



CHRIST

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The Lord's Day, Sunday, April 5, 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 rehearses the experience of the psalmist in being delivered from the threat of death and given spiritual life. Its conclusion is a call to praise the Lord. And so we comply. . . .

Psalm 116 ESV

- ¹I love the Lord, because he has heard
my voice and my pleas for mercy.
- ²Because he inclined his ear to me,
therefore I will call on him as long as I live.
- ³The snares of death encompassed me;
the pangs of Sheol laid hold on me;
I suffered distress and anguish.
- ⁴Then I called on the name of the Lord:
“O Lord, I pray, deliver my soul!”
- ⁵Gracious is the Lord, and righteous;
our God is merciful.
- ⁶The Lord preserves the simple;
when I was brought low, he saved me.
- ⁷Return, O my soul, to your rest;
for the Lord has dealt bountifully with you.
- ⁸For you have delivered my soul from death,
my eyes from tears,
my feet from stumbling;
- ⁹I will walk before the Lord
in the land of the living.
- ¹⁰I believed, even when I spoke:
“I am greatly afflicted”;
- ¹¹I said in my alarm,
“All mankind are liars.”
- ¹²What shall I render to the Lord
for all his benefits to me?
- ¹³I will lift up the cup of salvation
and call on the name of the Lord,
- ¹⁴I will pay my vows to the Lord
in the presence of all his people.
- ¹⁵Precious in the sight of the Lord
is the death of his saints.
- ¹⁶O Lord, I am your servant;
I am your servant, the son of your
maidservant.
You have loosed my bonds.
- ¹⁷I will offer to you the sacrifice of
thanksgiving
and call on the name of the Lord.
- ¹⁸I will pay my vows to the Lord
in the presence of all his people,
- ¹⁹in the courts of the house of the Lord,
in your midst, O Jerusalem.
Praise the Lord!

Prayer of Adoration and Invocation

* Hymn of Praise

We call one another to worship on this joyous day. Realize that we are speaking and testifying to each other as we sing!

“Worship Christ, the Risen King!”

(Trinity Hymnal #286)

WE INITIATE A NEW COVENANT MEMBER THROUGH BAPTISM

Instruction on Baptism

Mike Biggs

Admonition to Parents

Parental Vows

Baptism of Susannah Sharon Horner

Prayer for Family and Congregation

WE ACKNOWLEDGE OUR SIN

* Reading from the Law

The Resurrection of Christ is a great blessing and encouragement to believers, but it also imposes an obligation upon us. We are to be diligent in our service to God, because of the confident hope that knowledge of Christ's and our resurrections gives us.

I Corinthians 16:56-58 ESV

⁵⁶The sting of death is sin, and the power of sin is the law. ⁵⁷But thanks be to God, who gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ.

⁵⁸Therefore, my beloved brothers, be steadfast, immovable, always abounding in the work of the Lord, knowing that in the Lord your labor is not in vain.

Silent Confession of Sin

Corporate Confession of Sin

The Resurrection of Christ has freed those who trust in Him from slavery to sin. That makes it all the more noxious to God when Christians are complacent with their sin rather than ruthlessly putting sins to death. This confession acknowledges that failure and appeals to God for fresh grace to live in accordance with who we are as saints resurrected with Jesus.

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

*Two of the most precious words in the Bible are those at the beginning of verse 4 of this passage: "But **God** . . ."*

Ephesians 2:1-7 ESV

And you were dead in the trespasses and sins ²in which you once walked, following the course of this world, following the prince of the power of the air, the spirit that is now at work in the sons of disobedience— ³among whom we all once lived in the passions of our flesh, carrying out the desires of the flesh and the mind, and were by nature children of wrath, like the rest of mankind. ⁴But God, being rich in mercy, because of the great love with which he loved us, ⁵even when we were dead in our trespasses, made us alive together with Christ—by grace you have been saved— ⁶and raised us up with him and seated us with him in the heavenly places in Christ Jesus, ⁷so that in the coming ages he might show the immeasurable riches of his grace in kindness toward us in Christ Jesus.

Leader: This is the gospel.

Congregation: Hallelujah!

* Hymn of Assurance

We celebrate the Resurrection of our Savior by repeating the refrain: "Hallelujah!" which means "Praise the LORD!" Please remember that the last syllable of that word is a shortened form of the Divine Covenant name, Yahweh. So don't chop it off; sing it prominently and hold it for a little while. We love the Name of God!

"Christ the Lord Is Risen Today"

(Trinity Hymnal #277)

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)

"The Meaning of Resurrection Life"

* Romans 6

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.

“Son of God in Power”

*(to the tune of Trinity Hymnal #297,
 'All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name')*

1. Behold the Man of Calvary
 Who gave his life a ransom,
 life winning eternally
 The Adversary bruised his heel
 But Christ—crushed him, crushed him,
 crushed him, crushed him
 The serpent's fate to seal

2. Behold the Son the mob accused
 The Law of life distorting,
 the Righteous they abused
 In this God sentenced Sin to die
 But raised—up, raised up, raised up, raised up
 The Just One, justified

3. Behold the Lamb of God whose blood
 Made pure a people, a dwelling-place for God
 He by the Spirit one offering made
 Ascend—ing, ascending, ascending, ascending
 Atonement that won't fade

4. Behold the King of kings and lords
 Who routed Death and Hades
 and all the devil's hordes
 Who wore the curse upon his brow
 Is sea—ted, seated, seated, seated
 The Son of God in pow'r

5. Behold, O God, our sacrifice
 Of praise, of thanksgiving, our breath,
 and our very lives
 With manna fed in vale of tears
 We look—for, look for, look for, look for
 The day when Christ appears

WE RESPOND TO THE GRACE OF THE LORD

Offering Meditation

We return to this psalm to notice the psalmist's response to God's resurrecting grace: prayer and offerings in the context of public worship.

Psalm 116:12-19 ESV

¹²What shall I render to the Lord
for all his benefits to me?
¹³I will lift up the cup of salvation
and call on the name of the Lord,
¹⁴I will pay my vows to the Lord
in the presence of all his people.
¹⁵Precious in the sight of the Lord
is the death of his saints.
¹⁶O Lord, I am your servant;
I am your servant, the son of your maidservant.
You have loosed my bonds.
¹⁷I will offer to you the sacrifice of thanksgiving
and call on the name of the Lord.
¹⁸I will pay my vows to the Lord
in the presence of all his people,
¹⁹in the courts of the house of the Lord,
in your midst, O Jerusalem.
Praise the Lord!

“Look, Ye Saints, the Sight is Glorious”

(Trinity Hymnal #299)

Presentation of Offerings

*** Doxology**

(Trinity Hymnal #731)

Prayer of Dedication

WE RESPOND TO THE WORD

We close our worship today rejoicing in the fact of Christ's Resurrection and its enduring results for the whole world to come.

“The Day of Resurrection”

(Trinity Hymnal #267)

Benediction

— SERMON NOTES —

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“The Meaning of Resurrection Life”

(Mike Biggs)

Romans 6

Introduction:

What does the Resurrection of Christ mean for us His people?

I. Jesus' Resurrection means *we have a new identity.*

A. United to Christ.

B. Created in Christ.

II. Jesus' Resurrection means we *have a new privilege*.

A. Free from slavery.

B. Freed for righteousness.

III. Jesus' Resurrection means *we have true spiritual life*, vv. 15-23.

A. Under grace.

B. Alive to God.

C. Blessed eternally.

— 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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