



CHRIST

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The Lord's Day, Sunday, January 11, 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

We are called in this psalm to give thanks because the One who rules over all creation is righteous, and rules according to justice, as opposed to foolishness or selfish corruption.

Psalm 97:1, 2, 11, 12 ESV

- ¹ *The Lord reigns, let the earth rejoice;
let the many coastlands be glad!*
- ² *Clouds and thick darkness are all around him;
righteousness and justice are the foundation of his throne.*
- ¹¹ *Light is sown for the righteous,
and joy for the upright in heart.*
- ¹² *Rejoice in the Lord, O you righteous,
and give thanks to his holy name!*

Prayer of Adoration and Invocation

* Hymn of Praise

We praise the One whose Kingdom has begun and who has come to institute and produce absolute righteousness, justice, relief from oppression, freedom, love, joy, peace, and every other true blessing throughout His realm.

"Hail to the Lord's Anointed"

(Trinity Hymnal #311)

WE ACKNOWLEDGE OUR SIN

* Reading from the Law

his passage is essentially a warning, but one that contains an admonition, which involves a command: to be savvy with respect to our evaluation of ourselves, and to realize that God's Kingdom consists of those who submit themselves, a submission reflected in their actual deeds, to the revealed will of God, and no others. Their deeds do not make them savingly righteous, since no one's deeds are perfect (except Christ's!), but they manifest the faith that epitomizes the heart of authentic Kingdom citizenship.

Matthew 7:21–23 ESV

"Not everyone who says to me, 'Lord, Lord,' will enter the kingdom of heaven, but the one who does the will of my Father who is in heaven. 22 On that day many will say to me, 'Lord, Lord, did we not prophesy in your name, and cast out demons in your name, and do many mighty works in your name?' 23 And then will I declare to them, 'I never knew you; depart from me, you workers of lawlessness.'"

Silent Confession of Sin

Corporate Confession of Sin

We echo, as we repeat the psalmist's confession, his desire for an undivided heart, and that his genuine commitment to God be recognized by those around him, particularly his enemies, who know his faults, as they observe the general, grace-induced tenor of his righteous life, so that he might be vindicated as a righteous person despite their slanderous accusations.

Responsive reading, Psalm 86

(Trinity Hymnal pp. 814-815)

WE REJOICE IN THE ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

Assurance of Pardoning Grace

The identity of the 144,000 is established early in Revelation, in chapter 7. They are the Church, the covenant community of God's people of Old and New Testaments, who have exercised faith in the covenant promises and thus have been redeemed, a redemption exhibited by their blamelessness.

Revelation 14:1–5^{ESV}

"Then I looked, and behold, on Mount Zion stood the Lamb, and with him 144,000 who had his name and his Father's name written on their foreheads. ² And I heard a voice from heaven like the roar of many waters and like the sound of loud thunder: The voice I heard was like the sound of harpists playing on their harps, ³ and they were singing a new song before the throne and before the four living creatures and before the elders. No one could learn that song except the 144,000 who had been redeemed from the earth. ⁴ It is these who have not defiled themselves with women, for they are virgins. It is these who follow the Lamb wherever he goes. These have been redeemed from mankind as firstfruits for God and the Lamb, ⁵ and in their mouth no lie was found, for they are blameless."

Leader: This is the gospel.

Congregation: Hallelujah!

* Hymn of Assurance

We rejoice in and praise the One through whose power, love, and grace we have received salvation and dominion.

"O Savior, Precious Savior"

(Trinity Hymnal #159)

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"

* 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.

"All Lands, to God in Joyful Sounds"

(Trinity Hymnal #438)

WE RESPOND TO THE GRACE OF THE LORD

Offering Meditation

No one whose ultimate priority is the Kingdom of God will ever lack for anything he truly needs. This statement must be rightly understood, but it is absolutely true.

Matthew 6:19–21, 31–33 ^{ESV}

¹⁹ "Do not lay up for yourselves treasures on earth, where moth and rust destroy and where thieves break in and steal, ²⁰ but lay up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where neither moth nor rust destroys and where thieves do not break in and steal. ²¹ For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.

³¹ Therefore do not be anxious, saying, 'What shall we eat?' or 'What shall we drink?' or 'What shall we wear?' ³² For the Gentiles seek after all these things, and your heavenly Father knows that you need them all. ³³ But seek first the kingdom of God and his righteousness, and all these things will be added to you."

"The Ends of All the Earth Shall Hear"

(Trinity Hymnal #368)

Presentation of Offerings

*** Doxology**

(Trinity Hymnal #731)

Prayer of Dedication

WE RESPOND TO THE WORD

We conclude our worship by rejoicing in the eventual and inevitable consummation of the comprehensive reign of King Jesus, and pray for its soon, if not immediate realization in all creation.

"Jesus Shall Reign"

(Trinity Hymnal #441)

Benediction

— SERMON NOTES —

January 11, 2026

"Another Look at the Great Commission"

(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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