



CHRIST

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The Lord's Day, Sunday, October 12, 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

Our call today is to our souls and to all of God's creation to bless the LORD, in part because He has redeemed our lives from the pit.

Psalm 103:1–5, 20–22 ESV

¹ Bless the Lord, O my soul,
and all that is within me,
bless his holy name!

² Bless the Lord, O my soul,
and forget not all his benefits,

³ who forgives all your iniquity,
who heals all your diseases,

⁴ who redeems your life from the pit,
who crowns you with steadfast love and mercy,

⁵ who satisfies you with good
so that your youth is renewed like the eagle's.

²⁰ Bless the Lord, O you his angels,
you mighty ones who do his word,
obeying the voice of his word!

²¹ Bless the Lord, all his hosts,
his ministers, who do his will!

²² Bless the Lord, all his works,
in all places of his dominion.

Bless the Lord, O my soul!

Prayer of Adoration and Invocation

* Hymn of Praise

We praise the One who, from all eternity, ordained that those to whom He would delegate rule over all that He had made would be not only created in His image but redeemed by His mercy.

"We Praise You, O God, Our Redeemer, Creator"

(Trinity Hymnal #97)

WE ACKNOWLEDGE OUR SIN

* Reading from the Law

God commands special kindness and liberality toward widows and the poor, who have no recourse other than dependence upon the grace of their neighbors. This kindness is to be stimulated by the remembrance of God's kindness to His people who were slaves in Egypt, when He redeemed them (freed them from bondage).

Deuteronomy 24:17, 18 ^{ESV}

"You shall not pervert the justice due to the sojourner or to the fatherless, or take a widow's garment in pledge, ¹⁸ but you shall remember that you were a slave in Egypt and the Lord your God redeemed you from there; therefore I command you to do this."

Corporate Confession of Sin

In this confession we acknowledge our debt to God that our sin has merited, and appeal to the only thing that can pay our debt: the blood of Christ.

"O eternal God and merciful Father, we humble ourselves before Your great Majesty against which we have frequently and grievously sinned. We acknowledge that we deserve nothing less than eternal death. We are unclean before You and children of wrath. We continually transgress Your commandments; failing to do what You have commanded us, and doing that which You have expressly forbidden. We all like sheep have gone astray; we have turned everyone to his own way. We acknowledge our waywardness, and are heartily sorry for all our sins. We confess to our humiliation and to the praise of Your mercy that our transgressions are innumerable, and that our debt is so great that we cannot even begin to repay. We are not worthy to be called Your children, nor to lift up our eyes heavenward to You in prayer.

Nevertheless, O Lord God and gracious Father, we know that You do not desire the death of the sinner, but rather that he should turn to You and live; we know that Your mercy toward those who turn to You is infinite; and so we take courage to call upon You from the depths of our hearts, trusting in our Mediator Jesus Christ, the Lamb of God Who takes away the sin of the world. Forgive all our sins for Christ's sake. Have compassion upon us in our infirmities. Wash us in the pure

fountain of His blood, so that we may become clean and white as snow. Cover us with His innocence and righteousness, for the glory of Your Name. Deliver our understanding from all blindness, and our hearts from all willfulness and rebellion. Through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen."

WE REJOICE IN THE ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

Assurance of Pardoning Grace

We who were dead in our trespasses and sins and objects of wrath (Ephesians 2:1, 3) have been redeemed through the blood of Christ.

Ephesians 1:7–10 ^{ESV}

"In him we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of our trespasses, according to the riches of his grace, ⁸ which he lavished upon us, in all wisdom and insight ⁹ making known to us the mystery of his will, according to his purpose, which he set forth in Christ ¹⁰ as a plan for the fullness of time, to unite all things in Christ, things in heaven and things on earth in him."

Leader: This is the gospel.

Congregation: Hallelujah!

* Hymn of Assurance

We celebrate the fact that we have been freed from the debt that our sin created, and have been made both free and slaves to a perfect Master, our Lord Jesus.

"A Debtor to Mercy Alone"

A debtor to mercy alone,
Of covenant mercy I sing;
Nor fear, with Thy righteousness on,
My person and offering to bring.
The terrors of law and of God
With me can have nothing to do;
My Savior's obedience and blood
Hide all my transgressions from view

The work which His goodness began,
The arm of His strength will complete;
His promise is yea and amen,
And never was forfeited yet.
Things future, nor things that are now,
Not all things below nor above
Can make Him His purpose forego,
Or sever my soul from His love.

My name from the palms of His hands
Eternity will not erase;
Impressed on His heart it remains
In marks of indelible grace.
Yes, I to the end shall endure,
As sure as the earnest is given
More happy, but not more secure,
The glorified spirits in heaven.

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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)

Models of Dominion, Part 2, Sermon IV: "Dominion and Redemption, Scene 1"

* 2 Kings 4:1-7

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.

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

WE RESPOND TO THE GRACE OF THE LORD

Offering Meditation

The theme of redemption is echoed here in the recognition that Christ became poor (identified with the poor who could not redeem themselves) so as to make those He redeemed rich.

2 Corinthians 8:7–9 ^{ESV}

But as you excel in everything—in faith, in speech, in knowledge, in all earnestness, and in our love for you—see that you excel in this act of grace also.

⁸ I say this not as a command, but to prove by the earnestness of others that your love also is genuine. ⁹ For you know the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, that though he was rich, yet for your sake he became poor, so that you by his poverty might become rich.

"Lord, Our Lord, Thy Glorious Name" (Trinity Hymnal #114)

Presentation of Offerings

* Doxology

(Trinity Hymnal #731)

Prayer of Dedication

WE RESPOND TO THE WORD

We depart today rejoicing in the redemption that only God in Christ could provide, making us His forever.

"Redeemed, How I Love to Proclaim It!"

(Trinity Hymnal #701)

Benediction

— SERMON NOTES —

October 12, 2025

Models of Dominion, Part 2, Sermon III: “Dominion and God’s Word”

(Mike Biggs)

2 Kings 4:1–7

Introduction:

What response does Elisha’s ministry require concerning God’s redemption of us in Christ?

I. We must realize the desperate situation that God addresses.

A. The widow’s gripe.

B. The widow’s faith.

II. We must *appreciate* the *beautiful manner* that God displays.

A. God's quietness.

B. The widow's participation.

III. We must *discern* the *ultimate Redeemer* that God foreshadows.

A. Our unpayable debt.

B. God's abundant provision.

— 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...

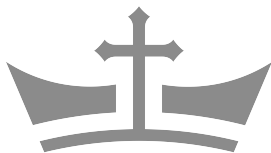
- adding people (incorporation)
- building people (edification)

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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