

# CHRIST

— THE KING —

The Lord's Day, Sunday, November 24, 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

*This psalm calls us to praise and bless the Lord for the wisdom with which He has created His world. Listen and marvel at the craftsmanship of our great God.*

### **Psalm 104** *ESV*

## Prayer of Adoration and Invocation

### \* Hymn of Praise

*We call all living things to give thanks and praise to the God who both has created and continues to sustain and bless all things.*

"Let All Things Now Living"

(Trinity Hymnal #125)

# *WE ACKNOWLEDGE OUR SIN*

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## \* Reading from the Law

*God has given us, like Bezalel, the Spirit of Wisdom to equip us to carry out our Mandate (Genesis 1:26-28) and our Commission (Matthew 28:18-20), meaning that we have an obligation to do so.*

### **Exodus 31:1-6** *ESV*

The Lord said to Moses,<sup>2</sup> "See, I have called by name Bezalel the son of Uri, son of Hur, of the tribe of Judah,<sup>3</sup> and I have filled him with the Spirit of God, with ability and intelligence, with knowledge and all craftsmanship,<sup>4</sup> to devise artistic designs, to work in gold, silver, and bronze,<sup>5</sup> in cutting stones for setting, and in carving wood, to work in every craft.<sup>6</sup> And behold, I have appointed with him Oholiab, the son of Ahisamach, of the tribe of Dan. And I have given to all able men ability, that they may make all that I have commanded you.

## Silent Confession of Sin

## Corporate Confession of Sin

*We confess our failures to implement God's Kingdom in accordance with the exalted calling and privilege God has given us as His image-bearers.*

○ Most gracious and loving Heavenly Father, who gave your only begotten Son to save the world, and who has privileged us to be your ambassadors and representatives in this world, and to rule over your creation for your glory, we confess that we have often failed to live up to our calling, sinning publicly and privately, and poorly reflecting your holiness to a watching world, and failing to exercise stewardship over the share of our inheritance which you have delegated to us in accord with your character. Like Israel of old, we have behaved in such a way that your Name is blasphemed among unbelievers rather than honored. We have sought our own comfort and satisfaction more than your glory. We have dishonored you by cherishing idols in our hearts more than you. The remembrance of these things brings sorrow to our hearts. We earnestly repent of these our misdoings, in thought, word, and deed, and seek not only forgiveness, but grace to mortify these and all remaining sins within us, as we seek you and you alone as our Great Reward, in the Name and power and for the sake of our Lord Jesus Christ. Amen.

## *WE REJOICE IN THE ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS*

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### Assurance of Pardoning Grace

*God in Christ has redeemed us and is renewing His image in us now (cf. Ephesians 5:20-24).*

### **Colossians 3:9–11** ESV

Do not lie to one another, seeing that you have put off the old self with its practices <sup>10</sup> and have put on the new self, which is being renewed in knowledge after the image of its creator. <sup>11</sup> Here there is not Greek and Jew, circumcised and uncircumcised, barbarian, Scythian, slave, free; but Christ is all, and in all.

Leader: This is the gospel.

Congregation: Hallelujah!

## \* Hymn of Assurance

*We celebrate the fact that, long before creation, God had a plan for each of his people, and He is working out that plan now and in history, culminating in a glorious future in a new heavens and new earth, basking in and displaying His glory.*

### "Father, Long Before Creation"

Father, long before creation  
Thou hadst chosen us in love,  
And that love so deep, so moving,  
Draws us close to Christ above.  
Still it keeps us, still it keeps us.  
Firmly fixed in Christ alone.

Though the world may change its fashion,  
Yet our God is e'er the same;  
His compassion and His covenant  
Through all ages will remain.  
God's own children, God's own children  
Must forever praise His name.

God's compassion is my story,  
Is my boasting all the day;  
Mercy free and never failing  
Moves my will, directs my way.  
God so loved us, God so loved us  
That His only Son He gave.

Loving Father now before Thee  
We will ever praise Thy love,  
And our songs will sound unceasing  
'Til we reach our home above,  
Giving glory, giving glory  
To our God and to the Lamb;  
Giving glory, giving glory  
To our God and to the Lamb.

## *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)*

**"Models of Dominion V — Kingdom Wisdom"**

\* 1 Kings 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.*

**"Teach Me, O Lord, Your Way of Truth"**

*(Trinity Hymnal #198)*

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

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### Offering Meditation

*Both the people and the king rejoiced in the willing gifts of God's people to His Kingdom and reign. We should do so now as we give in formal worship.*

**2 Chronicles 29:9** ESV

*For behold, our fathers have fallen by the sword, and our sons and our daughters and our wives are in captivity for this.*

**"Now Thank We All Our God"**

*(Trinity Hymnal #98)*

### Presentation of Offerings

**\* Doxology**

*(Trinity Hymnal #731)*

### Prayer of Dedication

## *WE RESPOND TO THE WORD*

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*We close our worship today with a call to follow our Lord in His willingness to suffer humiliation, that we might follow in His exaltation and triumph.*

**"The Son of God Goes Forth to War"**

*(Trinity Hymnal #578)*

*Hymn of the Month*

### Benediction

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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...

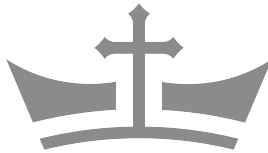
- adding people (incorporation)
- building people (edification)

**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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