



CHRIST

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The Lord's Day, Sunday, April 13, 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

Our call to worship today sets before us an image of true faith, and enjoins us to bless the One in whom we have put our trust.

Psalm 131 ESV

- ¹ *O Lord, my heart is not lifted up;
my eyes are not raised too high;
I do not occupy myself with things
too great and too marvelous for me.*
- ² *But I have calmed and quieted my soul,
like a weaned child with its mother;
like a weaned child is my soul within me.*
- ³ *O Israel, hope in the Lord
from this time forth and forevermore.*

Psalm 134:1–2 ESV

- ¹ *Come, bless the Lord, all you servants of the Lord,
who stand by night in the house of the Lord!*
- ² *Lift up your hands to the holy place
and bless the Lord!*

Prayer of Adoration and Invocation

* Hymn of Praise

We praise God for the gift of His Word, the means whereby He gives us life and guides our lives.

"O Word of God, Incarnate"

(Trinity Hymnal #140)

WE ACKNOWLEDGE OUR SIN

* Reading from the Law

Fidelity to God's Word will be tested, and God requires that we demonstrate faith in that Word when it is challenged.

Deuteronomy 8:1–16 *ESV*

"The whole commandment that I command you today you shall be careful to do, that you may live and multiply, and go in and possess the land that the Lord swore to give to your fathers. ² And you shall remember the whole way that the Lord your God has led you these forty years in the wilderness, that he might humble you, testing you to know what was in your heart, whether you would keep his commandments or not. ³ And he humbled you and let you hunger and fed you with manna, which you did not know, nor did your fathers know, that he might make you know that man does not live by bread alone, but man lives by every word that comes from the mouth of the Lord. ⁴ Your clothing did not wear out on you and your foot did not swell these forty years. ⁵ Know then in your heart that, as a man disciplines his son, the Lord your God disciplines you. ⁶ So you shall keep the commandments of the Lord your God by walking in his ways and by fearing him. ⁷ For the Lord your God is bringing you into a good land, a land of brooks of water, of fountains and springs, flowing out in the valleys and hills, ⁸ a land of wheat and barley, of vines and fig trees and pomegranates, a land of olive trees and honey, ⁹ a land in which you will eat bread without scarcity, in which you will lack nothing, a land whose stones are iron, and out of whose hills you can dig copper. ¹⁰ And you shall eat and be full, and you shall bless the Lord your God for the good land he has given you.

¹¹ "Take care lest you forget the Lord your God by not keeping his commandments and his rules and his statutes, which I command you today, ¹² lest, when you have eaten and are full and have built good houses and live in them, ¹³ and when your herds and flocks multiply and your silver and gold is multiplied and all that you have is multiplied, ¹⁴ then your heart be lifted up, and you forget the Lord your God, who brought you out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery, ¹⁵ who led you through the great and terrifying wilderness, with its fiery serpents and scorpions and thirsty ground where there was no water, who brought you water out of the flinty rock, ¹⁶ who fed you in the wilderness with manna that your fathers did not know, that he might humble you and test you, to do you good in the end.

Silent Confession of Sin

Corporate Confession of Sin

We confess our failure to trust in the truth of God's Word, and to rely on that truthfulness by following and obeying Him despite the challenges that our lives or circumstances might bring to that faith.

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

Assurance of Pardoning Grace

Such is the inevitable destiny and testimony of all who have placed their trust in God and in His Son Jesus Christ.

2 Timothy 4:18 ^{ESV}

"The Lord will rescue me from every evil deed and bring me safely into his heavenly kingdom. To him be the glory forever and ever. Amen."

Leader: This is the gospel.

Congregation: Hallelujah!

* Hymn of Assurance

The Word of the Gospel is our comfort and assurance, even in the midst of sorrow and trials.

"It Is Well with My Soul"

(Trinity Hymnal #691)

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 XVII — 'The Absolute Centrality of God's Word'"

* 1 Kings 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.

"Most Perfect Is the Law of God"

(Trinity Hymnal #153)

WE RESPOND TO THE GRACE OF THE LORD

Offering Meditation

Like this widow (and the widow of Zarephath!), God calls us to the faith that is willing to sacrifice even the security that the world can give us, in order to demonstrate our faith in Him, when He calls us to do so.

Luke 21:1-4 ^{ESV}

Jesus looked up and saw the rich putting their gifts into the offering box, ² and he saw a poor widow put in two small copper coins. ³ And he said, "Truly, I tell you, this poor widow has put in more than all of them. ⁴ For they all contributed out of their abundance, but she out of her poverty put in all she had to live on."

"Thou Hidden Source of Calm Repose"

(Trinity Hymnal #510 v. 1, 4)

Presentation of Offerings

* Doxology

(Trinity Hymnal #731)

Prayer of Dedication

WE RESPOND TO THE WORD

We conclude our worship today proclaiming God's faithfulness to fulfill all of His promises to us, no matter what we experience in this world, and "to do [us] good in the end."

"Great Is Thy Faithfulness"

(Trinity Hymnal #32)

Benediction

— SERMON NOTES —

April 13, 2025

"Models of Dominion XVII — 'The Absolute Centrality of
God's Word"

(Mike Biggs)

I Kings 17

Introduction:

*What must we understand about God's Word to function as
Christians in this world?*

I. God *administers judgment* through His Word, vv. 1–7.

A. By proclaiming its sanctions.

B. By withdrawing its influence.

II. God *requires faith* in His Word, vv. 8–16.

A. The consequence of unbelief.

B. The wideness of illumination.

C. The mercy of challenge.

III. God *nurtures commitment* by His Word, vv. 17–24.

A. A seeming contradiction.

B. A loving identification.

C. A dependent response.

D. An ultimate testimony.

— 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)

Core Values (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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