



CHRIST

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The Lord's Day, Sunday, August 10, 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

This call to worship calls to mind the glory of the Lord: His power, beauty, and goodness, among other things.

Psalm 96:1–9 *ESV*

- ¹ *Oh sing to the Lord a new song;
sing to the Lord, all the earth!*
- ² *Sing to the Lord, bless his name;
tell of his salvation from day to day.*
- ³ *Declare his glory among the nations,
his marvelous works among all the peoples!*
- ⁴ *For great is the Lord, and greatly to be praised;
he is to be feared above all gods.*
- ⁵ *For all the gods of the peoples are worthless idols,
but the Lord made the heavens.*
- ⁶ *Splendor and majesty are before him;
strength and beauty are in his sanctuary.*
- ⁷ *Ascribe to the Lord, O families of the peoples,
ascribe to the Lord glory and strength!*
- ⁸ *Ascribe to the Lord the glory due his name;
bring an offering, and come into his courts!*
- ⁹ *Worship the Lord in the splendor of holiness;
tremble before him, all the earth!*

Prayer of Adoration and Invocation

* Hymn of Praise

We praise the God who, out of His fullness graciously bestows upon His people every good thing.

"Praise to the Lord, the Almighty"

(Trinity Hymnal #53)

WE ACKNOWLEDGE OUR SIN

* Reading from the Law

*One of the greatest needs for the people of God is to **see their God**. In this magnificent passage, our God presents Himself in all His glory, fullness, and adequacy, and enjoins His people to seek, wait, and depend upon Him for power and strength, especially when they feel weak.*

Isaiah 40:12–31 *ESV*

Silent Confession of Sin

Corporate Confession of Sin

This confession highlights the self-reliance by which we so often forfeit the power available to us from God through prideful neglect of Him.

Almighty Father, Who by your will and for your glory formed us and everything else in all creation, Who upholds all things by the power of your Word, and Who has graciously and lovingly preserved your people and provided for our needs, we confess our constant failure to trust You and rely upon your goodness. Instead of leaning wholly upon You, we have thought and acted upon the meager understanding afforded by our limited human perspectives. Rather than acknowledging You in all our ways, we have forgotten You and turned to our own way, the way that seems right unto a man, but leads to death. We have sinned against You constantly by presuming to own ourselves and our ways, in violation of your holy command to trust You with all of our hearts. With renewed faith we cast ourselves upon Jesus, the author and perfecter of our faith, Who gave himself for us to redeem us from all wickedness. In abject sorrow we confess our unbelief, and in heartfelt and sincere repentance ask You for the grace of faith, wrought by your Holy Spirit, which You have promised to give your people Israel. Write your law on our hearts, that we may adopt your heart and mind, and evermore walk in the light, as You are light, through Jesus Christ, the Light of the world. Amen.

WE REJOICE IN THE ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

Assurance of Pardoning Grace

In Jesus Christ we who have trusted in Him have been "filled," which means that we have in Him everything that we could ever need or want.

Colossians 2:9, 10 ESV

"For in him the whole fullness of deity dwells bodily, ¹⁰ and you have been filled in him, who is the head of all rule and authority."

Leader: This is the gospel.

Congregation: Hallelujah!

* Hymn of Assurance

We exult in the fullness of life and salvation that our Savior Jesus provides.

"Jesus, the Lord, My Savior"

Jesus, the Lord, my Savior is,
My Shepherd, and my God;
My light, my strength, my joy, my bliss;
And I His grace record.

Whate'er I need in Jesus dwells,
And there it dwells for me;
'Tis Christ my earthen vessel fills
With treasures rich and free.

Chorus: Mercy and truth and righteousness,
And peace, most richly meet
In Jesus Christ, the King of grace,
In Whom I stand complete.

As through the wilderness I roam,
His mercies I'll proclaim;
And when I safely reach my home,
I'll still adore His name.

Worthy the Lamb, shall be my song,
For He for me was slain;
And me with all the heavenly throng
Shall join, and say, Amen. (Repeat chorus)
(Repeat verse 1)

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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

(Mike Biggs)

God's Beautiful Bride (Ephesians) VII: "Spiritual Strength"

* Ephesians 3:14–21

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.

"God, My King, Thy Might Confessing"

(Trinity Hymnal #5)

WE RESPOND TO THE GRACE OF THE LORD

Offering Meditation

Part of the worship that God commands is to present offerings in "His courts," that is, the place of gathered, corporate worship, which we now do today.

Psalm 96:8 ^{ESV}

*Ascribe to the Lord the glory due his name;
bring an offering, and come into his courts! .*

"O Come, My Soul, Bless Thou the Lord"

(Trinity Hymnal #6)

Presentation of Offerings

* Doxology

(Trinity Hymnal #731)

Prayer of Dedication

WE RESPOND TO THE WORD

As we leave today, we both celebrate the grace of Jesus available to us in prayer, and exhort one another to avail ourselves of it.

"What a Friend We Have in Jesus"

(Trinity Hymnal #629)

Benediction

— SERMON NOTES —

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God's Beautiful Bride (Ephesians) VII: "Spiritual Strength"

(Mike Biggs)

Ephesians 3:14–21

Introduction:

What do we learn from Paul's prayer for spiritual strength?

I. We learn about *the One to whom we pray.* v. 14-16.

A. The nature of the Father.

B. The legacy of the Father.

C. The resources of the Father.

II. We learn about *the grace for which we pray*, v. 16-19.

A. The fundamental need: strength/power.

B. The fundamental issue: strength for what?

III. We learn *the confidence with which we pray.*

v. 20, 21

A. Confidence that God utilizes *faithful prayer.*

B. Confidence that God can *answer momentous prayer.*

C. Confidence that God honors *worshipful prayer.*

— 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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