



CHRIST

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The Lord's Day, Sunday, March 9, 2025

"...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 are called to worship God through selected verses of a psalm that marshals several features in today's sermon passage, and concludes with pointing out that God has privileged His people supremely by revealing His law to them.

Psalm 147:1, 2, 6, 7, 10, 11, 12, 19, 20 ESV

- ¹ Praise the Lord!
For it is good to sing praises to our God;
for it is pleasant, and a song of praise is fitting.
- ² The Lord builds up Jerusalem;
he gathers the outcasts of Israel.
- ⁶ The Lord lifts up the humble;
he casts the wicked to the ground.
- ⁷ Sing to the Lord with thanksgiving;
¹⁰ His delight is not in the strength of the horse,
nor his pleasure in the legs of a man,
¹¹ but the Lord takes pleasure in those who fear him,
in those who hope in his steadfast love.
- ¹² Praise the Lord, O Jerusalem!
Praise your God, O Zion!
- ¹⁹ He declares his word to Jacob,
his statutes and rules to Israel.
- ²⁰ He has not dealt thus with any other nation;
they do not know his rules.
- Praise the Lord!

Prayer of Adoration and Invocation

* Hymn of Praise

We praise Jesus, the Word of God who became a man in order to reveal God's truth in its fullness, most importantly about God Himself.

"O Word of God Incarnate"

(Trinity Hymnal #140)

WE ACKNOWLEDGE OUR SIN

* Reading from the Law

Being humble and contrite before God is supremely expressed in trembling as a reaction to His Word.

Isaiah 66:1, 2

¹ Thus says the Lord:

“Heaven is my throne,
and the earth is my footstool;
what is the house that you would build for me,
and what is the place of my rest?

² All these things my hand has made,
and so all these things came to be,
declares the Lord.

But this is the one to whom I will look:
he who is humble and contrite in spirit
and trembles at my word.

Silent Confession of Sin

Corporate Confession of Sin

In this hymn we acknowledge our “busy pride” and ask God to help us to crucify it.

"Jesus Cast a Look on Me"

Jesus cast a look on me,
Give me sweet simplicity
Make me poor and keep me low,
Seeking only Thee to know

All that feeds my busy pride,
Cast it evermore aside
Bid my will to Thine submit,
Lay me humbly at Thy feet

Make me like a little child,
Of my strength and wisdom spoiled
Seeing only in Thy light,
Walking only in Thy might

Leaning on Thy loving breast,
Where a weary soul can rest
Feeling well the peace of God,
Flowing from His precious blood

In this posture let me live,
And hosannas daily give
In this temper let me die,
And hosannas ever cry!

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WE REJOICE IN THE ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

Assurance of Pardoning Grace

The basis of our salvation is found in the humility of the Son of God, who not only took the form of a servant, but also submitted to the most ignominious death imaginable in order to redeem us. Praise His Name!!

Philippians 2:3–11 ESV

"Do nothing from selfish ambition or conceit, but in humility count others more significant than yourselves. ⁴ Let each of you look not only to his own interests, but also to the interests of others. ⁵ Have this mind among yourselves, which is yours in Christ Jesus, ⁶ who, though he was in the form of God, did not count equality with God a thing to be grasped, ⁷ but emptied himself, by taking the form of a servant, being born in the likeness of men. ⁸ And being found in human form, he humbled himself by becoming obedient to the point of death, even death on a cross. ⁹ Therefore God has highly exalted him and bestowed on him the name that is above every name, ¹⁰ so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, ¹¹ and every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father:"

Leader: This is the gospel.

Congregation: Hallelujah!

* Hymn of Assurance

The Word of the Gospel is our comfort and assurance, as we celebrate in this hymn.

"God, in the Gospel of His Son"

(Trinity Hymnal #141)

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)

"Models of Dominion XIV — 'A Tale of Two Prophets (and a King)'"

* 1 Kings 13

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.

"Blessed Is the Man"

(Trinity Hymnal #564)

WE RESPOND TO THE GRACE OF THE LORD

Offering Meditation

Our response to God's command to generosity results proportionately in our blessing from Him.

2 Corinthians 9:6–7 ESV

"The point is this: whoever sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and whoever sows bountifully will also reap bountifully.⁷ Each one must give as he has decided in his heart, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver."

"We Give Thee But Thine Own"

(Trinity Hymnal #432)

Presentation of Offerings

* Doxology

(Trinity Hymnal #731)

Prayer of Dedication

WE RESPOND TO THE WORD

We depart today celebrating the blessings of God's Word and with the prayer that God would give us love and hunger for it to equip us to live for Him in this world.

"Thou Art the Way"

(Trinity Hymnal #154)

Benediction

II. We must *personally appropriate* the *demands* of God's Word — the prophet from Judah.

A. A certain Word.

B. A deceptive authority.

III. We must *carefully discern* the *content* of God's Word —the old prophet.

A. The right knowledge.

B. The wrong action.

Biblical-Theological Elaboration:

— 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...

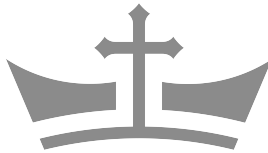
- adding people (incorporation)
- building people (edification)

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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