



CHRIST

- THE KING -

The Lord's Day, Sunday, January 18, 2026

"...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

God is King, and therefore we worship. The implications of kingship are the same for both the Father and the Son, Jesus Christ.

Psalm 95:1–3 ESV

- ¹ Oh come, let us sing to the Lord;
let us make a joyful noise to the rock of our salvation!
² Let us come into his presence with thanksgiving;
let us make a joyful noise to him with songs of praise!
³ For the Lord is a great God,
and a great King above all gods.

Prayer of Adoration and Invocation

* Hymn of Praise

We obey the command in last week's call to worship, to rejoice because the LORD reigns. We rejoice more enthusiastically now, because the rule of Yahweh is being progressively applied in power through the rule of the God-man, Christ Jesus, and the discipling of the nations.

"Rejoice, the Lord Is King"

(Trinity Hymnal #310)

WE ACKNOWLEDGE OUR SIN

* Reading from the Law

The command here is to "Zion" and "Jerusalem," which are typological designations for the Church, the covenant community of God's people (see, for example, Hebrews 12:22-24), and the command is to proclaim and announce the rule of God and the application of His mighty power in blessing and judgment. This is a command to the Church to proclaim the Gospel in terms that make the Kingdom central.

Isaiah 40:9–11 ESV

Go on up to a high mountain,
O Zion, herald of good news;
lift up your voice with strength,
O Jerusalem, herald of good news;

lift it up, fear not;
say to the cities of Judah,
"Behold your God!"
¹⁰ Behold, the Lord God comes with might,
and his arm rules for him;
behold, his reward is with him,
and his recompense before him.
¹¹ He will tend his flock like a shepherd;
he will gather the lambs in his arms;
he will carry them in his bosom,
and gently lead those that are with young.

Silent Confession of Sin

Corporate Confession of Sin

Acknowledgment of and submission to Jesus as King necessarily involves the attitude expressed and requested in this hymn, especially in times of confession and repentance from sin.

"Jesus, Cast a Look on Me"

1. Jesus cast a look on me,
Give me sweet simplicity
Make me poor and keep me low,
Seeking only Thee to know

2. All that feeds my busy pride,
Cast it evermore aside
Bid my will to Thine submit,
Lay me humbly at Thy feet

3. Make me like a little child,
Of my strength and wisdom spoiled
Seeing only in Thy light,
Walking only in Thy might

4. Leaning on Thy loving breast,
Where a weary soul can rest
Feeling well the peace of God,
Flowing from His precious blood

5. In this posture let me live,
And hosannas daily give
In this temper let me die,
And hosannas ever cry!

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WE REJOICE IN THE ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

Assurance of Pardoning Grace

*It might not be apparent when one first read this passage, but notice the proclamation here of an essential element of the Gospel, that we have been united to Christ in His rule over all things, as the application of God's rule. This is one of the points, if not the main point, in the fact that "...in him [Christ] the fullness of deity dwells **bodily**."*

Colossians 2:6–10 ESV

"Therefore, as you received Christ Jesus the Lord, so walk in him, ⁷ rooted and built up in him and established in the faith, just as you were taught, abounding in thanksgiving.

⁸ See to it that no one takes you captive by philosophy and empty deceit, according to human tradition, according to the elemental spirits of the world, and not according to Christ. ⁹ 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

As we sing this hymn, we revel in the fact that our Savior is the Lord, and that we share in whatever He is as the essence of that salvation, including that He is King.

"Jesus, the Lord, my Savior Is"

*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)

"Another Look at the Great Commission" Part 2

* Matthew 28:18–20

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 Is Our Refuge and Strength"

(Trinity Hymnal #40)

WE RESPOND TO THE GRACE OF THE LORD

Offering Meditation

The fact that God is a King and that Jesus Christ is King has implications for the quality of what we offer to him, not only in tithes, etc., but in our time, our service, and our attitude toward Him.

Malachi 1:13, 14 ^{ESV}

"But you say, 'What a weariness this is,' and you snort at it, says the Lord of hosts. You bring what has been taken by violence or is lame or sick, and this you bring as your offering! Shall I accept that from your hand? says the Lord. ¹⁴ Cursed be the cheat who has a male in his flock, and vows it, and yet sacrifices to the Lord what is blemished. For I am a great King, says the Lord of hosts, and my name will be feared among the nations."

"My Maker and My King"

(w1 & 2)

*1. My Maker and my King,
To Thee my all I owe;
Thy sovereign bounty is the spring
Whence all my blessings flow;
Thy sovereign bounty is the spring
Whence all my blessings flow.*

*2. The creature of Thy hand
On Thee alone I live;
My God, Thy benefits demand
More praise than I can give.
My God, Thy benefits demand
More praise than I can give*

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Presentation of Offerings

* Doxology

(Trinity Hymnal #731)

Prayer of Dedication

WE RESPOND TO THE WORD

We conclude our worship by enjoining each other to live in the light of the realized Kingdom of God, "crowning Him" in our hearts in terms of the full implications and extent of His righteous rule.

"Crown Him with Many Crowns"

(Trinity Hymnal #441)

Benediction

— SERMON NOTES —

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"Another Look at the Great Commission" Part 2

(Mike Biggs)

Matthew 28:18–20

Introduction:

How does the Kingdom define the Christian mission?

I. The Kingdom is the *premise* of our mission, v. 18.

A. The fact of Christ's rule.

B. The purpose of Christ's rule.

II. The Kingdom is the *substance* of our mission, vv. 19, 20a

A. Discipleship.

B. Incorporation.

C. Orientation.

III. The Kingdom is the *engine* of our mission, v. 20b.

A. The reliability of the promise.

B. The importance of the promise.

— 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...

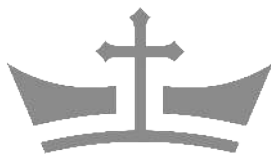
- adding people (incorporation)
- building people (edification)

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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