



CHRIST

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The Lord's Day, Sunday, April 26, 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 repetition involved in reading this psalm as it is meant to be read (or sung) in worship, that is, responsively, can seem tedious and redundant. But that is the point. God wants to drive deeply into our minds one essential point: **His steadfast love endures forever**, which should lead to thanksgiving (v. 26), which in turn we will have opportunity to express to God later in this service.

Psalm 136

(Responsive Reading, Trinity Hymnal p. 835)

Prayer of Adoration and Invocation

* Hymn of Praise

This hymn is effectively our Hymn of the Month, though our singing of it will span the last two weeks of April and the first two weeks of May. Its focus on depending on God in times of need in contrast to trusting in idols (see verse 5!) is of continuing relevance to this section of 2 Kings and our time in it.

“All Praise to God, Who Reigns Above”

(Trinity Hymnal #4)

WE ACKNOWLEDGE OUR SIN

* Reading from the Law

We are not to eschew friendships with unbelievers in the New Covenant age, especially the development of relationships in terms of which we can influence others toward the one true God through testimony about Christ. But “friendship” with the world (cf. John 15:18-20; 16:33; 17:11-18; 1 John 2:15-17; 3:1; 4:1-5; 5:1-5) is a different thing, and involves **intimacy** with the world. This is what is prohibited in Deuteronomy.

Deuteronomy 7:1-6 ^{ESV}

“When the Lord your God brings you into the land that you are entering to take possession of it, and clears away many nations before you, the Hittites, the Girgashites, the Amorites, the Canaanites, the Perizzites, the Hivites, and the Jebusites, seven nations more numerous and mightier than you, ²and when the Lord your God gives them over to you, and you defeat them, then

you must devote them to complete destruction. You shall make no covenant with them and show no mercy to them. ³You shall not intermarry with them, giving your daughters to their sons or taking their daughters for your sons, ⁴for they would turn away your sons from following me, to serve other gods. Then the anger of the Lord would be kindled against you, and he would destroy you quickly. ⁵But thus shall you deal with them: you shall break down their altars and dash in pieces their pillars and chop down their Asherim and burn their carved images with fire.

⁶“For you are a people holy to the Lord your God. The Lord your God has chosen you to be a people for his treasured possession, out of all the peoples who are on the face of the earth.

Silent Confession of Sin

Corporate Confession of Sin

This confession highlights one of the themes of today's sermon: that dependence on God is not only profitable, but required, and is the only thing that can save us.

Dear Lord Remember Me

(RUF Tune)

1. Dear Lord, remember me,
a sinner weak and vile
Full of impiety,
and fraught with sin and guile
I cannot hope but in Thy blood
Remember me, O Lord, for good

2. Unable to depend
on nature-strength and power
Jesus, my soul befriend,
teach me to trust Thee more
Save me from sin and all its smart
O save me from my treacherous heart

3. Upon Thy oath I rest
my feeble soul secure
By sin I am oppressed,
but Thy salvation's sure
Though like a bottle in the smoke
I know Thy vessels can't be broke

4. 'Tis true, dear Lord,
I am a sinner vile indeed!
Yet hoping in the Lamb,
Who deigned for such to bleed
And while the Spirit seals my heart
My soul believes we ne'er shall part

5. Christ ever will defend
the people of His choice
He loves them without end,
and in them does rejoice
For them He shed His precious blood
And will present them all to God

WE REJOICE IN THE ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

Assurance of Pardoning Grace

The gospel involves God's "remembering our sins no more," but even greater than that is His promise to write His law on our hearts, and put it within us, so that we might live as His people.

Jeremiah 31:31-34 *ESV*

"Behold, the days are coming, declares the Lord, when I will make a new covenant with the house of Israel and the house of Judah, ³²not like the covenant that I made with their fathers on the day when I took them by the hand to bring them out of the land of Egypt, my covenant that they broke, though I was their husband, declares the Lord. ³³For this is the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel after those days, declares the Lord: I will put my law within them, and I will write it on their hearts. And I will be their God, and they shall be my people. ³⁴And no longer shall each one teach his neighbor and each his brother, saying, 'Know the Lord,' for they shall all know me, from the least of them to the greatest, declares the Lord. For I will forgive their iniquity, and I will remember their sin no more."

Leader: This is the gospel.

Congregation: Hallelujah!

*** Hymn of Assurance**

Friendship with Jesus rather than friendship with the world is what we seek, and what is abundantly available to us by His grace, in which we now rejoice.

"Jesus, What a Friend to Sinners"

(Trinity Hymnal #498)

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 XXI:
“The Marks of Covenant Apostasy” (Part 2)**
* 2 Kings 16

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.

WE RESPOND TO THE GRACE OF THE LORD

Offering Meditation

We should not take this Scripture as denying our obligation to present offerings to God, but as prohibiting making offerings in order to purchase God's favor in a transactional way, as if He needed what we offer. Instead, we are commanded to make our offerings as expressions of thanksgiving for the grace that He gives us free of charge, the grace on which He commands us to depend.

Psalm 50:7-15 ESV

- ⁷Hear, O my people, and I will speak;
O Israel, I will testify against you.
I am God, your God.
- ⁸Not for your sacrifices do I rebuke you;
your burnt offerings are continually before me.
- ⁹I will not accept a bull from your house
or goats from your folds.
- ¹⁰For every beast of the forest is mine,
the cattle on a thousand hills.
- ¹¹I know all the birds of the hills,
and all that moves in the field is mine.
- ¹²“If I were hungry, I would not tell you,
for the world and its fullness are mine.
- ¹³Do I eat the flesh of bulls
or drink the blood of goats?
- ¹⁴Offer to God a sacrifice of thanksgiving,
and perform your vows to the Most High,
- ¹⁵and call upon me in the day of trouble;
I will deliver you, and you shall glorify me.”

“O God Beyond All Praising”

(Trinity Hymnal #660, Verse 2)

Presentation of Offerings

* Doxology

(Trinity Hymnal #731)

Prayer of Dedication

WE RESPOND TO THE WORD

We close our worship today with a prayer of dedication, committing all that we are and all that we have to God, to be consecrated to His service, in total and complete devotion to Him.

“Take My Life, and Let It Be”

(Trinity Hymnal #585)

Benediction

— SERMON NOTES —

April 26, 2026

Models of Dominion, Sermon XXI:

“The Marks of Covenant Apostasy” (Part 2)

2 Kings 16

(Mike Biggs)

Introduction:

What are the prominent marks of apostasy by God's people from their covenant commitment?

I. Covenant apostasy *indulges corrupt worship*.

A. Ignoring God's Word.

B. Valuing worldly impressiveness.

C. Accommodating human preferences.

D. Assuming unlawful prerogatives.

II. Covenant apostasy *pursues worldly friendship.*

A. Outside the Church.

B. Inside the Church.

III. Covenant apostasy *ignores divine warnings.*

A. Ahaz's family history.

B. Ahaz's distinct experience.

— 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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