



CHRIST

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The Lord's Day, Sunday, May 25, 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

The "heavenly beings" called here to ascribe glory and strength to the LORD include us who gather to worship Him today. The rest of this psalm celebrates the rule of God, implemented through the "heavenly beings (Hebrew "sons of God")," which, again, primarily refers to us, His people.

Psalm 29 ^{ESV}

- ¹ Ascribe to the Lord, O heavenly beings,
ascribe to the Lord glory and strength.*
- ² Ascribe to the Lord the glory due his name;
worship the Lord in the splendor of holiness.*
- ³ The voice of the Lord is over the waters;
the God of glory thunders,
the Lord, over many waters.*
- ⁴ The voice of the Lord is powerful;
the voice of the Lord is full of majesty.*
- ⁵ The voice of the Lord breaks the cedars;
the Lord breaks the cedars of Lebanon.*
- ⁶ He makes Lebanon to skip like a calf,
and Sirion like a young wild ox.*
- ⁷ The voice of the Lord flashes forth flames of fire.*
- ⁸ The voice of the Lord shakes the wilderness;
the Lord shakes the wilderness of Kadesh.*
- ⁹ The voice of the Lord makes the deer give birth
and strips the forests bare,
and in his temple all cry, "Glory!"*
- ¹⁰ The Lord sits enthroned over the flood;
the Lord sits enthroned as king forever.*
- ¹¹ May the Lord give strength to his people!
May the Lord bless his people with peace!!*

Prayer of Adoration and Invocation

* Hymn of Praise

We praise the God who rules over all things and subdues them to the glorious purpose of His perfect will.

"O Father, You Are Sovereign"

(Trinity Hymnal #75)

WE ACKNOWLEDGE OUR SIN

* Reading from the Law

The larger principle behind these verses is that the one who refrains from executing the consequences of evil-doing upon those under his charge is ultimately guilty of a deficiency of the love which God requires.

Proverbs 13:24 ESV

²⁴ Whoever spares the rod hates his son,
but he who loves him is diligent to discipline him.

Proverbs 23:13, 14 ESV

¹³ Do not withhold discipline from a child;
if you strike him with a rod, he will not die.
¹⁴ If you strike him with the rod,
you will save his soul from Sheol.

Silent Confession of Sin

Corporate Confession of Sin

In humility we cast ourselves upon the mercy and power of God to redeem us from our sin.

"Dear Lord, Remember Me"

*1. Dear Lord, remember me,
a sinner weak and vile
Full of impiety,
and fraught with sin and guile
I cannot hope but in Thy blood
Remember me, O Lord, for good*

*2. Unable to depend
on nature-strength and power
Jesus, my soul befriend,
teach me to trust Thee more
Save me from sin and all its smart
O save me from my treacherous heart*

3. Upon Thy oath I rest
my feeble soul secure
By sin I am oppressed,
but Thy salvation's sure
Though like a bottle in the smoke
I know Thy vessels can't be broke

4. 'Tis true, dear Lord,
I am a sinner vile indeed!
Yet hoping in the Lamb,
Who deigned for such to bleed
And while the Spirit seals my heart
My soul believes we ne'er shall part

5. Christ ever will defend
the people of His choice
He loves them without end,
and in them does rejoice
For them He shed His precious blood
And will present them all to God

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WE REJOICE IN THE ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

Assurance of Pardoning Grace

God's promise is that those of His people who display "the obedience of faith" (Romans 1:5; 16:26), a summary of covenantal responsibility, thus "overcoming" by His grace and in His power, will inherit the authority God promised to give His Son in Psalm 2 in response to the rebellion of the nations as part of Satan's rival kingdom.

Revelation 2:26, 27 ^{ESV}

"The one who conquers and who keeps my works until the end, to him I will give authority over the nations,²⁷ and he will rule them with a rod of iron, as when earthen pots are broken in pieces, even as I myself have received authority from my Father."

Leader: This is the gospel.

Congregation: Hallelujah!

* Hymn of Assurance

We celebrate the triumph of the rule of God through the Ascension of Jesus, His Son, to the throne, and our ascension with Him (Ephesians 2:6).

"Rejoice, All People, Homage Give"

(Trinity Hymnal #73)

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 XXII — God's Word to Kings"

* I Kings 20–22

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.

"Hail to the Lord's Anointed"

(Trinity Hymnal #311)

WE RESPOND TO THE GRACE OF THE LORD

Offering Meditation

The twenty-four elders, a symbol representing the Church, cast their crowns before the throne, as an acknowledgment that their rule comes from and is an expression of and dedicated to the rule of God, who is worthy of all honor and glory and power from His creatures.

Revelation 4:9–11 ^{ESV}

"And whenever the living creatures give glory and honor and thanks to him who is seated on the throne, who lives forever and ever, ¹⁰ the twenty-four elders fall down before him who is seated on the throne and worship him who lives forever and ever. They cast their crowns before the throne, saying,

*¹¹ "Worthy are you, our Lord and God,
to receive glory and honor and power,
for you created all things,
and by your will they existed and were created."*

"Holy God, We Praise Your Name"

(Trinity Hymnal #103, v. 1,3)

Presentation of Offerings

* Doxology

(Trinity Hymnal #731)

Prayer of Dedication

WE RESPOND TO THE WORD

As we leave today, we pray for God to implement His justice on all who oppose Him and His people, and bring the whole world to the acknowledgment that He alone is King.

"O God, No Longer Hold Thy Peace"

(Trinity Hymnal #61)

Benediction

— SERMON NOTES —

May 25, 2025

"Models of Dominion XXII — God's Word to Kings"

(Mike Biggs)

I Kings 20–22

Introduction:

What does God's Word teach kings about their rule?

I. God's Word instructs kings to *apply the justice God requires*, chapter 20.

A. Toward those who demean His people.

B. Toward those who demean Him.

II. God's Word instructs kings to *respect the inheritance God bestows*, chapter 21.

A. By subduing their territory to the law of God.

B. By protecting and enhancing their and others' territory.

III. God's Word instructs kings to *embrace the sovereignty God employs*, chapter 22.

A. Employment by His Word.

B. Employment by His Providence.

— 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...

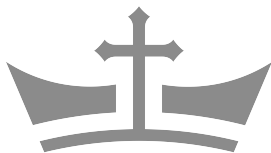
- adding people (incorporation)
- building people (edification)

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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