

CHRIST

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The Lord's Day, Sunday, March 15, 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

The call to worship in this passage is in the last verse, in which the psalmist invites us all to worship the LORD with him and us all to exalt His name together. We should take this to heart and focus on God as we worship, but be conscious of each other, realizing that this is corporate worship, and we are not engaging in an activity in our isolated, individualistic cells.

Psalm 34:1-3 ^{ESV}

¹ *I will bless the Lord at all times;
his praise shall continually be in my mouth.*
² *My soul makes its boast in the Lord;
let the humble hear and be glad.*
³ *Oh, magnify the Lord with me,
and let us exalt his name together!*

Prayer of Adoration and Invocation

* Hymn of Praise

We praise Jesus Christ, the Good Shepherd, as the one who loves us and demonstrates that love in the multitudinous expressions of His shepherd role.

"The King of Love My Shepherd Is"

(Trinity Hymnal #184)

WE ACKNOWLEDGE OUR SIN

* Reading from the Law

What makes worship which God Himself has prescribed an abomination to God? Careless, lifeless, insincere, meaningless worship. Of how much of our relationship to God is this the character?

Isaiah 1:10-17 *ESV*

¹⁰ *Hear the word of the Lord,
you rulers of Sodom!
Give ear to the teaching of our God,
you people of Gomorrah!*

¹¹ *“What to me is the multitude of your sacrifices?
says the Lord;
I have had enough of burnt offerings of rams
and the fat of well-fed beasts;
I do not delight in the blood of bulls,
or of lambs, or of goats.*

¹² *“When you come to appear before me,
who has required of you
this trampling of my courts?*

¹³ *Bring no more vain offerings;
incense is an abomination to me.
New moon and Sabbath and the calling of convocations—
I cannot endure iniquity and solemn assembly.*

¹⁴ *Your new moons and your appointed feasts
my soul hates;
they have become a burden to me;
I am weary of bearing them.*

¹⁵ *When you spread out your hands,
I will hide my eyes from you;
even though you make many prayers,
I will not listen;
your hands are full of blood.*

¹⁶ *Wash yourselves; make yourselves clean;
remove the evil of your deeds from before my eyes;
cease to do evil,*

¹⁷ *learn to do good; seek justice,
correct oppression;
bring justice to the fatherless,
plead the widow's cause.*

Silent Confession of Sin

Corporate Confession of Sin

In this confession we appeal to God for mercy and grace to teach and transform us so that we conform to His image and carry out His will.

“God Be Merciful To Me”

*1. God, be merciful to me;
On Thy grace I rest my plea
Plenteous in compassion Thou,
Blot out my transgressions now;
Wash me, make me pure within;
Cleanse, O cleanse me from my sin.*

*2. My transgressions I confess;
Grief and guilt my soul oppress.
I have sinned against Thy grace,
And provoked Thee to Thy face.
I confess Thy judgement just;
Speechless, I Thy mercy trust.*

*3. I am evil, born in sin;
Thou desirest truth within.
Thou alone my Savior art,
Teach Thy wisdom to my heart;
Make me pure, Thy grace bestow,
Wash me whiter than the snow.*

*4. Broken, humbled to the dust
By Thy wrath and judgment just,
Let my contrite heart rejoice,
And in gladness hear Thy voice;
From my sins O hide Thy face,
Blot them out in boundless grace.*

*5. Gracious God, my heart renew,
Make my spirit right and true.
Cast me not away from Thee,
Let Thy Spirit dwell in me;
Thy salvation's joy impart,
Steadfast make my willing heart.*

*6. Sinners then shall learn from me,
And return, O God, to Thee
Savior all my guilt remove,
And my tongue shall sing Thy love
Touch my silent lips, O Lord,
And my mouth shall praise accord.*

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WE REJOICE IN THE ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

Assurance of Pardoning Grace

God's promise is that He will respond to repentance with cleansing, so that we are righteous in His sight.

Isaiah 1:16-20 ESV

¹⁶ Wash yourselves; make yourselves clean;
remove the evil of your deeds from before my eyes;
cease to do evil,
¹⁷ learn to do good;
seek justice,
correct oppression;
bring justice to the fatherless,
plead the widow's cause.
¹⁸ "Come now, let us reason together, says the Lord:
though your sins are like scarlet,
they shall be as white as snow;
though they are red like crimson,
they shall become like wool.
¹⁹ If you are willing and obedient,
you shall eat the good of the land;
²⁰ but if you refuse and rebel,
you shall be eaten by the sword;
for the mouth of the Lord has spoken."

Leader: This is the gospel.

Congregation: Hallelujah!

*** Hymn of Assurance**

We can rest from our striving and our works to achieve life, not primarily because of what we do, but because of who God is.

"Jesus, I am Resting, Resting"

(Trinity Hymnal #188)

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, Sermon XVIII:
"The Inscrutable Depth of God's Love"**

* 2 Kings 13

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

Westminster Shorter Catechism, Questions 36-38

Q: What are the benefits which in this life do accompany or flow from justification, adoption, and sanctification?

A: The benefits which in this life do accompany or flow from justification, adoption, and sanctification, are, assurance of God's love, peace of conscience, joy in the Holy Ghost, increase of grace, and perseverance therein to the end.

Q: What benefits do believers receive from Christ at death?

A: The souls of believers are at their death made perfect in holiness, and do immediately pass into glory; and their bodies, being still united to Christ, do rest in their graves, till the resurrection.

Q: What benefits do believers receive from Christ at the resurrection?

A: At the resurrection, believers, being raised up in glory, shall be openly acknowledged and acquitted in the Day of Judgment, and made perfectly blessed in the full enjoying of God to all eternity.

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.

"Begone Unbelief"

1. *Begone unbelief, My Savior is near,
And for my relief Will surely appear:
By faith let me wrestle, with God in the
storm
And help me my Savior, the faith to adorn
And help me my Savior, the faith to adorn*

3. *Why should I complain, Of want or distress
Temptation or pain? He told me no less
The heirs of salvation, I know from his word
Through much tribulation Must follow their Lord
Through much tribulation Must follow their Lord
(Chorus)*

2. *Though dark be my way, Since he is my guide,
'Tis mine to obey, and His to provide;
Though cisterns be broken, And creatures all fail,
The word he has spoken will surely prevail.
The word he has spoken will surely prevail.
(Chorus)*

4. *Since all that I meet will work for my good,
The bitter is sweet, The medicine food;
Though painful at present, will cease before
long,
And then, O! how glorious, The conqueror's song!
And then, O! how glorious, The conqueror's song!
(Chorus)*

*Chorus: Begone unbelief, The Savior is here (3x)
Though cisterns be broken And creatures all fail
The word he has spoken will surely prevail
The word he has spoken will surely prevail*

WE RESPOND TO THE GRACE OF THE LORD

Offering Meditation

Offerings pleasing to God are those that are expressions of righteous attitudes before God: justice, mercy, humility, and sincerity. Our offerings must be expressions of virtues such as these, not devoid of them.

Isaiah 1:13 ESV

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"Begone, Unbelief"

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Presentation of Offerings

*** Doxology**

(Trinity Hymnal #731)

Prayer of Dedication

WE RESPOND TO THE WORD

We conclude our worship today with an expression of faith in God's love that is as beautiful as it is simple. And if you recoil at singing this because you believe it to be too childish, perhaps you should remember what Jesus said about the posture He requires of all who would come to Him (Matthew 18:1-4; 19:13, 14; Luke 9:46-48).

"Jesus Loves Me, This I Know"

(Trinity Hymnal #189)

Benediction

— SERMON NOTES —

March 15, 2026

Models of Dominion, Sermon XVIII: *(Mike Biggs)*
“The Inscrutable Depth of God’s Love”

2 Kings 13

Introduction:

How should we respond to God’s covenant relationship with us as His people?

I. *We must constantly remember the resilience of God’s covenant love, vv. 1-13.*

A. Accessibility.

B. Compassion.

II. We must *faithfully apply the fullness* of God's covenant Word, vv. 14-19.

A. Varieties of response.

B. Varieties of blessing.

III. We must *persistently cling to the hope of God's covenant commitment*, vv. 20-25.

A. Promise.

B. Prospect.

— 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...

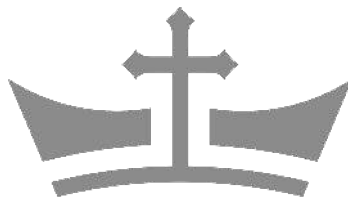
- adding people (incorporation)
- building people (edification)

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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