



CHRIST

— THE KING —

The Lord's Day, Sunday, August 16, 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 several things are mentioned that are important elements of the theme of our service today: the transcendent sovereignty of God, his identification with and exaltation of the humble, and his investiture of them as kings and those who produce godly seed.

Psalm 113 ESV

¹ *Praise the Lord!*

*Praise, O servants of the Lord,
praise the name of the Lord!*

² *Blessed be the name of the Lord
from this time forth and forevermore!*

³ *From the rising of the sun to its setting,
the name of the Lord is to be praised!*

⁴ *The Lord is high above all nations,
and his glory above the heavens!*

⁵ *Who is like the Lord our God,
who is seated on high,*

⁶ *who looks far down
on the heavens and the earth?*

⁷ *He raises the poor from the dust
and lifts the needy from the ash heap,*

⁸ *to make them sit with princes,
with the princes of his people.*

⁹ *He gives the barren woman a home,
making her the joyous mother of children.
Praise the Lord!*

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

The key command in this passage is to “Remember....” Keeping our heads and remembering what is really going on when we are tempted is crucial to overcoming.

Deuteronomy 8:1-6 ^{ESV}

¹ “The whole commandment that I command you today you shall be careful to do, that you may live and multiply, and go in and possess the land that the Lord swore to give to your fathers. ² And you shall remember the whole way that the Lord your God has led you these forty years in the wilderness, that he might humble you, testing you to know what was in your heart, whether you would keep his commandments or not. ³ And he humbled you and let you hunger and fed you with manna, which you did not know, nor did your fathers know, that he might make you know that man does not live by bread alone, but man lives by every word that comes from the mouth of the Lord. ⁴ Your clothing did not wear out on you and your foot did not swell these forty years. ⁵ Know then in your heart that, as a man disciplines his son, the Lord your God disciplines you. ⁶ So you shall keep the commandments of the Lord your God by walking in his ways and by fearing him.

Silent Confession of Sin

Corporate Confession of Sin

One of the main defenses against temptation is remembering who we are and who God is, as this hymn, which we frequently use as a confession, reminds us.

“Jesus, Cast a Look on Me”

(RUF Tune)

1. Jesus cast a look on me,
Give me sweet simplicity
Make me poor and keep me low,
Seeking only Thee to know

2. All that feeds my busy pride,
Cast it evermore aside
Bid my will to Thine submit,
Lay me humbly at Thy feet

3. Make me like a little child,
Of my strength and wisdom spoiled
Seeing only in Thy light,
Walking only in Thy might

4. Leaning on Thy loving breast,
Where a weary soul can rest
Feeling well the peace of God,
Flowing from His precious blood

5. In this posture let me live,
And hosannas daily give
In this temper let me die,
And hosannas ever cry!

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WE REJOICE IN THE ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

Assurance of Pardoning Grace

Those who are humble enough to recognize their need of a Savior and their inability to save themselves by their works are those who receive mercy and admission to the Kingdom.

Luke 18:9-14 ESV

⁹ He also told this parable to some who trusted in themselves that they were righteous, and treated others with contempt: ¹⁰ “Two men went up into the temple to pray, one a Pharisee and the other a tax collector. ¹¹ The Pharisee, standing by himself, prayed thus: ‘God, I thank you that I am not like other men, extortioners, unjust, adulterers, or even like this tax collector. ¹² I fast twice a week; I give tithes of all that I get.’ ¹³ But the tax collector, standing far off, would not even lift up his eyes to heaven, but beat his breast, saying, ‘God, be merciful to me, a sinner!’ ¹⁴ I tell you, this man went down to his house justified, rather than the other. For everyone who exalts himself will be humbled, but the one who humbles himself will be exalted.”

Leader: This is the gospel.

Congregation: Hallelujah!

* Hymn of Assurance

"No one is good enough to save himself," therefore we speak to our souls, urging them to boast of nothing else but the Christ who alone is able to save.

"Awake, My Soul"

(RUF Tune)

*1. The image of God invisible
The firstborn of all life
Before and within,
He holds it all in
One name, one faith, one Christ*

*Chorus: No one is good enough
To save himself
Awake my soul tonight
To boast nothing else*

*2. I trust no other source or name
Nowhere else can I hide
This grace gives me fear,
and this grace draws me near
And all that it asks it provides
(Repeat chorus)*

*Bridge: No seam in this garment
All my rags to hide
No less than your love
For Jesus is mine*

*3. When I stand on the edges of Jordan
With the saints and the angels beside
When my body is healed
and the glory revealed
Then still I can boast only Christ*

(Repeat chorus twice)

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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)

Kingdom Musings II:

“The King’s Temptation and Kingdom Restoration”

* Luke 4:1-13

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.

“That Man is Blest, Who Fearing God”

(Trinity Hymnal #558)

WE RESPOND TO THE GRACE OF THE LORD

Offering Meditation

And so we give, because He first gave, to and for us.

I John 4:19 ESV

We love because he first loved us.

“My Jesus, I Love Thee”

(Trinity Hymnal #648)

Presentation of Offerings

*** Doxology**

(Trinity Hymnal #731)

Prayer of Dedication

WE RESPOND TO THE WORD

As we leave today we challenge one another with the question: are we on the Lord's side, or, by implication, on our own (which is the world's)? To be on the Lord's side is to give ourselves to serve Him, rather than doing what we do “for weight of glory” or “crown and palm.” May it never be!

“Who Is on the Lord's Side?”

(Trinity Hymnal #587)

Benediction

SERMON NOTES

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Kingdom Musings, II:

“The King’s Temptation and Kingdom Restoration”

Luke 4:1-13

(Mike Biggs)

Introduction:

What was the significance of Jesus’s temptation for the Kingdom of God?

I. *Kingdom life rules under the Word of God, vv. 2-4.*

A. Not human autonomy, but rather...

B. Revelational dominion.

II. Kingdom life *rules through the worship of God*, vv. 5-8.

A. Not a rival kingdom, but rather.

B. Divine glorification.

III. Kingdom life rules *in humility toward God*, vv. 9-12.

A. Not “pride of life,” but rather....

B. Servant lordship.

— 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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