



CHRIST

- THE KING -

The Lord's Day, Sunday, June 22, 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

Psalm 100 ESV

- ¹ *Make a joyful noise to the Lord, all the earth!*
² *Serve the Lord with gladness!*
Come into his presence with singing!
³ *Know that the Lord, he is God!*
It is he who made us, and we are his;
we are his people, and the sheep of his pasture.
⁴ *Enter his gates with thanksgiving,*
and his courts with praise!
Give thanks to him; bless his name!
⁵ *For the Lord is good;*
his steadfast love endures forever,
and his faithfulness to all generations.

Prayer of Adoration and Invocation

* Hymn of Praise

We praise the triune God as we recognize and celebrate in this hymn His creation of the Church as His beloved people to worship, glorify, and enjoy Him forever.

"All Creatures of our God and King"

(Trinity Hymnal #115)

WE ACKNOWLEDGE OUR SIN

* Reading from the Law

All of us, by nature, are enemies of God. There is no one righteous - no, not even one.

Ephesians 2:1-3 ESV

"And you were dead in the trespasses and sins 2 in which you once walked, following the course of this world, following the prince of the power of the air, the spirit that is now at work in the sons of disobedience— 3 among whom we all once lived in the passions of our flesh, carrying out the desires of the flesh and the mind, and were by nature children of wrath, like the rest of mankind."

Silent Confession of Sin

Corporate Confession of Sin

"Almighty and most merciful Father, we have erred, and strayed from thy ways like lost sheep. We have followed too much the devices and desires of our own hearts. We have offended against thy holy laws. We have left undone those things which we ought to have done; and we have done those things which we ought not to have done; and there is no health in us. Have mercy upon us, O Lord, miserable offenders. Spare those, O God, which confess their sins. Restore those that are penitent; according to thy promises declared unto mankind in Christ Jesus our Lord. And grant, O most merciful Father, for his sake, that we may hereafter live a godly, righteous, and sober life, to the glory of thy holy name. Amen."

WE REJOICE IN THE ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

Assurance of Pardoning Grace

God's grace - and his grace alone - is what restores us to fellowship with him. It is out of the love that he has for us that we do good - not in order to earn that love!

Ephesians 2:4–10 ESV

"But God, being rich in mercy, because of the great love with which he loved us,⁵ even when we were dead in our trespasses, made us alive together with Christ—by grace you have been saved—⁶ and raised us up with him and seated us with him in the heavenly places in Christ Jesus,⁷ so that in the coming ages he might show the immeasurable riches of his grace in kindness toward us in Christ Jesus.⁸ For by grace you have been saved through faith. And this is not your own doing; it is the gift of God,⁹ not a result of works, so that no one may boast.¹⁰ For we are his workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand, that we should walk in them."

Leader: This is the gospel.

Congregation: Hallelujah!

* Hymn of Assurance

Despite our many failings, Jesus' love for us does not end or give up.

"O Love That Will Not Let Me Go"

1. O Love that will not let me go,
I rest my weary soul in thee;
I give thee back the life I owe,
That in thine ocean depths its flow
May richer, fuller be.

2. O light that followest all my way,
I yield my flickering torch to thee;
My heart restores its borrowed ray,
That in thy sunshines blaze its day
May brighter, fairer be.

3. O Joy that seekest me through pain,
I cannot close my heart to thee;
I trace the rainbow through the rain,
And feel the promise is not vain,
That morn shall tearless be.

4. O Cross that liftest up my head,
I dare not ask to fly from thee;
I lay in dust lifes glory dead,
And from the ground there blossoms red
Life that shall endless be.

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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

Sermon

(James Post)

"The Gospel According to Mephibosheth"

* 2 Samuel 9:1-13

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.

"Lord, I Lift My Soul to Thee"

(Trinity Hymnal #694)

(to the tune of "Take My Life and Let It Be")

WE RESPOND TO THE GRACE OF THE LORD

Offering Meditation

We are enabled to give cheerfully because God provides for us, and He has gladly given his only son for our sake.

2 Corinthians 9:6–8 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.⁸ And God is able to make all grace abound to you, so that having all sufficiency in all things at all times, you may abound in every good work."

"Savior, Thy Dying Love Thou Gavest Me" (Trinity Hymnal #638 w. 1,4)

Presentation of Offerings

* Doxology

(Trinity Hymnal #731)

Prayer of Dedication

WE RESPOND TO THE WORD

As we prepare to leave our worship today, we proclaim our love for Christ reminding one another of the gospel story.

"Rock of Ages"

(Trinity Hymnal #500)

Benediction

— SERMON NOTES —

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The Gospel According to Mephibosheth

(James Post)

2 Samuel 9:1-13

Introduction:

I. Where we are:

A. Enemies by nature.

B. Unable to make things right.

II. THow we're accepted

A. Covenant

B. Love

III. The results of acceptance:

A. Inheritance.

B. Belonging

— 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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