



CHRIST

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The Lord's Day, Sunday, March 22, 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

This call to worship is, properly, noisy! Is this embarrassing to us, that is, if we try to comply with it? It should not be, for the reason that the next verse in the psalm gives: "For the LORD is a great God, and a great King above all gods".

Psalm 95:1,2 ^{ESV}

*¹Oh come, let us sing to the Lord;
let us make a joyful noise to the rock of our salvation!
²Let us come into his presence with thanksgiving;
let us make a joyful noise to him with songs of praise!*

Prayer of Adoration and Invocation

* Hymn of Praise

We express our desire that God receive all glory, simultaneously abandoning our pursuit of the glory that belongs to Him.

"To God Be the Glory"

(Trinity Hymnal #55)

WE ACKNOWLEDGE OUR SIN

* Reading from the Law

Half-hearted or insincere religious activity is worse than no activity at all, and we should not deceive ourselves concerning God's attitude toward it.

Ezekiel 33:23-33 ^{ESV}

*The word of the Lord came to me: ²⁴"Son of man, the inhabitants of these waste places in the land of Israel keep saying, 'Abraham was only one man, yet he got possession of the land; but we are many; the land is surely given us to possess.'
²⁵Therefore say to them, Thus says the Lord God: You eat flesh with the blood and lift up your eyes to your idols and shed blood; shall you then possess the land? ²⁶You rely on the sword, you commit abominations, and each of you defiles his neighbor's wife; shall you then possess the land?*

²⁷Say this to them, Thus says the Lord God: As I live, surely those who are in the waste places shall fall by the sword, and whoever is in the open field I will give to the beasts to be devoured, and those who are in strongholds and in caves shall die by pestilence. ²⁸And I will make the land a desolation and a waste, and her proud might shall come to an end, and the mountains of Israel shall be so desolate that none will pass through. ²⁹Then they will know that I am the Lord, when I have made the land a desolation and a waste because of all their abominations that they have committed.

³⁰“As for you, son of man, your people who talk together about you by the walls and at the doors of the houses say to one another, each to his brother, ‘Come, and hear what the word is that comes from the Lord.’ ³¹And they come to you as people come, and they sit before you as my people, and they hear what you say but they will not do it; for with lustful talk in their mouths they act; their heart is set on their gain. ³²And behold, you are to them like one who sings lustful songs with a beautiful voice and plays well on an instrument, for they hear what you say, but they will not do it. ³³When this comes—and come it will!—then they will know that a prophet has been among them.

Silent Confession of Sin

Corporate Confession of Sin

Here we express our sorrow, repentance, and determination and admission of our need of help, concerning the idols and baubles of this world that so easily beset us. This is the path to rescue from the danger of half-hearted devotion to God.

Almighty and most holy God, who is too holy to look upon evil, and who declares Himself to be a most jealous God, who will not tolerate the idols with which your people at times would replace you, we confess before you our utter shame in excusing and minimizing our offenses against you, treating them as trivial and insignificant, and our self-congratulatory toleration of the evil around us. We have failed to love what you love, and hate what you hate, and have instead embraced the vile things which repulse you and would destroy us. Forgive our foolishness and wickedness we pray, and give us grace enabling us to transcend our desire for peace when there is no peace, and to endure whatever strife is necessary to commit ourselves single-mindedly to the establishment of your Kingdom, beginning with the ruthless mortification of the iniquity within our own hearts, through the power of our risen and victorious Savior, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

WE REJOICE IN THE ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

Assurance of Pardoning Grace

God calls His people away from things, idols, that cannot satisfy, to Himself, without cost, because only He can fulfill our real needs. But we must do this now, because the time might come when it is no longer possible, a sobering thought indeed. This is tempered by the fact of God's promise that if we come to Him in this way, He will accept and forgive us, and make us clean.

Isaiah 55:1-7 ESV

*¹Come, everyone who thirsts,
come to the waters;
and he who has no money,
come, buy and eat!*

*Come, buy wine and milk
without money and without price.*

*²Why do you spend your money for that which is not bread,
and your labor for that which does not satisfy?*

*Listen diligently to me, and eat what is good,
and delight yourselves in rich food.*

*³Incline your ear, and come to me;
hear, that your soul may live;
and I will make with you an everlasting covenant,
my steadfast, sure love for David.*

*⁴Behold, I made him a witness to the peoples,
a leader and commander for the peoples.*

*⁵Behold, you shall call a nation that you do not know,
and a nation that did not know you shall run to you,
because of the Lord your God, and of the Holy One of Israel,
for he has glorified you.*

*⁶“Seek the Lord while he may be found;
call upon him while he is near;*

*⁷let the wicked forsake his way,
and the unrighteous man his thoughts;*

*let him return to the Lord, that he may have compassion on him,
and to our God, for he will abundantly pardon.*

Leader: This is the gospel.

Congregation: Hallelujah!

* Hymn of Assurance

In the midst of the turmoil of life, our comfort is that the One who is still on the throne is He who watches over His own, just as He has promised.

“His Eye Is On the Sparrow”

(Trinity Hymnal #618)

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 XIX:

“Pitfalls of Misunderstanding”

* 2 Kings 14

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 Confession of Faith, Chapter XVIII, sections 1 & 2

I. Although hypocrites and other unregenerate men may vainly deceive themselves with false hopes and carnal presumptions of being in the favor of God, and estate of salvation (which hope of theirs shall perish): yet such as truly believe in the Lord Jesus, and love Him in sincerity, endeavoring to walk in all good conscience before Him, may, in this life, be certainly assured that they are in the state of grace, and may rejoice in the hope of the glory of God, which hope shall never make them ashamed.

II. This certainty is not a bare conjectural and probable persuasion grounded upon a fallible hope; but an infallible assurance of faith founded upon the divine truth of the promises of salvation, the inward evidence of those graces unto which these promises are made, the testimony of the Spirit of adoption witnessing with our spirits that we are the children of God, which Spirit is the earnest of our inheritance, whereby we are sealed to the day of redemption.

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.

"Forever Trusting in the Lord"

(Trinity Hymnal #671)

WE RESPOND TO THE GRACE OF THE LORD

Offering Meditation

Full devotion to God is expressed in part in the character of our giving. Today we all have an opportunity now to express our love for God and our total devotion and commitment to Him as we give.

Malachi 3:8-10 ESV

Will man rob God? Yet you are robbing me. But you say, "How have we robbed you?" In your tithes and contributions. ⁹You are cursed with a curse, for you are robbing me, the whole nation of you. ¹⁰Bring the full tithe into the storehouse, that there may be food in my house. And thereby put me to the test, says the Lord of hosts, if I will not open the windows of heaven for you and pour down for you a blessing until there is no more need.

"All to Jesus I Surrender"

(Trinity Hymnal #562)

Presentation of Offerings

*** Doxology**

(Trinity Hymnal #731)

Prayer of Dedication

WE RESPOND TO THE WORD

We close our worship today with a song of hope and joy, looking forward to the consummation of our salvation and a time in which all sorrow, pain, and tears are excised, leaving only joy.

"We Will Feast in the House of Zion"

Chorus:

*We will feast in the house of Zion
We will sing with our hearts restored
He has done great things,
we will say together
We will feast and weep no more*

*In the dark of night, before the dawn
My soul, be not afraid
For the promised morning, oh how long?
Oh God of Jacob, be my strength
(Chorus)*

*We will not be burned by the fire
He is the LORD our God
We are not consumed, by the flood
Upheld, protected, gathered up
(Chorus)*

*Every vow we've broken and betrayed
You are the Faithful one
And from the garden to the grave
Bind us together, bring shalom.
(Chorus)*

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Benediction

— SERMON NOTES —

March 22, 2026

Models of Dominion, Sermon XIX:
“Pitfalls of Misunderstanding”

(Mike Biggs)

2 Kings 14

Introduction:

What mistakes should we avoid in our understanding of our covenant relationship to God?

I. We must avoid *toleration of incomplete commitment* to the Lord.

A. Amaziah: the “nobody’s perfect” syndrome.

B. Jeroboam: the “prosperity of the wicked”
conundrum

II. We must avoid *misinterpretation* of the *covenantal providence* of the Lord.

A. Amaziah: failure to perceive warnings.

B. Jeroboam: presumption from prosperity.

III. We must avoid *inattention to the peace-bestowing promises* of the Lord.

A. Amaziah: faithfulness guaranteeing stability.

B. Jeroboam: faithfulness postponing wrath.

— 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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