



CHRIST

- THE KING -

The Lord's Day, Sunday, June 8, 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 focuses on the unity of the people of God, and how we are called to experience the blessing of that unity as we worship.

Let us worship God together!

[Leader]

We have gathered together so to do!

[People]

Hear then the Word of the Lord:

[Leader]

Psalm 133 *ESV*

*¹ Behold, how good and pleasant it is
when brothers dwell in unity!
² It is like the precious oil on the head,
running down on the beard,
on the beard of Aaron,
running down on the collar of his robes!
³ It is like the dew of Hermon,
which falls on the mountains of Zion!
For there the Lord has commanded the blessing,
life forevermore.*

So bless us then, O most merciful LORD!

[People]

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.

"Christ is Made the Sure Foundation"

(Trinity Hymnal #342)

WE ACKNOWLEDGE OUR SIN

* Reading from the Law

We are commanded to love our neighbor in the Law, which means anyone with whom we come into contact in any way, but there is a special responsibility and priority which God places on loving those in the family of God, the Church.

John 13:34, 35 ESV

"A new commandment I give to you, that you love one another: just as I have loved you, you also are to love one another. ³⁵ By this all people will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another."

Silent Confession of Sin

Corporate Confession of Sin

We confess our failure to love the body of Christ as we are called to do.

Oh Covenant Lord, who has called out a people for your very own, loved them and given yourself for them, and lavished upon them the abundant gifts of your grace, we confess our self-centered failure to love our neighbors as ourselves, thereby expressing our lack of love to you, our Creator. But today we especially lament our sin in failing in our even greater responsibility to love our covenant brothers and sisters, fellow members of Christ's body, the Church. We have hated some of them in our minds, thus murdering them in our hearts. We have gossiped, slandered, and stolen from them. We have cast unfair aspersions on them so as to place ourselves in the best light. We have sacrificed their reputations in order to make a name for ourselves. We have committed adultery in our hearts with their spouses, and coveted their possessions and talents. We have envied their prosperity and delighted in their adversity. We have utterly failed to support them, enhance their material and spiritual good, sacrificially meet their needs, and encourage them in their trials. All this we have done because we have in our hearts the seeds of constant sin and rebellion, and deserve your wrath and curse. But oh our God, we despise these our sins, and

repent once again of them, seeking the grace freely given to us in your Son, who gave His life to redeem us and all these, whom we have failed to love as He did, from our sins and their ultimate penalty. Grant us forgiveness we pray, not because we have earned it, but because of your steadfast love. For the sake of your great Name, give us the grace we need, according to the power that you work in us, your people, to demonstrate your beauty to a watching world as we renew and express in deeds of love and mercy our commitment to each other, and through it our love and commitment to you, that all may know that you alone are Lord of Heaven and earth, through Jesus Christ our Savior. Amen.

WE REJOICE IN THE ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

Assurance of Pardoning Grace

We can do all that is involved in loving our Christian brothers and sisters, since we have been united to Christ by faith and are being renewed in God's image.

Colossians 3:1–15 ^{ESV}

Leader: This is the gospel.

Congregation: Hallelujah!

* Hymn of Assurance

We exult in the assurance which flows from our bond with our Greatest Friend.

"I've Found a Friend, O Such a Friend" (Trinity Hymnal #517)

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)

"Why Bother with the Church?"

* Psalm 122

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.

"We Are God's People"

(Trinity Hymnal #355)

WE RESPOND TO THE GRACE OF THE LORD

Offering Meditation

We remind ourselves of both the propriety and the obligation to respond to God's gracious gift of life by presenting Him offerings in the context of formal worship, using a passage to which we frequently turn for this purpose.

Psalm 116:12, 17–19 ESV

- 12 What shall I render to the Lord
for all his benefits to me?
17 I will offer to you the sacrifice of thanksgiving
and call on the name of the Lord.
18 I will pay my vows to the Lord
in the presence of all his people,
19 in the courts of the house of the Lord,
in your midst, O Jerusalem.
Praise the Lord!

"I Love Thy Kingdom, Lord"

(Trinity Hymnal #353, vv.1,4)

Presentation of Offerings

* Doxology

(Trinity Hymnal #731)

Prayer of Dedication

WE RESPOND TO THE WORD

As we depart today, we celebrate the glorious Church, to whose Lord we pledge in song our undying praise, commitment, and devotion.

"Glorious Things of Thee Are Spoken"

(Trinity Hymnal #345)

Benediction

— SERMON NOTES —

June 8, 2025

"Why Bother with the Church?"

(Mike Biggs)

Psalm 122

Introduction:

Why is the Church so important?

I. The Church is the manifestation of the unity of God's people vv. 1-4.

A. In allegiance.

B. In worship.

II. The Church is *a means of discipline* for God's people v. 5.

A. The judgment of guidance.

B. The judgment of accountability.

III. The Church is *the mechanism of peace* for God's people

v. 6-9.

A. Peace with God.

B. Peace among believers.

C. Peace with the world.

— 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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