Age— 'The Devaluation of God's Word'" (Mike Biggs)

Psalm 119:9–16

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Introduction:

*"What principles arm us against the modern devaluation of the Word of God?"*

I. We must understand the Principle of Objectivity, v. 9.

II. We must understand the Principle of Ethical Communion,  
v. 10.

III. We must understand the Principle of Assimilation, v. 11.

IV. We must understand the Principle of Dependence, v. 12.

V. We must understand the Principle of Verbalization, v. 13.

VI. We must understand the Principle of Valuation, v. 14.

VII. We must understand the Principle of Concentration, p. 15.

VIII. We must understand the Principle of Remembrance, p. 16.

# — 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...

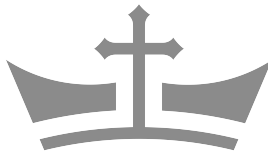
- adding people (incorporation)
- building people (edification)

**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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