



CHRIST

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The Lord's Day, Sunday, July 6, 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

We are called to praise the LORD, in part because he has given us “the inheritance of the nations.”

Psalm 111:1–6 *ESV*

- 1 Praise the Lord!
I will give thanks to the Lord with my whole heart,
in the company of the upright, in the congregation.*
- 2 Great are the works of the Lord,
studied by all who delight in them.*
- 3 Full of splendor and majesty is his work,
and his righteousness endures forever.*
- 4 He has caused his wondrous works to be remembered;
the Lord is gracious and merciful.*
- 5 He provides food for those who fear him;
he remembers his covenant forever.*
- 6 He has shown his people the power of his works,
in giving them the inheritance of the nations.*

Prayer of Adoration and Invocation

* Hymn of Praise

We worship the One who has been crowned King of kings and Lord of lords, because it is in Him that we receive our dominion under God.

"Crown Him with Many Crowns"

(Trinity Hymnal #342)

WE ACKNOWLEDGE OUR SIN

* Reading from the Law

In taking hold of our inheritance as Christians, we must remember the principles that God articulated to Joshua as he led the people of Israel to take hold of their [typological] inheritance: be strong and courageous; keep the law of God; remember that God is with you (i.e., depend upon Him).

Joshua 1:1–9 ^{ESV}

"After the death of Moses the servant of the Lord, the Lord said to Joshua the son of Nun, Moses' assistant, ² "Moses my servant is dead. Now therefore arise, go over this Jordan, you and all this people, into the land that I am giving to them, to the people of Israel. ³ Every place that the sole of your foot will tread upon I have given to you, just as I promised to Moses. ⁴ From the wilderness and this Lebanon as far as the great river, the river Euphrates, all the land of the Hittites to the Great Sea toward the going down of the sun shall be your territory. ⁵ No man shall be able to stand before you all the days of your life. Just as I was with Moses, so I will be with you. I will not leave you or forsake you. ⁶ Be strong and courageous, for you shall cause this people to inherit the land that I swore to their fathers to give them. ⁷ Only be strong and very courageous, being careful to do according to all the law that Moses my servant commanded you. Do not turn from it to the right hand or to the left, that you may have good success wherever you go. ⁸ This Book of the Law shall not depart from your mouth, but you shall meditate on it day and night, so that you may be careful to do according to all that is written in it. For then you will make your way prosperous, and then you will have good success. ⁹ Have I not commanded you? Be strong and courageous. Do not be frightened, and do not be dismayed, for the Lord your God is with you wherever you go."

Silent Confession of Sin

Corporate Confession of Sin

This confession focuses on the sin which has caused the Church to languish in its task of implementing God's Kingdom in this world.

"O Sovereign Lord of all creation, who has made and governs all things, and who has formed us for Himself and given us the inheritance of the nations, we confess our timidity, silence, and inaction in the face of your enemies and those who would usurp your Kingship and its application by your people. We have failed to speak when your truth was denied or distorted. We have not embodied your truth in our lives, thus misrepresenting you and failing to take dominion over all that you have committed to us in stewardship. We have failed to rely upon your promises and the power of your Word, and failed to wield the Sword of the Spirit boldly in faith. We lament our unbelief, apathy, and slothfulness in implementing the Kingdom that our Lord Jesus

Christ established in His perfect work. We ask forgiveness through the grace won for us by His perfect life and sacrificial death on our behalf, and ask once again that we might be enabled by the power displayed in His resurrection and ascension to your right hand, to embody your image and rule, to the praise of your incomparable glory, in the name of our Lord and Savior. Amen."

WE REJOICE IN THE ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

Assurance of Pardoning Grace

The basis of our hope is the victory of Jesus, which has already definitively been accomplished in His finished work.

John 16:33 ESV

"I have said these things to you, that in me you may have peace. In the world you will have tribulation. But take heart; I have overcome the world."

Leader: This is the gospel.

Congregation: Hallelujah!

* Hymn of Assurance

We proclaim our intention to arise as the people of God, the Church who is already victorious in Jesus, ready to mop up His victory over the world with the armor He has provided.

"O Church, Arise"

(see insert)

*O, church arise and put your armor on
Hear the call of Christ our captain
For now the weak can say that they are strong
In the strength that God has given*

*With shield of faith and belt of truth
We'll stand against the devil's lies
An army bold whose battle cry is love
Reaching out to those in darkness*

*Our call to war, to love the captive soul,
But to rage against the captor
And with the sword that makes the wounded whole
We will fight with faith and valor*

*When faced with trials on ev'ry side,
We know the outcome is secure,
And Christ will have the prize for which He died
An inheritance of nations*

*Come, see the cross where love and mercy meet,
As the Son of God is stricken
Then see His foes lie crushed beneath His feet,
For the Conqueror has risen*

*And as the stone is rolled away,
And Christ emerges from the grave,
This vict'ry march continues till the day
Ev'ry eye and heart will see Him*

*So Spirit, come, put strength in ev'ry stride,
Give grace for ev'ry hurdle,
That we may run with faith to win the prize
Of a servant good and faithful*

*As saints of old still line the way,
Retelling triumphs of His grace,
We hear their calls and hunger for the day
When, with Christ, we stand in glory*

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.

WE HEAR INSTRUCTION FROM THE LORD

Sermon

(Mike Biggs)

**God's Beautiful Bride (Ephesians) III: "The Heart of Response to
God's Blessing"**

* Ephesians 1:15–23

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.

"My Heart Does Overflow"

(Trinity Hymnal #169)

WE RESPOND TO THE GRACE OF THE LORD

Offering Meditation

This prophecy is fulfilled in our worship as we present to God gifts of tribute to Him as King.

Haggai 2:6–9 ESV

"For thus says the Lord of hosts: Yet once more, in a little while, I will shake the heavens and the earth and the sea and the dry land. ⁷ And I will shake all nations, so that the treasures of all nations shall come in, and I will fill this house with glory, says the Lord of hosts. ⁸ The silver is mine, and the gold is mine, declares the Lord of hosts. ⁹ The latter glory of this house shall be greater than the former, says the Lord of hosts. And in this place I will give peace, declares the Lord of hosts."

"Blessing and Honor and Glory and Power" *(Trinity Hymnal #300)*

Presentation of Offerings

* **Doxology** *(Trinity Hymnal #731)*

Prayer of Dedication

WE RESPOND TO THE WORD

As we prepare to leave our worship today, we remind ourselves of the task before us and the provision our Lord has made for its accomplishment.

"Facing a Task Unfinished" *(see insert)*

Benediction

— SERMON NOTES —

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God's Beautiful Bride (Ephesians) III: "The Heart of Response to God's Blessing"

(Mike Biggs)

2 Samuel 9:1-13

Introduction:

How does Paul's prayer teach us to respond to the blessings of the triune God?

I. We must *adopt* the *motivations* of Paul's prayer, vv. 15—7.

A. Gratitude.

B. Love.

C. Dependence.

II. We must *embrace* the *focus* of Paul's prayer, w. 17–18a.

A. Grace.

B. Knowledge.

III. We must *pursue the goal* of Paul's prayer, w. 18b–23.

A. Our hope.

B. Our inheritance.

C. God's power.

— 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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