



CHRIST

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The Lord's Day, Sunday, September 21, 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 highlights several themes we will explore in today's sermon: the revelation of God's works to His people and their responsibility to study them, our covenant with God and both our responsibility to remember its obligations and His faithfulness to remember His, the rear of the LORD as a primary obligation and source of blessing, and the trustworthiness of God's Word.

Psalms 111 ESV

Leader:

Praise the LORD! [v. 1a]

Congregation:

I will give thanks to the LORD with all my heart, in the company of the upright, in the congregation. [v. 1b]

Leader:

- 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.*
- ⁷ The works of his hands are faithful and just;
all his precepts are trustworthy;*
- ⁸ they are established forever and ever,
to be performed with faithfulness and uprightness.*
- ⁹ He sent redemption to his people;
he has commanded his covenant forever.
Holy and awesome is his name!*
- ¹⁰ The fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom;
all those who practice it have a good understanding.
His praise endures forever!*

Prayer of Adoration and Invocation

* Hymn of Praise

We praise the God who has given us revelation of Himself and wisdom from on high, to guide us into the blessedness of an abundant life forever.

"O Word of God Incarnate"

(Trinity Hymnal # 140)

WE ACKNOWLEDGE OUR SIN

* Reading from the Law

God's people are exhorted by Isaiah not to consult occult sources of knowledge, but to go to God's Word to know the truth, and that this is part and parcel of fearing the Lord. Sobering words are found in the last verse of this passage, where we are told that those who seek knowledge from the occult or pagan worship (i.e., false gods; cf I Corinthians 10:20)) will lose the ability to see the truth, being cast into "thick darkness."

Isaiah 8:11–22 ^{ESV}

For the Lord spoke thus to me with his strong hand upon me, and warned me not to walk in the way of this people, saying: ¹² "Do not call conspiracy all that this people calls conspiracy, and do not fear what they fear, nor be in dread. ¹³ But the Lord of hosts, him you shall honor as holy. Let him be your fear, and let him be your dread. ¹⁴ And he will become a sanctuary and a stone of offense and a rock of stumbling to both houses of Israel, a trap and a snare to the inhabitants of Jerusalem. ¹⁵ And many shall stumble on it. They shall fall and be broken; they shall be snared and taken."

¹⁶ Bind up the testimony; seal the teaching among my disciples. ¹⁷ I will wait for the Lord, who is hiding his face from the house of Jacob, and I will hope in him. ¹⁸ Behold, I and the children whom the Lord has given me are signs and portents in Israel from the Lord of hosts, who dwells on Mount Zion. ¹⁹ And when they say to you, "Inquire of the mediums and the necromancers who chirp and mutter," should not a people inquire of their God? Should they inquire of the dead on behalf of the living? ²⁰ To the teaching and to the testimony! If they will not speak according to this word, it is because they have no dawn. ²¹ They will pass through the land, greatly distressed and hungry. And when they are hungry, they will be enraged and will speak contemptuously against their king and their God, and turn their faces upward. ²² And they will look to the earth, but behold, distress and darkness, the gloom of anguish. And they will be thrust into thick darkness.

Silent Confession of Sin

Corporate Confession of Sin

We confess our failure to rely upon and trust God's Word as our guide for all of our lives.

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

We believe because God has given us knowledge of the truth by His Holy Spirit. This is the foundation of the Gospel that saves us, because that Gospel is received through faith, a faith that is the gift of God.

2 Corinthians 4:6 ^{ESV}

"For God, who said, "Let light shine out of darkness," has shone in our hearts to give the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ."

Leader: This is the gospel.

Congregation: Hallelujah!

* Hymn of Assurance

We "need no other argument" to dispel the accusations of Satan and his minions than that Jesus Christ is crucified, and that for all who trust in Him.

"My Faith Has Found a Resting Place"

(Trinity Hymnal #468)

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)

Models of Dominion, Part 2, Sermon I: "Respecting the Word of God"

* I Kings I

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.

"Most Perfect Is the Law of God"

(Trinity Hymnal #153)

WE RESPOND TO THE GRACE OF THE LORD

Offering Meditation

The widow portrayed here gave all she had to live on because she trusted God's promise to provide for her needs. It is always our confidence in the reliability of God's Word that enables our generous giving to His Church and His kingdom.

Luke 21:1-4 ^{ESV}

Jesus looked up and saw the rich putting their gifts into the offering box, ² and he saw a poor widow put in two small copper coins. ³ And he said, "Truly, I tell you, this poor widow has put in more than all of them. ⁴ For they all contributed out of their abundance, but she out of her poverty put in all she had to live on."

"Not unto Us, O Lord of Heaven"

(Trinity Hymnal #67)

Presentation of Offerings

* Doxology

(Trinity Hymnal #731)

Prayer of Dedication

WE RESPOND TO THE WORD

As we leave today, we pray for the God who gives wisdom generously through His Word and Spirit to guide us into the truth, so that we might walk in it.

"Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah"

(Trinity Hymnal #598)

Benediction

— SERMON NOTES —

September 21, 2025

Models of Dominion, Part 2, Sermon I: "Respecting the Word of God"

(Mike Biggs)

I Kings I

Introduction:

What does God expect of His people in accordance with respecting His Word?

I. We are required to *consult* the Word of God.

A. A question of epistemology.

B. An obligation of God's people.

II. We are forbidden to *suppress* the Word of God.

A. The motive behind suppression.

B. A question of sovereignty.

III. We are exhorted to *believe* the Word of God.

A. A question of certainty.

B. The centrality of faith.

— 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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