



CHRIST

— THE KING —

The Lord's Day, Sunday, July 19, 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

In this call, we are reminded of God's acts of judgment and mercy to His covenant people, and are enjoined to worship Him because of both.

Psalm 99 ESV

- ¹ *The Lord reigns; let the peoples tremble!
He sits enthroned upon the cherubim; let the earth quake!*
- ² *The Lord is great in Zion;
he is exalted over all the peoples.*
- ³ *Let them praise your great and awesome name!
Holy is he!*
- ⁴ *The King in his might loves justice.
You have established equity;
you have executed justice
and righteousness in Jacob.*
- ⁵ *Exalt the Lord our God;
worship at his footstool!
Holy is he!*
- ⁶ *Moses and Aaron were among his priests,
Samuel also was among those who called upon his name.
They called to the Lord, and he answered them.*
- ⁷ *In the pillar of the cloud he spoke to them;
they kept his testimonies
and the statute that he gave them.*
- ⁸ *O Lord our God, you answered them;
you were a forgiving God to them,
but an avenger of their wrongdoings.*
- ⁹ *Exalt the Lord our God,
and worship at his holy mountain;
for the Lord our God is holy!*

Prayer of Adoration and Invocation

* Hymn of Praise

We respond to God's call to worship Him, and the vision of God that it presented, with expression of the desire to have enough voices adequately to express the adoration and praise of our hearts.

“O That I Had a Thousand Voices”

(Trinity Hymnal #22)

WE ACKNOWLEDGE OUR SIN

* Reading from the Law

God's command here is to remember our Creator before old age makes clear that life apart from Him is futile and vain, something the presumptuousness of youth often fails to perceive until it is too late.

Ecclesiastes 12:1-8 ESV

¹ Remember also your Creator in the days of your youth, before the evil days come and the years draw near of which you will say, “I have no pleasure in them”; ² before the sun and the light and the moon and the stars are darkened and the clouds return after the rain, ³ in the day when the keepers of the house tremble, and the strong men are bent, and the grinders cease because they are few, and those who look through the windows are dimmed, ⁴ and the doors on the street are shut—when the sound of the grinding is low, and one rises up at the sound of a bird, and all the daughters of song are brought low— ⁵ they are afraid also of what is high, and terrors are in the way; the almond tree blossoms, the grasshopper drags itself along, and desire fails, because man is going to his eternal home, and the mourners go about the streets— ⁶ before the silver cord is snapped, or the golden bowl is broken, or the pitcher is shattered at the fountain, or the wheel broken at the cistern, ⁷ and the dust returns to the earth as it was, and the spirit returns to God who gave it. ⁸ Vanity of vanities, says the Preacher; all is vanity.

Silent Confession of Sin

Corporate Confession of Sin

We confess our frequent failure to live our lives in the conscious presence of God, seeking meaning in Him rather than the things of this world, which are vain in and of themselves, as the book of Ecclesiastes makes clear.

O Most merciful Father, Who gives life to everything that breathes and Whose eyes are too pure to gaze upon iniquity, we lay before You our sin and uncleanness in utter shame and humiliation. In direct defiance of our continuing debt to live unto You, acknowledge You, serve You and obey You, we have turned into ourselves and to our own way, pursuing our own ends as if we could create our own meaning, so rendering ourselves liable to Your just wrath and the penalty of death. We despise our ways, but confess that we are utterly powerless to change them or to please You truly to any degree. But we remember that You have declared Yourself to be the gracious and compassionate God, slow to anger and abounding in love and faithfulness. We thus cast ourselves upon Your mercy, believing Your precious promise that those who come to You You will in no wise cast out. We know and trust that, for the sake of Your dear Son, our Savior, You will not only forgive both our sins and our sin, but also grant us power like unto that by which You raised Him from the dead to walk in newness of life, not for the sake of any merit which we obtain thereby, but solely for the glory of the Name which is above every name, in which we offer this our prayer. Amen.

WE REJOICE IN THE ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

Assurance of Pardoning Grace

Although the things of this world can never truly fulfill us by themselves, Christ has promised us abundant life in and through Himself.

John 10:1-10 ESV

¹ Truly, truly, I say to you, he who does not enter the sheepfold by the door but climbs in by another way, that man is a thief and a robber. ² But he who enters by the door is the shepherd of the sheep. ³ To him the gatekeeper opens. The sheep hear his voice, and he calls his own sheep by name and leads them out. ⁴ When he has brought out all his own, he goes before them, and the sheep follow him, for they know his voice. ⁵ A stranger they will not follow, but they will flee from him, for they do not know the voice of strangers.” ⁶ This figure of speech Jesus used with them, but they did not understand what he was saying to them.

⁷ So Jesus again said to them, “Truly, truly, I say to you, I am the door of the sheep. ⁸ All who came before me are thieves and robbers, but the sheep did not listen to them. ⁹ I am the door. If anyone enters by me, he will be saved and will go in and out and find pasture. ¹⁰ The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy. I came that they may have life and have it abundantly.

Leader: This is the gospel.

Congregation: Hallelujah!

* Hymn of Assurance

We celebrate the fact that all good things, such as mercy, peace, and righteousness, converge in our union with Christ, our Lord and Savior.

“Jesus, the Lord My Savior Is”

(RUF Tune)

1. Jesus, the Lord, my Savior is,
My Shepherd, and my God;
My light, my strength, my joy, my bliss;
And I His grace record.

3. As through the wilderness I roam,
His mercies I'll proclaim;
And when I safely reach my home,
I'll still adore His name.

2. Whate'er I need in Jesus dwells,
And there it dwells for me;
Tis Christ my earthen vessel fills
With treasures rich and free.

4. Worthy the Lamb, shall be my song,
For He for me was slain;
And me with all the heavenly throng
Shall join, and say, Amen.

Chorus: Mercy and truth and righteousness, (Repeat chorus)
And peace, most richly meet (Repeat verse 1)
In Jesus Christ, the King of grace,
In Whom I stand complete.

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 XXXI:

"The Gloom of Sin...and Light at the End of the Tunnel"

* 2 Kings 23:31- 25:30

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.

“From Out the Depths I Cry, O Lord, to Thee” (Trinity Hymnal #552)

WE RESPOND TO THE GRACE OF THE LORD

Offering Meditation

Being rich toward God involves the wisdom that allows us to hold the things of this world with loose hands, and to give to Him and the cause of His kingdom freely and generously.

Luke 12:13-21 ESV

¹³ Someone in the crowd said to him, “Teacher, tell my brother to divide the inheritance with me.” ¹⁴ But he said to him, “Man, who made me a judge or arbitrator over you?” ¹⁵ And he said to them, “Take care, and be on your guard against all covetousness, for one’s life does not consist in the abundance of his possessions.” ¹⁶ And he told them a parable, saying, “The land of a rich man produced plentifully, ¹⁷ and he thought to himself, ‘What shall I do, for I have nowhere to store my crops?’ ¹⁸ And he said, ‘I will do this: I will tear down my barns and build larger ones, and there I will store all my grain and my goods. ¹⁹ And I will say to my soul, “Soul, you have ample goods laid up for many years; relax, eat, drink, be merry.”’ ²⁰ But God said to him, ‘Fool! This night your soul is required of you, and the things you have prepared, whose will they be?’ ²¹ So is the one who lays up treasure for himself and is not rich toward God.”

“Be Thou My Vision”

(Trinity Hymnal #642)

Presentation of Offerings

*** Doxology**

(Trinity Hymnal #731)

Prayer of Dedication

WE RESPOND TO THE WORD

As we leave not only our worship today, but the book of Kings as well, we dwell on the fact of God's promise to lead all who will follow Him, and to give them the confidence that comes from knowing that we follow Him into covenant blessing, fellowship with Him, and eternal life.

“He Leadeth Me, O Blessed Thought!”

(Trinity Hymnal #600)

Benediction

— SERMON NOTES —

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Models of Dominion, Sermon XXXI:

“The Gloom of Sin...and Light at the End of the Tunnel”

2 Kings 23:31 - 25:30

(Mike Biggs)

Introduction:

What can be learned from the end of the kingdom of Judah about the effects of rebellious sin?

I. Sin is tedious.

A. The titillating illusion.

B. The futile reality.

II. Sin is *foolish*.

A. Extracting profound cost.

B. Producing inexplicable stupidity.

III. Sin is *covenantal*.

A. Eliciting *covenantal* judgment.

B. Involving *covenantal* hope.

— 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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