



CHRIST

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The Lord's Day, Sunday, July 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

In this call to worship, in which we participate, the justice and righteousness of the Lord are acknowledged as the facts of his punishment of the wicked and exaltation of the righteous are acknowledged and celebrated, and provide the impetus for our worship today.

Psalm 75 [in the following exchange] ^{ESV}

Leader: "Let us together worship the Lord!"

Congregation: [v. 1]

Leader: [vv. 2-8]

Congregation: [v. 9]

Leader: [v. 10]

Prayer of Adoration and Invocation

* Hymn of Praise

We rejoice in both the justice and the mercy of the God who rules all by His mighty works in creation and providence, and enforces the terms of His covenant with His people.

"O Lord, Most High, with All My Heart" (Hymn of the Month)

(Trinity Hymnal #48)

WE ACKNOWLEDGE OUR SIN

* Reading from the Law

Our covenant relationship with God does not abolish the dynamics of obedience and disobedience, and their consequences, which are part and parcel of that relationship. We must take these words to heart; the work of Christ does not do away with them, but rather establishes them (Matthew 5: 17-20).

Deuteronomy 4:21-31 ESV

²¹ Furthermore, the Lord was angry with me because of you, and he swore that I should not cross the Jordan, and that I should not enter the good land that the Lord your God is giving you for an inheritance. ²² For I must die in this land; I must not go over the Jordan. But you shall go over and take possession of that good land. ²³ Take care, lest you forget the covenant of the Lord your God, which he made with you, and make a carved image, the form of anything that the Lord your God has forbidden you. ²⁴ For the Lord your God is a consuming fire, a jealous God.

²⁵ "When you father children and children's children, and have grown old in the land, and you act corruptly by making a carved image in the form of anything, and by doing what is evil in the sight of the Lord your God, so as to provoke him to anger, ²⁶ I call heaven and earth to witness against you today, that you will soon utterly perish from the land that you are going over the Jordan to possess. You will not live long in it, but will be utterly destroyed. ²⁷ And the Lord will scatter you among the peoples, and you will be left few in number among the nations where the Lord will drive you. ²⁸ And there you will serve gods of wood and stone, the work of human hands, that neither see, nor hear, nor eat, nor smell. ²⁹ But from there you will seek the Lord your God and you will find him, if you search after him with all your heart and with all your soul. ³⁰ When you are in tribulation, and all these things come upon you in the latter days, you will return to the Lord your God and obey his voice. ³¹ For the Lord your God is a merciful God. He will not leave you or destroy you or forget the covenant with your fathers that he swore to them.

Silent Confession of Sin

Corporate Confession of Sin

In this confession we, with the psalmist, recognize and acknowledge our liability to judgment through consideration of God's works "of long ago" and "what [His] hands have done." We accordingly ask for deliverance from eternal judgment, for salvation of our lives, and for guidance and help in how we should go.

Responsive reading, Psalm 143

(Trinity Hymnal pp. 837-838)

WE REJOICE IN THE ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

Assurance of Pardoning Grace

If we confess our sins, God is not only faithful to His promise to forgive them, but also just in this, because Christ has borne the eternal wrath of God in punishment for those sins.

I John 1:9 ^{ESV}

If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

Leader: This is the gospel.

Congregation: Hallelujah!

* Hymn of Assurance

In the section of II Kings in which we find ourselves, whether we realize it or not, we are seeing a picture of "Dark Gethsemane." This is because, in seeing and acknowledging God's wrath, it is essential that we see and embrace that same wrath as it was poured out on Jesus on behalf of all who put their faith in Him, and so have hope, and like Him, rise to newness of life. This hymn takes us all the way down that road. . . .

"Go to Dark Gethsemane"

(RUF Tune)

1. Go to dark Gethsemane,
ye that feel the tempter's power
Your Redeemer's conflict see,
watch with Him one bitter hour
Turn not from His griefs away;
learn of Jesus Christ to pray
Learn of Jesus Christ to pray

2. See Him at the judgment hall,
beaten, bound, reviled, arraigned
O the wormwood and the gall!
O the pangs His soul sustained!
Shun not suffering, shame, or loss;
learn of Christ to bear the cross
Learn of Christ to bear the cross

3. Calvary's mournful mountain climb;
there, adoring at His feet
Mark that miracle of time,
God's own sacrifice complete
"It is finished!" hear Him cry;
learn of Jesus Christ to die
Learn of Jesus Christ to die

4. Early hasten to the tomb where they laid
His breathless clay
All is solitude and gloom.
Who has taken Him away?
Christ is risen! He meets our eyes;
Savior, teach us so to rise
Savior, teach us so to rise

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 XXVIX:
"The Sober Side of Covenant Faithfulness"**

* 2 Kings 23

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.

“With Glory Clad, with Strength Arrayed” (Trinity Hymnal #70)

WE RESPOND TO THE GRACE OF THE LORD

Offering Meditation

Christ became poor, that we might become rich. Out of the riches of His grace we now present to Him gifts of response to His kindness and grace to us.

2 Corinthians 8:9 ESV

For you know the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, that though he was rich, yet for your sake he became poor, so that you by his poverty might become rich.

“May the Mind of Christ My Savior” (Trinity Hymnal #644, v 1,2&4)

Presentation of Offerings

*** Doxology** (Trinity Hymnal #731)

Prayer of Dedication

WE RESPOND TO THE WORD

As we leave today, with sober hearts (that's the theme!) we plead with God to give us times of refreshing and revival, rather than abandoning us in our sin to the inevitable results of unrepentant rebellion.

“Give Reviving”

(RUF Tune)

*1. Father for Thy, promised blessing,
Still we plead before Thy throne
For the times of, sweet refreshing,
Which can come from Thee alone
Blessed earnest, Thou hast given,
But in these we would not rest
Blessings still with, Thee are hidden,
Pour them forth and make us blest!*

*2. Prayer ascendeth to Thee ever,
Answer! Father, answer prayer
Bless oh bless each, weak endeavor,
Blood-bought pardon to declare
Wake Thy slumbering, children wake them,
Bid them to Thy harvest go
Blessings O our, Father make,
Round their steps let blessings flow*

*3. Let no people be forgotten,
Let Thy showers on all descend
That in one loud blessed anthem,
Millions may in triumph blend
Give reviving, give refreshing,
Give the looked-for Jubilee
To Thyself may, crowds be pressing,
Bringing glory unto Thee*

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Benediction

— SERMON NOTES —

July 5, 2026

Models of Dominion, Sermon XXVIX: “The Sober Side of Covenant Faithfulness”

2 Kings 23

(Mike Biggs)

Introduction:

What key principles must God's people take to heart concerning covenant faithfulness?

I. *We must realize that renewed faithfulness does not always avert God's wrath.*

A. The distinctions within covenant consequences.

B. The inevitability of covenant consequences.

C. The propriety of covenant consequences.

II. We must *pursue covenant faithfulness regardless of the outcome.*

A. A common capitulation to pragmatism.

B. A necessary commitment to God's honor.

III. We must live out the implications of the certainty of God's Word.

A. Avoiding presumptuous complacency with sin.

B. Maintaining active vigilance against sin.

— 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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