



CHRIST

- THE KING -

The Lord's Day, Sunday, July 14, 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

We use this psalm periodically as a call to worship, and one of the purposes for which we return to it is in order to remind ourselves that our calling is not just to make converts, but to bring God's judgment on those who refuse to repent of their rebellion against His kingdom.

Psalm 149 ESV

¹ Praise the LORD!

Sing to the LORD a new song,

his praise in the assembly of the godly!

² Let Israel be glad in his Maker;

let the children of Zion rejoice in their King!

³ Let them praise his name with dancing,

making melody to him with tambourine and lyre!

⁴ For the LORD takes pleasure in his people;

he adorns the humble with salvation.

⁵ Let the godly exult in glory;

let them sing for joy on their beds.

⁶ Let the high praises of God be in their throats

and two-edged swords in their hands,

⁷ to execute vengeance on the nations

and punishments on the peoples,

⁸ to bind their kings with chains

and their nobles with fetters of iron,

⁹ to execute on them the judgment written!

This is honor for all his godly ones.

Praise the LORD!

Prayer of Adoration and Invocation

* Hymn of Praise

In this hymn we praise God for the attribute which perhaps most significantly informs our outreach to the world: His sovereignty.

"All Praise to God, Who Reigns Above"

(Trinity Hymnal #4)

WE ANOINT A NEW MEMBER W/ THE COVENANT SIGN OF BAPTISM

Instruction on Baptism

Exhortation to Parents

Recitation of the Covenant Promises

Questions to Parents and Congregation

Prayer

Baptism of Ethan Sketchley

Concluding Prayer

WE ACKNOWLEDGE OUR SIN

* Reading from the Law

Eli's lukewarm rebuke of his sons, undoubtedly motivated by a desire to persuade by nonconfrontational and winsome appeal, is disastrous in its results and condemned by God. So is a similar posture toward the world to which we give our testimony as we bear the message of reconciliation as God's ambassadors.

I Samuel 2:12–36 ^{ESV}

Silent Confession of Sin

Corporate Confession of Sin

This appeal to God for mercy is particularly appropriate for God's people today. In proclaiming God's abandonment of His people to their enemies, it tacitly acknowledges the sin which has produced it, and appeals to God for salvation and restoration to an intimate relationship, symbolized by the imagery of God's "face" shining upon them. Such intimacy, exposure to God's shining face (His glory), as in the case of Moses, always results in the shining reflection of God's glory in His people, which is the prerequisite for faithful and effective witness.

Responsive reading, Psalm 80

(Trinity Hymnal pp. 813–814)

WE REJOICE IN THE ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

Assurance of Pardoning Grace

These words bear witness to the facts that our uncompromising proclamation of Christ might result in a measure of persecution and suffering now, but this is only to display the glory of God in us, and eventually to enhance and adorn our ultimate full salvation.

2 Corinthians 3:17, 18; 4:7–18 ^{ESV}

Leader: This is the gospel.

Congregation: Hallelujah!

* Hymn of Assurance

We express the desire of our hearts and the ideal state of affairs in God's world: that every tongue would confess allegiance to Christ the Lord, an aspiration that will most certainly be satisfied.

"To Christ The Lord Let Every Tongue"

1. To Christ the Lord let every tongue
Its noblest tribute bring
When He's the subject of the song
Who can refuse to sing?
Survey the beauties of His face
And on His glories dwell
Think of the wonder of His grace
And all His triumphs tell

2. Majestic sweetness sits enthroned
Upon His awful brow
His head with radiant glories crowned
His lips with grace overflow
No mortal can with Him compare
Among the sons of men
Fairer He is than all the fair
That fill the Heavenly train

3. He saw me plunged in deep distress
He fled to my relief
For me He bore the shameful cross
And carried all my grief
His hand a thousand blessings pours
Upon my guilty head
His presence gilds my darkest hours
And guards my sleeping bed

4. To Him I owe my life and breath
And all the joys I have
He makes me triumph over death
And saves me from the grave
To Heaven the place of His abode
He brings my weary feet
Shows me the glories of my God
And makes my joy complete

5. Since from His bounty I receive
Such proofs of love divine
Had I a thousand hearts to give
Lord, they should all be Thine
A thousand men could not compose
A worthy song to bring
Yet Your love is a melody
Our hearts cant help but sing!

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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 VII — 'Accommodation as a Philosophy of Outreach'"

* 2 Corinthians 2:12–17

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.

"God, My King, Thy Might Confessing"

(Trinity Hymnal #5)

WE RESPOND TO THE GRACE OF THE LORD

Offering Meditation

The majesty and profound dignity of the Lord make mandatory that all of our offerings to Him be the best that we can give, not only with respect to our formal offerings in worship, but also with all that we offer to Him, including our lives and our service.

Malachi 1:10–14 ^{ESV}

Oh that there were one among you who would shut the doors, that you might not kindle fire on my altar in vain! I have no pleasure in you, says the LORD of hosts, and I will not accept an offering from your hand.

¹¹ For from the rising of the sun to its setting my name will be great among the nations, and in every place incense will be offered to my name, and a pure offering. For my name will be great among the nations, says the LORD of hosts. ¹² But you profane it when you say that the Lord's table is polluted, and its fruit, that is, its food may be despised. ¹³ But you say, 'What a weariness this is,' and you snort at it, says the LORD of hosts. You bring what has been taken by violence or is lame or sick, and this you bring as your offering! Shall I accept that from your hand? says the LORD. ¹⁴ Cursed be the cheat who has a male in his flock, and vows it, and yet sacrifices to the Lord what is blemished. For I am a great King, says the LORD of hosts, and my name will be feared among the nations.

"We Praise You, O God, Our Redeemer, Creator" (TH#97 vv.1,3)

Presentation of Offerings

* Doxology

(Trinity Hymnal #731)

Prayer of Dedication

WE RESPOND TO THE WORD

The God who hushes the law's loud thunder and causes grace and justice to join is the One we praise and worship as we leave today, since it is not egalitarianism which blesses, but God's unmerited and undeserved grace, bought justly by the work of His Son.

"Jesus, I My Cross Have Taken" (RUF Tune) (Trinity Hymnal #707)
Benediction

— SERMON NOTES —

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"piritual Deceptions of our Age VII —

'Accommodation as a Philosophy of Outreach'" (Mike Biggs)

2 Corinthians 2:12–17

Introduction:

What are the essential components of faithful outreach ministry?

I. Faithful outreach *anticipates mixed reaction.*

I. The problem of theological naivete.

II. The problem of philosophical accommodation.

III. The problem of unrealistic assessment.

II. Faithful outreach *avoids reliance upon winsomeness.*

I. The posture of a salesman.

II. Character of a witness.

III. Faithful outreach is carried out *in Christ*.

I. Trusts God's work.

II. Presents God's Word.

III. Follows Christ's example.

— 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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