



CHRIST

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The Lord's Day, Sunday, August 17, 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

Those who are called to dwell in unity are the same as those who, in the immediately following psalm, "stand by night in the house of the Lord," and are called to bless the Lord. That is, they dwell in the Temple. How so? In the Old Testament, this was restricted to the priests and Levites, who alone had access to the sanctuary. Now, this includes all believers, who have been vitally united to and indwelt by God through the Holy Spirit.

Psalm 133, 134:1, 2 ^{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.
- ^{134:1} Come, bless the Lord, all you servants of the Lord,
who stand by night in the house of the Lord!
- ² Lift up your hands to the holy place
and bless the Lord!

Prayer of Adoration and Invocation

* Hymn of Praise

We greet the One to whom we come in worship, and celebrate His majestic person in many of its facets.

"I Greet Thee, Who My Sure Redeemer Art" (Trinity Hymnal # 168)

WE ACKNOWLEDGE OUR SIN

* Reading from the Law

When God commanded and oversaw the construction of the Tabernacle, the forerunner of the Temple, the fulfillment of which is found in Jesus and His body, the Church, He worked through a variety of persons in the Covenant community whom He had gifted to fulfill various rules in the construction. So it is today with the building of the Church. What is your role? Are you fulfilling it?

Exodus 35:30–36:7 ESV

Then Moses said to the people of Israel, "See, the Lord has called by name Bezalel the son of Uri, son of Hur, of the tribe of Judah; ³¹ and he has filled him with the Spirit of God, with skill, with intelligence, with knowledge, and with all craftsmanship, ³² to devise artistic designs, to work in gold and silver and bronze, ³³ in cutting stones for setting, and in carving wood, for work in every skilled craft. ³⁴ And he has inspired him to teach, both him and Oholiab the son of Ahisamach of the tribe of Dan. ³⁵ He has filled them with skill to do every sort of work done by an engraver or by a designer or by an embroiderer in blue and purple and scarlet yarns and fine twined linen, or by a weaver—by any sort of workman or skilled designer.

^{36:1} "Bezalel and Oholiab and every craftsman in whom the Lord has put skill and intelligence to know how to do any work in the construction of the sanctuary shall work in accordance with all that the Lord has commanded."

² And Moses called Bezalel and Oholiab and every craftsman in whose mind the Lord had put skill, everyone whose heart stirred him up to come to do the work.

³ And they received from Moses all the contribution that the people of Israel had brought for doing the work on the sanctuary. They still kept bringing him freewill offerings every morning, ⁴ so that all the craftsmen who were doing every sort of task on the sanctuary came, each from the task that he was doing, ⁵ and said to Moses, "The people bring much more than enough for doing the work that the Lord has commanded us to do." ⁶ So Moses gave command, and word was proclaimed throughout the camp, "Let no man or woman do anything more for the contribution for the sanctuary." So the people were restrained from bringing, ⁷ for the material they had was sufficient to do all the work, and more.

Silent Confession of Sin

Corporate Confession of Sin

This psalm of confession expresses some of the themes of today's service: the occasional lack of concern for each other among God's people, malice that often is present there, and the rallying effect of obedience and its consequent blessing for those who gather around it.

Responsive reading, Psalm 142

(Trinity Hymnal p. 837)

WE REJOICE IN THE ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

Assurance of Pardoning Grace

The unmerited love of God freely poured out on us must overflow into love for all others who have received this grace. The gospel includes deliverance, not only from the penalty of sin, but also from the alienation from God and others — the self-centeredness — which is the opposite of, and which destroys, the ability to love as God loves.

I John 4:7–11 ^{ESV}

"Beloved, let us love one another, for love is from God, and whoever loves has been born of God and knows God. ⁸ Anyone who does not love does not know God, because God is love. ⁹ In this the love of God was made manifest among us, that God sent his only Son into the world, so that we might live through him. ¹⁰ In this is love, not that we have loved God but that he loved us and sent his Son to be the propitiation for our sins. ¹¹ Beloved, if God so loved us, we also ought to love one another."

Leader: This is the gospel.

Congregation: Hallelujah!

* Hymn of Assurance

We bask in the grace and fullness of the Lover of our souls.

"Jesus, Lover of My Soul"

(insert)

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) VIII: "Living Out Our Unity"

* Ephesians 4:1-16

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.

"Together" (Psalm 133)"

(see insert)

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!*

"Blest Be the Tie that Binds"

(see insert)

Presentation of Offerings

* Doxology

(Trinity Hymnal #731)

Prayer of Dedication

WE RESPOND TO THE WORD

As we leave, we also come today, to Jesus, the author and perfecter of our salvation, who goes with us in His faithfulness.

"We Come, O Christ, to You"

(Trinity Hymnal #181)

Benediction

— SERMON NOTES —

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God's Beautiful Bride (Ephesians) VIII: "Living Out Our Unity"

(Mike Biggs)

Ephesians 4:1–16

Introduction:

How must the Church function in light of its unity in Christ?

I. We must *relationally display our unity* vv. 1–6.

A. By remembering to what it calls us.

B. By running from what threatens it.

C. By understanding in what it consists.

II. We must responsibly employ our diversity, w. 7-12.

A. The grace of Christ.

B. The role of preachers/teachers.

C. The responsibility of members.

III. We must intelligently pursue our calling,

w. 13–16.

A. Orthodoxy.

B. Maturity.

C. Stability.

D. Forthrightness.

E. Christlikeness.

F. Industry.

G. Love.

— 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...

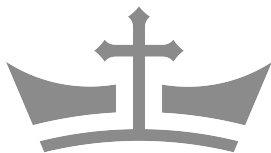
- adding people (incorporation)
- building people (edification)

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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