



# CHRIST

- THE KING -

The Lord's Day, Sunday, December 8, 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

*Again this week, we are called to praise and bless the Lord for the wisdom with which He has created His world, and call our very souls to do so. Focus your attention, beginning now, on blessing the Lord in our worship.*

**Psalm 104:1, 2, 24, 35b, c** <sup>ESV</sup>

*Leader: Let us worship God!*

**Congregation: O Lord my God, you are very great! You are clothed with splendor and majesty,<sup>2</sup> covering yourself with light as with a garment, stretching out the heavens like a tent.**

*Leader: O Lord, how manifold are your works! In wisdom have you made them all; the earth is full of your creatures.*

**Congregation: Bless the LORD, O my soul!**

*Leader: Praise the Lord!*

## Prayer of Adoration and Invocation

### \* Hymn of Praise

*We celebrate the fact that "He comes to make His blessings flow **far as the curse is found.**"*

**"Joy to the World! The Lord Is Come"**

*(Trinity Hymnal #195)*

# WE ACKNOWLEDGE OUR SIN

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## \* Reading from the Law

*This passage records the responsibility of God's people to deal swiftly, ruthlessly, and completely with that which introduces and spreads disorder in their midst. This applies to everything, but is especially referent to both sin in general and particular sins, which are the source of increasing disorder in God's creation.*

**Leviticus 14:33–47** <sup>ESV</sup>

## Silent Confession of Sin

## Corporate Confession of Sin

*The rebellion of the people who came out of Egypt is rehearsed here as **our** history, for we often share in the same spirit, and confess that here, asking God to save us and inspire our praise.*

**Psalm 106:1-23, 47, 48**

*(Trinity Hymnal pp. 823–824)*

## WE REJOICE IN THE ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

### Assurance of Pardoning Grace

*These words: "If we are faithless, he remains faithful..." are some of the most comforting in all of God's Word, because they give us hope — **certain** hope — in spite of all our failures.*

### **2 Timothy 2:11–13** <sup>ESV</sup>

The saying is trustworthy, for:

If we have died with him, we will also live with him;

<sup>12</sup> if we endure, we will also reign with him;

if we deny him, he also will deny us;

<sup>13</sup> if we are faithless, he remains faithful—

for he cannot deny himself.

Leader: This is the gospel.

**Congregation: Hallelujah!**

### \* Hymn of Assurance

*We assure each other in the awareness of our sin: "Christ the babe was born for you."*

**"Infant Holy, Infant Lowly"**

*(Trinity Hymnal #216)*

## *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 VI — What Wise Rule Looks Like"**

\* I Kings 4

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.*

"The Praises of Thy Wonders, Lord"

(Trinity Hymnal #41)

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

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### Offering Meditation

*All this month we will use this Scripture to remind us that the One who was born for us is a King, and that as such our treasures belong to Him.*

**Matthew 2:11** ESV

"And going into the house, they saw the child with Mary his mother, and they fell down and worshiped him. Then, opening their treasures, they offered him gifts, gold and frankincense and myrrh."

"As with Gladness Men of Old"

(Trinity Hymnal #226 vv. 1&3)

### Presentation of Offerings

\* Doxology

(Trinity Hymnal #731)

### Prayer of Dedication

## *WE RESPOND TO THE WORD*

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*In our final hymn, we celebrate the entire story of our redemption through Christ: His humble birth, obedient life, glorious exaltation, and faithful raising of us to be kings under and with Him.*

"Once in Royal David's City"

(Trinity Hymnal #225)

*hymn of the month*

### Benediction

# — SERMON NOTES —

December 8, 2024

""Models of Dominion VI — What Wise Rule Looks Like"

(Mike Biggs)

## I Kings 4

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Introduction:

*What does wise rule look like in the Kingdom of God?*

I. Wise rule involves *the establishment of order* w. 1–19.

A. The relation to the mandate.

B. The value of the gift.

II. Wise rule involves *the realization of covenant blessings*

vv. 20–28.

A. Stewardship.

B. Multiplication.

C. Peace.

III. Wise rule involves *the superiority of divine transcendence*

*vv. 29–34.*

A. It comes from Fog.

B. It surpasses the world.

C. It encompasses *everything*.

# — 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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