



# CHRIST

— THE KING —

The Lord's Day, Sunday, July 20, 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*

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## Call to Worship

*The psalmist's call to worship God with him is based on the fact that his praise is based on his awareness that he cannot boast in himself or what he has accomplished or done, but only in the LORD and what He has done.*

### **Psalm 34:1–3** ESV

- <sup>1</sup> I will bless the Lord at all times;  
his praise shall continually be in my mouth.  
<sup>2</sup> My soul makes its boast in the Lord;  
let the humble hear and be glad.  
<sup>3</sup> Oh, magnify the Lord with me,  
and let us exalt his name together!

## Prayer of Adoration and Invocation

### \* Hymn of Praise

*We urge one another to love and praise in song the One who has saved us by grace, and wonder at His ability to do that and still be just, to be just and the one who justifies those who trust in Jesus (Romans 3:26).*

"Let Us Love and Sing and Wonder"

(Trinity Hymnal #172)

# *WE ACKNOWLEDGE OUR SIN*

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## \* Reading from the Law

*We must always remember that there is absolutely nothing in us that caused God to choose us or save us. We are saved solely because of who He is, not because of who we are. This is the basis of true spiritual humility.*

### **Deuteronomy 9:4–6** ESV

"Do not say in your heart, after the Lord your God has thrust them out before you, 'It is because of my righteousness that the Lord has brought me in to possess this land,' whereas it is because of the wickedness of these nations that the Lord is driving them out before you.<sup>5</sup> Not because of your righteousness or the uprightness of your heart are you going in to possess their land, but because

of the wickedness of these nations the Lord your God is driving them out from before you, and that he may confirm the word that the Lord swore to your fathers, to Abraham, to Isaac, and to Jacob.

<sup>6</sup> "Know, therefore, that the Lord your God is not giving you this good land to possess because of your righteousness, for you are a stubborn people."

## Silent Confession of Sin

### Corporate Confession of Sin

*This hymn, in confessing and asking help to put to death our "busy pride," is an expression of repentance which reflects the biblical definition perfectly.*

#### **"Jesus, Cast a Look on Me"**

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

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

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

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

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

# *WE REJOICE IN THE ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS*

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## Assurance of Pardoning Grace

Incredibly, Christ, "who knew no sin," was reckoned by God "to be sin," for our sakes. This is grace par excellence, amazing grace, grace which truly is greater than all our sin.

### 2 Corinthians 5:21 <sup>ESV</sup>

"For our sake he made him to be sin who knew no sin, so that in him we might become the righteousness of God."

Leader: This is the gospel.

**Congregation: Hallelujah!**

### \* Hymn of Assurance

Because our salvation is by grace through faith in the work of Christ, we can rest in Him and in what He has accomplished for us, on our behalf.

"Jesus, I Am Resting, Resting"

(Trinity Hymnal # 188)

## *PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION*

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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*

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### Sermon

(Mike Biggs)

**God's Beautiful Bride (Ephesians) V: "Back to the Future"**

\* Ephesians 2:1-10

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

**Congregation: Thanks be to God**

# *WE COMMUNE WITH OUR LORD*

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## 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.*

**"I Waited for the Lord Most High"**

*(Trinity Hymnal #622)*

# *WE RESPOND TO THE GRACE OF THE LORD*

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## Offering Meditation

*Isaac Watts perhaps said it best: "Love so amazing, so divine, demands [our] soul[s], [our lives], [our] all."*

## **Romans 12:2** ESV

*"Do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewal of your mind, that by testing you may discern what is the will of God, what is good and acceptable and perfect."*

**"All for Jesus!"**

*(Trinity Hymnal #565)*

## Presentation of Offerings

**\* Doxology**

*(Trinity Hymnal #731)*

## Prayer of Dedication

# *WE RESPOND TO THE WORD*

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*As we prepare to leave our worship today, we remind ourselves of the task before us, to bear the message of reconciliation (which the verses immediately preceding today's Assurance of Pardon, 2 Corinthians 5:19, 20, make clear).*

**"Facing a Task Unfinished"**

*(see insert, hymn of the month)*

## Benediction

# — SERMON NOTES —

July 20, 2025

God's Beautiful Bride (Ephesians) V: "Back to the Future"

(Mike Biggs)

Ephesians 2:1–10

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Introduction:

*What must we understand to appreciate God's work in our lives?*

I. We must understand *what we were*, v. 1–3.

A. Dead.

B. Rebellious.

C. Captive.

D. Animalistic

E. Condemned.

II. We must understand *what God did*,

v. 4–6.

A. Resurrection.

B. Ascension.

III. We must understand *what we are*,

vv. 7–10.

A. Trophies of grace.

B. Objects of mercy.

C. Artifacts of God.

# — FOR YOUR PERSONAL DEVOTION —

Points of Application:

Memorable Illustrations:

Evaluation:

Questions for Further Study:

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# VISION

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**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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