

CHRIST

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The Lord's Day, Sunday, August 31, 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 hear the call to proclaim God's steadfast love, and we respond by doing so.

Psalms 107:1–3; 108:1–5 ESV

- ¹ *Oh give thanks to the Lord, for he is good,
for his steadfast love endures forever!*
- ² *Let the redeemed of the Lord say so,
whom he has redeemed from trouble*
- ³ *and gathered in from the lands,
from the east and from the west,
from the north and from the south.*
- ¹ *My heart is steadfast, O God!
I will sing and make melody with all my being!*
- ² *Awake, O harp and lyre!
I will awake the dawn!*
- ³ *I will give thanks to you, O Lord, among the peoples;
I will sing praises to you among the nations.*
- ⁴ *For your steadfast love is great above the heavens;
your faithfulness reaches to the clouds.*
- ⁵ *Be exalted, O God, above the heavens!
Let your glory be over all the earth!*

Prayer of Adoration and Invocation

* Hymn of Praise

In this hymn we praise God for all of the manifestations of His love and grace in our lives.

"Praise, My Soul, the King of Heaven"

(Trinity Hymnal #76)

WE ACKNOWLEDGE OUR SIN

* Reading from the Law

Biblical discernment, contrary to how most people think of it, necessarily involves distinguishing between what is clean and what is unclean in God's sight.

Leviticus 10:10 ESV

"You are to distinguish between the holy and the common, and between the unclean and the clean."

Silent Confession of Sin

Corporate Confession of Sin

We confess our failure to let our light shine in the world, which is actually a failure to live out what we really are, if we truly belong to Christ.

"O Most gracious and loving Heavenly Father, who gave your only begotten Son to save the world, and who has privileged us to be your ambassadors and representatives in this world, we confess that we have often failed to live up to our calling, sinning publicly and privately, and poorly reflecting your holiness to a watching world. Like Israel of old, we have behaved in such a way that your Name is blasphemed among unbelievers rather than honored. We have sought our own comfort and satisfaction more than your glory. We have dishonored you by cherishing idols in our hearts more than you. The remembrance of these things brings sorrow to our hearts. We earnestly repent of these our misdoings, in thought, word, and deed, and seek not only forgiveness, but grace to mortify these and all remaining sins within us, as we seek you and you alone as our Great Reward, in the Name and power and for the sake of our Lord Jesus Christ. Amen."

WE REJOICE IN THE ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

Assurance of Pardoning Grace

The possession of eternal life is intimately bound up with light, and with the Light of the world.

John 3:16–21 ESV

"For God so loved the world, that he gave his only Son, that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life. ¹⁷ For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through him. ¹⁸ Whoever believes in him is not condemned, but whoever does not believe is condemned already, because he has not believed in the name of the only Son of God. ¹⁹ And this is the judgment: the light has come into the world, and people loved the darkness rather than the light because their works were evil. ²⁰ For everyone who does wicked things hates the light and does not come to the light, lest his works should be exposed. ²¹ But whoever does what is true comes to the light, so that it may be clearly seen that his works have been carried out in God."

Leader: This is the gospel.

Congregation: Hallelujah!

* Hymn of Assurance

We sing of the love, light, and joy that are only possible in the life of the new creation, about which we will hear more in today's sermon.

"O Love That Will Not Let Me Go"

(RUF Tune)

I. O Love that will not let me go,
I rest my weary soul in thee;
I give thee back the life I owe,
That in thine ocean depths its flow
May richer, fuller be.

2. O light that followest all my way,
I yield my flickering torch to thee;
My heart restores its borrowed ray,
That in thy sunshine's blaze its day
May brighter, fairer be.

3. O Joy that seekest me through pain,
I cannot close my heart to thee;
I trace the rainbow through the rain,
And feel the promise is not vain,
That morn shall tearless be.

4. O Cross that liftest up my head,
I dare not ask to fly from thee;
I lay in dust life's glory dead,
And from the ground there blossoms red
Life that shall endless be.

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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) X: "Putting Off and Putting On"

* Ephesians 5:3–21

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.

"The Beatitudes"

(Trinity Hymnal #527)

WE RESPOND TO THE GRACE OF THE LORD

Offering Meditation

The offerings we have heard commanded in the first verse of this passage the past two Sundays are linked to worshipping the LORD in...holiness.

Psalm 96:8, 9 ESV

- 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!*

"O God, We Praise Thee"

(Trinity Hymnal #105)

Presentation of Offerings

*** Doxology**

(Trinity Hymnal #731)

Prayer of Dedication

WE RESPOND TO THE WORD

As we leave today, we pray for the wisdom and discernment which God, through His Spirit, gives us as He leads us in the walk of the new life we now have in Christ.

"Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah"

(Trinity Hymnal #598)

Benediction

— SERMON NOTES —

August 31, 2025

God's Beautiful Bride (Ephesians) X: "Putting Off and Putting On" (Mike Biggs)

Ephesians 5:3–21

Introduction:

What does living out the life of the new creation entail?

I. We must be *holy* to the Lord, v. 3–7.

A. Faithful to God.

B. Clean like God.

C. Content with God.

II. We must be *light* in the Lord,

w.7-17.

A. Wisdom.

B. Revelation.

III. We must be *led* by the Lord, 5:18-21.

w.18-21.

A. Submission.

B. Joy.

C. Gratitude.

— 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...

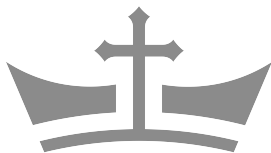
- adding people (incorporation)
- building people (edification)

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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